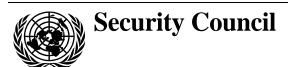
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## Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic on the Security Council

Pursuant to rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to report that he has received credentials signed on 4 September 2003 by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic stating that Mr. Fayssal Mekdad has been appointed representative of the Syrian Arab Republic on the Security Council.

In the opinion of the Secretary-General, these credentials are in order.