



UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



Distr.
GENERAL

A/34/500/Add.1
14 November 1979

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Thirty-fourth session
Agenda item 3

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. André ERNEMANN (Belgium)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 8 November 1979.
2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 30 October 1979, indicating that, as at that date, communications had been received from 151 Member States participating in the session. The memorandum related to information with regard to the credentials of the delegations of these Member States which had not yet been considered by the Credentials Committee at its 1st meeting on 19 September 1979. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been submitted by 122 Member States (Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, and Zambia). The appointment of the representatives of Cuba and Nicaragua had been communicated to the Secretary-General by cables from the

respective Ministers for Foreign Affairs. The appointment of the representatives of 26 Member States (Angola, Argentina, Bhutan, Burundi, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Grenada, Guatemala, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Uganda) had been communicated to the Secretary-General by letter or note verbale from the permanent representatives or permanent missions concerned. Of these, the permanent representatives of 19 Member States (Angola, Argentina, Bhutan, Burundi, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, Nigeria, Panama, Samoa, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Uganda) had been empowered to represent their respective Governments without limitation as to session in one or more or in all organs of the United Nations, including the General Assembly. No communication had been received from South Africa.

3. The Legal Counsel informed the Committee that, since the preparation of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, credentials in the form provided for by rule 27 of the rules of procedure had been received from Egypt, Gabon, Guatemala, Sweden and the Syrian Arab Republic. The Legal Counsel also informed the Committee that it would be in accordance with past practice for the Committee to accept the credentials of all the Member States referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that, in the case of the representatives of Member States for whom formal credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure had yet to be submitted - except for the permanent representatives who were in possession of credentials expressly authorizing them, without limitation as to session, to represent their State in the General Assembly - formal credentials would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

4. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, referring to paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, stated that his delegation did not recognize the credentials of the delegation of the fascist régime of Chile and requested that this view be reflected in the report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

5. The representative of the United States of America stated that the issue raised by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was not properly before the Credentials Committee. The credentials of the delegation in question were obviously in order, the Committee had been informed accordingly and there was therefore no issue of the validity of those credentials before the Committee.

6. The Chairman then proposed that, in the light of the remarks made by the Legal Counsel and taking into account the statements made, the Committee should decide to accept the credentials of representatives of all Member States mentioned in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives of those Member States not referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as orally amended by the Legal Counsel, and except with respect to permanent representatives who had standing

full powers, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The Committee decided accordingly, without a vote.

7. In the light of this decision, the Chairman then proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives of the Member States mentioned in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 30 October 1979,

"Accepts the credentials of all these representatives."

The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10). The proposal was approved by the Committee without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Credentials of representatives to the thirty-fourth
session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.
