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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Rodolfo PIZA ESCALANTE (Costa Rica)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 12 December 1980.
2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 10 December 1980 concerning the status of representatives of Member States participating in the thirty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly. The memorandum contained information regarding the credentials of Member States not considered by the Committee at its 1st meeting, on 22 September 1980, at which time the Committee had approved formal credentials submitted in respect of the representatives of 68 Member States.
3. It was indicated in the memorandum, which was based on information received up to 10 December 1980, that, as at that date and since the 1st meeting of the Committee, additional formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 72 Member States: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Burundi, Central African Republic, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zimbabwe. In addition, the appointment of the representatives of three Member States - Brazil, Dominica and Guinea - had been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a cable from the Minister or Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerned. In the case of Dominica,

its designated representative was authorized to represent that country in connexion with the General Assembly's consideration of a single agenda item specified in the cable. The appointment of 10 Member States - Angola, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Lebanon, Mauritius, New Zealand, Panama, Samoa and Turkey - had been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a letter or note verbale from the permanent representative or permanent mission concerned. Of the 13 Member States that had not yet submitted formal credentials as provided for in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the representatives of 10 Member States - Angola, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Mauritius, New Zealand, Panama, Samoa and Turkey - had been empowered to represent their Governments without limitation as to session in all organs of the General Assembly.

4. The Legal Counsel informed the members of the Committee that, since the preparation of the memorandum, two Member States - New Zealand and Turkey - had informed the Secretariat that formal credentials for their representatives had been dispatched from the capitals concerned and would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as they were received by the permanent missions in New York.

5. Statements relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General were made by the representatives of Spain, Singapore, the United States of America and Costa Rica. These representatives expressed concern about the fact that a number of Member States had still not submitted formal credentials for their representatives as required by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. This concern was shared by the other members of the Committee and the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, appealed to Member States to submit formal credentials for their representatives in a timely manner at future sessions so that the Credentials Committee would be in a position to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to it by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

6. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee decide to accept the credentials of all Member States referred to in the Secretary-General's memorandum of 10 December, on the understanding that those Member States that had not yet submitted formal credentials should communicate them to the Secretary-General as soon as possible, as required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Accordingly, he proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the thirty-fifth session of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 3 to 6 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 10 December 1980,

"Accepts the credentials of all these representatives."

The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

7. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 9). The proposal was approved by the Committee without a vote.

8. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

9. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the thirty-fifth session
of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.
