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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVENTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Idé OUMAROU (Niger)

1. At its 12th plenary meeting, on 20 April 1982, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee of the thirty-sixth session should serve for the resumed seventh emergency special session. Accordingly, the Credentials Committee consisted of the following Member States: China, Ghana, Netherlands, Niger, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 23 April 1982.
3. In opening the meeting the representative of the Secretary-General suggested that, in accordance with past practice at emergency special sessions, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee at the last regular session should serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee at the resumed seventh emergency special session.
4. There having been no objection to the above-mentioned suggestion, Mr. Idé Oumarou (Niger) took the chair.
5. The Credentials Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 22 April 1982 on the status of credentials of representatives to the resumed seventh emergency special session. The memorandum indicated that:

(a) Formal credentials for the seventh emergency special session had already been accepted in 1980 for the representatives of the following Member States: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco,

Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

(b) New credentials for the resumed emergency special session had been presented to the Secretary-General in due form or in the form of a cable from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs in respect of the representatives of the following Member States: Indonesia, Luxembourg, Papua New Guinea, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo and Zambia.

(c) The following Member States participating in the resumed seventh emergency special session, which had not yet submitted formal credentials for that session either in 1980 or at the beginning of the resumed session, had standing formal credentials to represent their Governments in all organs of the United Nations: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sweden, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Upper Volta, Zaire and Zimbabwe.

6. Introducing the memorandum, the representative of the Secretary-General referred to the Secretary-General's note convening the resumed seventh emergency special session, in which Member States were notified that credentials should be issued in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and could be presented by cable for those representatives in respect of whom no credentials had been issued for the seventh emergency special session or those representatives who were not already authorized to represent their Governments at all sessions of the Assembly. He stated that the Committee's task therefore was to consider the new credentials issued specifically for the resumed seventh emergency special session. The representative of the Secretary-General further drew attention to the fact that a number of Member States that had not submitted credentials for their representatives to the seventh emergency special session in 1980, and whose permanent representatives had no standing credentials for the General Assembly, had not yet submitted communications with regard to their representatives at the resumed seventh emergency special session. It was noted in this connexion that the representatives of nearly all these States had valid credentials for the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, which had not yet concluded.

7. Statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, China and Panama.

8. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his delegation wished to confirm its position expressed previously in the Credentials Committee for the seventh emergency special session with regard to the credentials of Democratic Kampuchea. Speaking on points of order, the representative of the United States of America and the representative of China stated that the General Assembly actions left no doubt as to the propriety of the representation of Democratic Kampuchea under the rules of procedure and that the matter had already been determined with regard to the present session. Following further statements by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America and Panama as well as the Chairman, it was agreed that the Committee would only consider new credentials of representatives specifically submitted for the resumed seventh emergency special session and that this would be clearly stated in the report of the Committee.

9. The Chairman then proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the new credentials of the representatives to the resumed seventh emergency special session of the General Assembly,

"Accepts those credentials, on the understanding that credentials for the representatives of those Member States participating in the session which are not listed in the memorandum of the Secretary-General will be communicated to the Secretary-General in the form required as soon as possible."

The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was approved by the Committee without a vote.

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Credentials of representatives to the seventh emergency
special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.
