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

Chairman: Mr. Antonio ALVAREZ VIDAURRE (El Salvador)

1. At its 473rd plenary meeting, held on 21 September 1954, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following Member States:

Burma, El Salvador, France, Lebanon, New Zealand, Pakistan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Uruguay.

2. The Committee held two meetings, on 6 and 12 October 1954.

3. Mr. Antonio Alvarez Vidaurre (El Salvador) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics moved 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.

5. The Chairman ruled the motion of the representative of the USSR out of order in view of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 473rd plenary meeting on 21 September 1954 on the question of the representation of China in the General Assembly (A/RESOLUTION/200).

6. The representative of the USSR challenged the Chairman's ruling. Statements on the question were made by the representatives of Burma, the United States of America, Uruguay, New Zealand and Lebanon.

7. The Chairman put his ruling to the vote. The ruling was upheld by 7 votes to 2.

8. The Committee found that the Governments of the following Member States 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:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, 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, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

f 9. The Committee further decided to meet at a later stage to examine credentials when they had been submitted to the Secretary-General, of representatives of the following Member States which had hitherto transmitted only cables or letters from their permanent missions or delegations:

Bolivia, Iraq, Lebanon and Turkey.

10. The Committee proposed that in the meanwhile the representatives of the States mentioned in paragraph 9 should be seated provisionally with the same rights as the other representatives.

11. At the request of the representative of the USSR a separate vote was taken on the credentials of the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China. By 7 votes to 2 the Committee found these credentials as satisfying the requirements of rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

12. The representative of Pakistan explained that he had voted in the affirmative in view of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 473rd plenary meeting on 21 September 1954 on the question of the representation of China in the General Assembly (A/RESOLUTION/200).

13. The representatives of Uruguay and Burma wished to place on record their abstention on the credentials of the representatives of the Government of Guatemala, though they would not ask for a separate vote thereon.

14. The report was then approved by 7 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.
15. The Credentials Committee recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the following resolution:

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The General Assembly

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.

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