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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Chairman: Mr. Constantino RAMOS (Argentina)

1. At its 747th plenary meeting on 16 September 1958, the General Assembly in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its thirteenth session consisting of the following Member States: Argentina, Chile, France, Nepal, Tunisia, Turkey, the Union of South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee met on 12 December 1958.
3. Mr. Constantino Ramos (Argentina) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. The representative of the USSR introduced a draft resolution providing that "the credentials of the persons who describe themselves as the representatives of the people of China" should not be recognized as valid since these credentials do not conform to the provisions of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
5. The Chairman, basing himself on the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 755th plenary meeting on 23 September 1958 (A/RES/1239 (XIII)) ruled that the USSR draft resolution was out of order, since the Assembly had already taken a decision on this matter for the present session.
6. The representative of the USSR, in challenging the ruling of the Chairman, stated that, in his opinion, the resolution adopted by the General Assembly pertained to a different question, the inclusion of an item on the agenda,

and that now the Credentials Committee was seized of the report of the Secretary-General on credentials.

7. The representative of the United States supported the ruling of the Chairman, in the light of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly for its thirteenth session in this respect.

8. The Chairman's ruling was upheld by 6 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions.

9. The representative of Nepal stated that his Government had recognized the Government of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China. However, he had abstained in the voting taking into consideration the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on the question of the representation of China.

10. The representative of the United States introduced a motion that the Committee "take no decision regarding the credentials submitted on behalf of the representatives of Hungary". He stated that the General Assembly, at its eleventh and twelfth regular sessions, had adopted a similar motion. Moreover, the General Assembly, at its 677th plenary meeting, on 14 September 1957, had adopted a resolution which, inter alia, found that "The present Hungarian regime has been imposed on the Hungarian people by the armed intervention of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics".^{1/} Finally, he drew attention to the unanimous report of the United Nations Special Committee on Hungary of 14 July 1958.

11. The representative of the USSR stated that he opposed the renewed attempt of the representative of the United States to challenge the validity of the credentials issued by the lawful Government of the Hungarian People's Republic. The result of the recent elections in Hungary could leave no doubt as to such validity.

12. The representative of the Union of South Africa supported the motion submitted by the representative of the United States, in the light of the second report of the Special Committee on Hungary.

13. The United States motion was adopted by 6 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions.

^{1/} Resolution 1133 (XI), para. 4 (b).

14. 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.

15. This proposal was adopted unanimously.

16. The representative of Nepal stated that his vote in favour of the report of the Credentials Committee should not be interpreted as a modification of his Government's attitude concerning the question of the representation of China.

17. The representative of the USSR stated that his vote in favour of the report of the Credentials Committee should not be interpreted as a modification of his previous position against the validity of the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China and in favour of the validity of the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic.

18. The Credentials Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the thirteenth session
of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.