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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EIGHTH SESSION OF
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First report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Leslie K. Munro (New Zealand)

1. At its 432nd plenary meeting, held at the United Nations Headquarters on 15 September 1953, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following Member States:

Cuba, Iceland, Indonesia, New Zealand, Peru, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

2. The Committee met at the United Nations Headquarters on 22 September 1953. Representatives of the following Member States on the Committee participated in the meeting:

Cuba, Iceland, Indonesia, New Zealand, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

3. Mr. Leslie K. Munro of New Zealand was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee examined communications transmitted by Member States.

5. The Committee found that the Governments of the Member States listed in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/CR/8), with the addition of Belgium, Ecuador, Iceland, Israel and Poland, whose credentials

had reached the Secretary-General at a later date, had submitted to the Secretary-General credentials for their representatives satisfying the requirements of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Those States were as follows:

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

6. The Committee further decided to meet at a convenient time to examine the formal credentials, when they had been submitted to the Secretary-General, of Member States which had hitherto transmitted only cables or letters from their Permanent Missions or Delegations. Those States were:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Uruguay, Yemen.

7. The Committee proposed that in the meanwhile the representatives of the States mentioned in paragraph 6 should be seated provisionally with the same rights as the other representatives.

8. During the discussion, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that, in the opinion of his delegation, the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China should be rejected as illegal.

9. The Chairman ruled that any discussion of the question of the representation of China was out of order in view of the resolution (A/RESOLUTION/106) adopted by the General Assembly at its 432nd meeting, by which the Assembly decided to postpone for the duration of the eighth regular session, in the current year, consideration of all proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China

and to seat the representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

10. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics challenged the Chairman's ruling.

11. The Chairman put his ruling to the vote. The ruling was upheld by 5 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

12. The Credentials Committee, with the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics objecting, recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the following resolution:

Credentials of Representatives to the Eighth Session of the General Assembly

"The General Assembly

"Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee".
