Agenda item 6 (b)

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, held on 19 June 1975, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee composed of the following States: Belgium, China, Costa Rica, Philippines, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Venezuela.

2. The Credentials Committee held two meetings, on 24 and 26 June 1975. At the 1st meeting, Estefania Aldaba Lim (Philippines) was unanimously elected Chairman.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference stating that, as at 24 June 1975, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, by all but 21 of the participating States. Of those 21 States:

(a) The credentials of the representatives of 12 States were communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the form of cables from their respective Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs;

(b) The representatives of seven States were designated in letters or notes verbales from their respective permanent representatives or permanent missions in New York, or from their embassies in Mexico;

(c) In respect of two States, which were present at the Conference, no credentials or other communications concerning their participation in the Conference had been received by the Secretary-General of the Conference.
4. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed that, as an exceptional measure, in view of the short duration of the Conference, the communications referred to in paragraph 3, subparagraphs (a) and (b), above should be accepted provisionally, pending the receipt of the formal credentials of the representatives concerned in due form; and that the representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 3, subparagraph (c), were entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference, in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the Conference. The Committee noted that in most instances assurance had been given that full credentials would be transmitted as soon as possible.

5. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should adopt the following resolution:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives of all States participating in the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

"Accepts the credentials of all the representatives participating in the Conference."

6. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed that the draft resolution should include a reference to the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of credentials (see para. 3 above), incorporating the corrections orally made to that memorandum by the Secretary of the Committee, so as to accurately reflect the actual status of credentials at the time of the adoption of the resolution.

7. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was then revised to read as follows:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having received the memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of credentials of representatives to the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives of all States participating in the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

"Accepts the credentials of all the representatives participating in the Conference."

This draft resolution was adopted by the Committee unanimously.
8. At the request of the representative of Senegal, the Committee agreed that it should be clearly stated in its report that its approval of credentials applied only to those States that were effectively represented at the Conference at the time of the adoption of the Committee's report.