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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVENTH SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

First report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Jamil MIKAOUI (Lebanon)

1. At its 376th plenary meeting, held at the United Nations Headquarters on 14 October 1952, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following Member States:

Belgium, Burma, Lebanon, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Sweden,  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.

2. The Committee as thus constituted met at United Nations Headquarters on 17 October 1952.

3. Mr. Jamil Mikaooui, representative of Lebanon, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee and was also appointed Rapporteur.

4. The Committee examined communications transmitted by Member States.

5. The Committee found that the governments of the Member States listed in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/CR/4), with the addition of Belgium, whose credentials had reached the Secretary-General at a later date, had submitted to the Secretary-General credentials for their representatives completely satisfying the requirements of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Those States were as follows:

Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica,

Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen and Yugoslavia.

6. The Committee further decided to meet at a convenient time to examine the formal credentials, when they had been submitted to the Secretary-General, of Member States which had hitherto transmitted only cables or letters from their Permanent Missions or Delegations. Those States were:

Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

7. The Committee proposed that in the meanwhile the representatives of the States mentioned in paragraph 6 should be seated provisionally with the same rights as the other representatives.

8. As regards China, the representative of Sweden stated that he was not in a position to approve the credentials issued by the Formosa Government, as Sweden had acknowledged and maintained diplomatic relations with the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

9. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics submitted a draft resolution (A/CR/L.1) as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the proposal of the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the non-recognition of the credentials of the representatives of the Kuomintang, Chiang-Kai-shek Government at the seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations,

"Resolves to regard as invalid the credentials of the representatives of the so-called Kuomintang Government to the seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, since these credentials do not satisfy the requirements of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly".

10. The representative of Burma stated that his Government had recognized the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and was therefore unable to approve the credentials of the representatives of another Government.

11. The representative of the United States of America then submitted the following draft resolution (A/CR/L.2):

"The Credentials Committee

"Recommends to the General Assembly to postpone for the duration of its seventh regular session consideration of all proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China and to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China; and

"Finds that the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China conform with the provisions of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly".

12. The representatives of the following Member States participated in the debate on the draft resolutions: New Zealand, Panama, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.
13. The United States representative proposed that the Committee should vote first on the draft resolution (A/CR/L.2) submitted by his delegation.
14. That proposal was adopted by the Committee by 6 votes to 3.
15. The United States draft resolution (A/CR/L.2) was adopted by the Committee by 6 votes to 3.
16. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics then requested the Committee to vote on the draft resolution submitted by him (A/CR/L.1).
17. The United States representative proposed that the Committee should decide not to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/CR/L.1).
18. A procedural discussion ensued, in which the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Panama, New Zealand and Belgium took part.
19. The proposal of the United States representative was then adopted by the Committee by 6 votes to 2, with 1 abstention.

20. The Credentials Committee accordingly recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the following resolution:

"The General Assembly"

"Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee;

"Decides to postpone for the duration of its seventh regular session consideration of all proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China and to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China".