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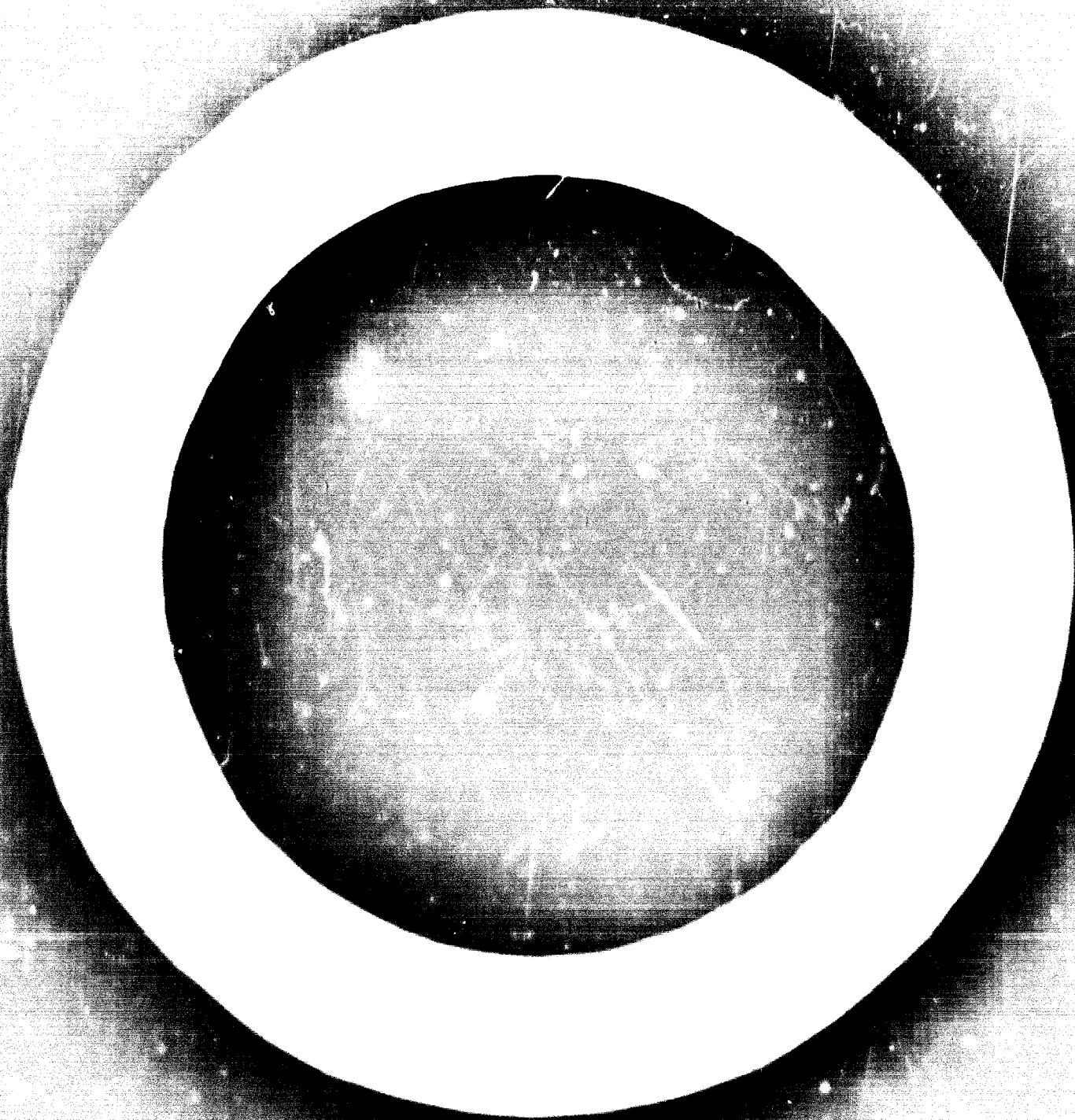
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PREAMBLE

1. Technological and industrial research has been recognized as one of the essential requirements of dynamic and successful industrial development at the national and regional level. It is through the generation of new ideas and techniques, and finding the means of exploiting new materials and processes that progressive industrial and consequently social advancement can be realized.

2. Many industrial and technological research institutes exist or have been established lately and are making a valuable contribution to the general industrial research effort. But it is realized today more than ever before, that it is important for national industrial research institutes and associations to create an effective organization for liaison which will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and experience and for co-operation and mutual support at the regional and international level. In this manner, industrial research will be strengthened in all countries and researchers involved in technological and industrial research will continue to devote themselves to this important field of activity.

NAME

3. The name of the Association shall be:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

4. The aim of the Association shall be to advance the level and capabilities of industrial and technological research organizations in the public and national interest and to encourage work and matters on which progress can be made. It will act in furthering the exchange of information and experience, co-operation between industrial and technological research organizations and collaboration with other national and international organizations and institutions interested in the work of industrial and technological research.

5. The Association shall endeavor to encourage and assist individual, national and regional organizations, by sponsoring activities, by facilitating the exchange of information, by establishing programs for the exchange of industrial research work and promoting co-ordination of industrial and technological research, and co-operation with national and international organizations, as well as with developing countries.

6. The Association shall endeavor to call attention, publication and dissemination of information and data on technological and industrial research and to facilitate an effort to improve the level of industrial research management and its staff training opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP

7. The Association shall be composed of ordinary members and sponsoring members. Ordinary members represent single institutes or national bodies engaged on a high level of technical competence, in undertaking industrial and technological research.
8. Sponsoring members shall consist of those private, national regional or international agencies or bodies interested in the general promotion of industrial and technological research and are willing to endorse the aims and objectives of the Association.
9. The Chairman of the Directorate shall examine and accept in a preliminary manner, applications for membership to the Association. Membership is then confirmed at the next meeting of the Directorate.

MANAGEMENT

10. The management of the Association shall be carried out by a Directorate established by and operating under, the instructions of the General Assembly. This Directorate shall originally consist of eight members, six of which shall be from among the ordinary members: one each nominated by the members from Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America, Western Europe and Eastern Europe. Two shall be from among the sponsoring members nominated and elected by the General Assembly.
11. The General Assembly shall have power to alter the number of members of the Directorate and its structure.
12. The Directorate shall elect its chairman and its secretary and establish its own programme. Decision by the General Assembly and the Directorate shall be by the majority of the members present and voting, except as provided in paragraph 25.
13. Each ordinary member shall have one vote at the General Assembly. Sponsoring members may attend all meetings with a right of intervention, but shall not participate in the vote.
14. Each member of the Directorate shall have one vote at meetings of the Directorate.
15. A temporary Secretariat shall be established with a Secretary General as the responsible officer for the discharge of its functions, under the general guidance of the Directorate.

FINANCING

16. Each ordinary member shall agree to pay a yearly membership fee of towards the expenses of the Association.
17. Each sponsoring member shall agree to contribute on a yearly basis, towards financing the various activities of the Association.

18. Special tasks undertaken in connection with special committees, studies or activities shall be funded separately by grants or special contributions, if they have not been foreseen in the biannual budget presented by the Directorate to the General Assembly.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

19. The Directorate shall prepare, on an annual basis, a plan of activities of the Association, and shall submit it to ordinary members for comment and amendment. This plan shall take into consideration, as far as possible, the activities planned and proposed by other national, regional and international bodies that may affect the industrial research community. The Directorate is responsible for initiating and implementing any activities to be undertaken on behalf of the Association.

20. The Directorate shall prepare and maintain, under directives from the General Assembly, or on its own initiative, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, regulations covering the detailed conduct of work.

21. The General Assembly shall designate a temporary secretariat until the Directorate is elected. The Directorate shall then establish the permanent secretariat which shall be responsible, as directed by the Directorate, for carrying out the details of the work within the limit of the authorized budget. A Secretary General shall be responsible for its operation to the Directorate.

22. Members shall be regularly informed by the Secretariat on the progress made through their regional or national associations, directly, or through any other appropriate channel.

23. Members are encouraged to establish and maintain any contacts they deem necessary directly or through regional organizations. The Secretariat shall, however, be kept informed of such contacts.

24. The official languages of the Association shall be English, French, Spanish and Russian. The working languages shall be English and French.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

25. No change may be made in this Constitution except by a two thirds majority of the ordinary members present and voting at a plenary meeting of the Association.





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