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Credentials Committee

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. At its first plenary meeting, held on 27 May 1969, the Conference, in accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee with the following membership: Argentina, Bulgaria, Ireland, New Zealand and Nigeria.

2. The Committee met on 28 May and 2 June 1969 and the following delegates participated in its meetings:

Argentina	-	Mr. A. von der Becke
Bulgaria	-	Mr. P. Doinov
Ireland	-	Mr. S. O'Sullivan
	-	Mr. R. Rodgers
New Zealand	-	Mr. B.W. Middleton
Nigeria	-	Mr. I.C. Edet.

Mr. A. von der Becke was unanimously elected Chairman, and Mr. I.C. Edet Vice-Chairman.

3. In accordance with Rule 4 the Committee examined the credentials of representatives. It also examined documents communicated to the Secretary-General in respect of six delegations accredited as observers. Full powers contained in credentials or in separate documents submitted in respect

of representatives or alternates were also examined, but the Committee decided to report to the Conference at a later date in respect of Rule 52, should such a report be appropriate and in the event that a Convention were drawn up and opened for signature.

4. Credentials of the representatives of the following States, issued by the Head of State, Head of Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by an appropriate authority properly designated by one of them to act for this purpose, were examined and approved by the Committee:

Argentina
Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Cameroon
Canada
China, Republic of
Czechoslovakia
Denmark
Federal Republic of Germany
Finland
France
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Liberia
Mexico
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Arab Republic
United Kingdom
United States of America
Venezuala
Viet-Nam, Republic of
Yugoslavia

5. The representative of Bulgaria declared that the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria does not recognize the credentials of the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek who, in its view, cannot represent China and the credentials presented by

the representatives of the so-called Republic of Korea and the régime of Saigon as representatives of Korea and Viet-Nam.

6. The representatives of New Zealand expressed the view that the Governments of the Republic of China, the Republic of Viet-Nam and of the Republic of Korea were fully entitled to be represented at this Conference, convened by a United Nations Specialized Agency. He stated that these Governments were recognized by his Government and by many other Governments as the only Governments representing their respective countries. In the view of his Government, the only question within the competence of the Credentials Committee was whether the credentials issued by Governments invited to the Conference were in proper order or not.

7. On the Chairman's proposal, the Committee agreed to report to the Conference that the received credentials of the representatives of the States listed above had been examined and found to be in order, it being understood that the reservations expressed in the Committee by the representative of Bulgaria, and the observation thereon by the representative of New Zealand, would be recorded in the present report. The Chairman expressed the view that the Committee was not the appropriate forum for questions of political character.

8. Documents were presented in respect of the following delegations accrediting their members as observers. These were to be found in order:

Barbados	Hong Kong
Cambodia	Iraq
Holy See	Jordan

9. The Credentials Committee recommends that the Conference approve this first report, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.