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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ELEVENTH SESSION
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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Sir Leslie MUNRO (New Zealand)

1. At its 574th plenary meeting held on 12 November 1956, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, appointed a Credentials Committee for its eleventh session consisting of the following Member States: Argentina, Brazil, Burma, Iraq, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 12 February 1957.
3. Sir Leslie Munro (New Zealand) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. The representative of the United States of America introduced a motion "that the Committee take no decision regarding the credentials submitted on behalf of the representatives of Hungary". He stated that these credentials had been issued by authorities established as a result of military intervention by a foreign Power whose forces remained in Hungary despite requests by the General Assembly for their withdrawal.
5. The representative of the Secretary-General read a communication dated 15 November 1956 from the Chairman of the delegation of Chile addressed to the Secretary-General, objecting to the credentials presented by the delegation of the Hungarian People's Republic.

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6. The representative of Spain stated that his Government did not recognize the authorities who had issued the credentials of the representatives of Hungary and could not, therefore, consider these credentials as valid.
7. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that there was no reason to raise the question of the validity of the credentials issued by the lawful Government of the Hungarian People's Republic in accordance with the relevant provisions of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. He considered that this action was part of a campaign against the Hungarian People's Republic by representatives who opposed socialist States.
8. The representative of Brazil supported the motion submitted by the representative of the United States, stressing that it conformed with the previous decision of the General Assembly with regard to the credentials of the representatives of Hungary to the first and second emergency special sessions of the General Assembly.
9. The representative of the Netherlands also supported the motion. He pointed out, however, that his support was not based on the motive advanced by the representative of the USSR, but on the reason that it was not clear whether the authorities issuing the credentials did in fact represent Hungary.
10. The United States motion was adopted by 8 votes to 1.
11. The representative of the USSR introduced a draft resolution providing that the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China should not be recognized as valid since these credentials did not conform to rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
12. The Chairman, basing himself on the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 580th plenary meeting on 16 November 1956 (A/RES/406), ruled the USSR draft resolution out of order.
13. The representative of the USSR, in challenging the ruling of the Chairman, stated that the resolution adopted by the General Assembly could not prevent the Committee from examining the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China, as the resolution of the General Assembly dealt with the question of the representation of China in the United Nations, whereas his draft resolution raised only the question of the validity of the credentials.
14. The Chairman's ruling was upheld by 7 votes to 2.

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15. The representative of Burma, in explanation of his vote, stated that he had voted against the Chairman's ruling because he supported the view of the representative of the USSR and could not recognize the credentials of the representatives of the Republic of China as valid.
16. A proposal was submitted by the Chairman that, subject to the decision relating to Hungary, the Credentials Committee find the credentials of all representatives in order and recommend that the General Assembly approve its report. This proposal was adopted unanimously.
17. The representative of the USSR stated that his vote in favour of the report should not be interpreted as a modification of his position previously expressed to the Committee regarding the validity of the credentials of the representatives of the Republic of China and of the Hungarian People's Republic.
18. The Credentials Committee therefore recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.
