



FOURTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION

Agenda item 3 : Appointment of a Credentials Committee *

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Report of the Credentials Committee

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[19 September 1960]

1. At its 858th plenary meeting, on 17 September 1960, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fourth emergency special session, having the same composition as the Committee appointed for the fourteenth regular session. The Committee consisted of the following Member States: Afghanistan, Australia, Ecuador, France, Honduras, Italy, Pakistan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 19 September 1960.

3. Mr. José A. Correa (Ecuador) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The representative of the USSR stated that he objected to the approval of the credentials of "the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China" since China could be legally represented only by persons accredited by the Government of the People's Republic of China. He introduced a draft resolution providing that "the credentials of the persons who describe themselves as the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China" should not be recognized as valid since those credentials do not conform to the provisions of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

5. The representative of the United States stated that he fully supported the validity of the credentials of the representatives of the Republic of China who are the lawful representatives of China. This view had been consistently sustained by the General Assembly. The United States opposed the draft resolution of the Soviet Union and would vote against it.

6. The draft resolution proposed by the USSR was rejected by 6 votes to 2, with 1 abstention.

* For the records of the meeting at which this item was considered, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Emergency Special Session, Plenary Meetings, 858th and 863rd meetings.*

7. The representative of the United States stated that at every session since 1956 the General Assembly had refused to accept the credentials submitted on behalf of the representatives of Hungary by taking no decision on them. As the Soviet Union and the present régime in Hungary defied all efforts to improve the situation in Hungary, the Committee should adopt the same attitude. He introduced a motion that the Committee take no decision regarding the credentials of representatives of Hungary.

8. The representative of the USSR objected to the renewed attempt by the United States delegation to challenge the validity of the credentials issued by the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, the only legitimate Government of that country, enjoying full support and confidence of the Hungarian people. The adoption of the United States motion would constitute a flagrant interference in the internal affairs of the Hungarian People's Republic.

9. The United States motion was adopted by 7 votes to 2.

10. Subject to the decision relating to Hungary, the Credentials Committee found the credentials of all representatives in order and recommended that the General Assembly approve its report.

11. The representative of the USSR stated that he had no objection to the approval of the report of the Credentials Committee but this should not be construed in any way as a modification of his position taken in respect of China and Hungary.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

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

[Text adopted by the General Assembly without change. See "Action taken by the General Assembly" below.]

ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its 863rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1960, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Credentials Committee (A/4499, para. 12). For the final text, see resolution 1475 (ES-IV) below.

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

1475 (ES-IV). CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOURTH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee (A/4499).

*863rd plenary meeting,
20 September 1960.*