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**CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE CONFERENCE**

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. At its fifth plenary meeting held on 12 August 1981, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Angola, China, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Spain, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.
2. The Credentials Committee held a meeting on 18 August 1981.
3. Mr. Jorge Luis Borrayo Reyes (Guatemala) was unanimously elected Chairman.
4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference dated 14 August 1981 indicating the status of credentials of representatives to the Conference. The memorandum showed that as of 14 August 1981, 121 States were participating in the Conference. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, as required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure, had been received from 62 States: Afghanistan, Angola, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia,

Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In the case of the representatives of eight States, namely, Gabon, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Nepal, New Zealand, Paraguay, Thailand and Yemen, credentials had been communicated to the Secretariat by means of a cable from the Minister or Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerned. The appointment of the representatives of two States, namely, Botswana, and the Ivory Coast had been communicated to the Secretariat by a letter or cable from a Minister or Ministry of the State concerned other than the Minister or Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In respect of 20 States, the appointment of representatives to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretariat by a letter or cable from the Permanent Mission to the United Nations, the Embassy or the High Commission in Nairobi of the State concerned. The States included in this category were: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Ghana, India, Italy, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland and the United States of America. With respect to nine States participating in the Conference, namely, Benin, Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Malawi and Mali, the Secretariat of the Conference had not yet received any communication from the Governments concerned regarding the appointment of their delegations as of Friday, 14 August 1981.

5. At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary of the Committee informed the members of the Committee of the credentials received subsequent to Friday, 14 August 1981. From Algeria credentials in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure had been received by the Secretariat. With respect to Brazil a cable designating that State's delegation had been received from the Minister of External Relations, and from Malawi, the Secretariat had received credentials issued by the High Commissioner of Malawi to the Republic of Kenya.

6. The Chairman suggested that the Committee, in accordance with usual practice at conferences convened by the United Nations, should accept the credentials of all the States referred to in the memorandum from the Secretary-General of the Conference on the understanding that those States which had not yet submitted credentials in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure should transmit them to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Chairman then proposed the following resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives of States to the Conference referred to in the memorandum dated 14 August 1981 from the Secretary-General of the Conference, Accepts the credentials of all these representatives."

7. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his Government did not approve of the credentials issued by the fascist regime of Chile.

8. The representative of the United States of America stated that the fact that his delegation did not object to the credentials of the representatives of Afghanistan in no way implied acquiescence in the Soviet armed intervention in that country. Such a government, maintained in power solely by the Soviet occupation, could not be considered to be representative of the Afghan people.

9. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics said that the Credentials Committee was neither the time nor the place to consider the accusations made by the United States' representative. The situation in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan should be seen in the proper context. The democratic rights and freedom of the people, including the right of self-government, had been restored.

10. The representative of China reaffirmed China's position that the admission of the Afghan delegation to the Conference and the permission given to it to make a statement in no way could be interpreted as an acquiescence in the situation created by the Soviet armed intervention in Afghanistan.

11. The representative of Angola associated himself with the position taken by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with respect to the credentials of the delegation from Afghanistan.

12. The Chairman said that the statements made in the Committee would be reflected in the Committee's report. The Committee then unanimously adopted the resolution proposed by the Chairman and referred to in paragraph 6 above.

13. The Chairman further proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 15). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

14. In the light of the foregoing the present report is transmitted to the Conference.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

15. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the Conference

The United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.