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We regret that some of the pages in the microfiche copy of this report may not be up to the proper legibility standards, even though the best possible copy was used for preparing the master fiche.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Director of this Symposium it is my pleasant duty to introduce to you the UNIDO staff members, the counter-part officers from U.S.S.R. and UNIDO consultants who have worked hard to organize this Symposium.

Before I proceed to do this I wish to thank the Executive Director of UNIDO, Mr. I.M. Abdel-Rahman, and Mr. N.K. Grigoriev, the Director of the Industrial Technology Division for nominating me as the Director of the Symposium. I want to assure them that, in co-operation with my colleagues, I shall spare no efforts to make this Symposium a success and appreciate very much the confidence they have placed in me. I thank the U.S.S.R. and Azerbaijan authorities for approving the nomination and for selecting Mr. Litvinenko to work in the same capacity from the Soviet side. I request all the participants to give us their co-operation in making the Symposium a success.

Further I wish to express our sincere appreciation of the co-operation and assistance we have received from the U.S.S.R. and Azerbaijan authorities. In the initial phases of discussions on the organization of this Symposium Mr. Shumaev of the U.S.S.R. State Committee on External Economic Relations gave us various suggestions regarding financing and helped us to solve many questions on the composition and participation in the Symposium. Later in the Ministry of Oil Processing and Petrochemical Industries the First Deputy Minister, Mr. Ktatorov and the Deputy Minister, Mr. Munitsky, gave the necessary sanctions and authority for the technical organization of the Symposium. Once the organizing committee was formed its members worked hard under

the guidance of the Deputy Minister Mr. Sorokin. Mr. Litvinenko was the moving force in the committee and acted as the contact point for UNIDO in the Ministry. But for his tireless efforts and assistance this Symposium could not have succeeded.

Introducing my colleagues from UNIDO, I would like you to recognize Mr. Herbert May, our technical secretary. Mr. May has worked many hard days and nights in the past few months to organize the preparatory meeting in Vienna for this Symposium and then the Symposium itself. Mr. May is a polymer chemist with several years of experience in the industry and has been with UN and UNIDO for the past 5 years as Industrial Development Officer. You will certainly come to appreciate his abilities during the coming two weeks.

Mr. Fred Sager, Senior Inter-regional Adviser from UNIDO, will be helping the Symposium mainly on two matters namely work in connection with the UN Second Development Decade and conducting discussions with participants from developing countries regarding possible technical assistance in the petrochemical field to the developing countries.

Mr. Fritz Herold and Mr. E. Rotticci, our administrative officers, have worked with us for the organization of the Symposium from the very beginning. Mr. Herold visited Daka in June this year and helped in organizing the typing, translations and reproductions of the 60 odd papers and their summaries. Mr. Herold will have to leave us before the conclusion of the Symposium to organize another meeting in Rabat, leaving this Symposium in the able hands of Mr. Rotticci.

Mr. Gordon Moir will be working as information officer during the Symposium in order to give due publicity to the discussions and

conclusions of the Symposium.

Our three secretaries, Miss Martha Mever, Mrs. Ingeborg Tscherne and Miss Dorette Stalder, work in UNIDO in Vienna. They have worked for this Symposium very conscientiously and we look forward to their co-operation and assistance during the Symposium.

I have already mentioned the name of Mr. Litvinenko who is the Co-Director of the Symposium. His colleague Mr. Kulberg will be the technical Co-Director and Mr. Livietsky the Technical Secretary and Mr. Lozhkin in charge of administration and documentation from the Soviet side. I also wish to thank the other officers of the Symposium from the U.S.S.R. and Azerbaijan side who will be servicing the Symposium. Our thanks are especially due to the interpreters, translators and to the other officers.

We have a distinguished panel of UNIDO consultants for this Symposium. Professor Herman Lark, as most of you know, is Dean Emeritus of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in New York, U.S.A. He readily agreed to be the technical Director of this Symposium. Prof. Lark's name is well known in all parts of the world where the word polymer is known. We are thankful to him for his presence here as the guest of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science.

Mr. L. Kumar is adviser in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals in the Government of India. Mr. Kumar has played a vital part in the development of the petrochemical industry in India. He helped UNIDO by attending the preparatory meeting which laid the guidelines for this Symposium.

Mr. Shah Nawaz, my distinguished friend from Pakistan, is the Chairman of chemical consultants (Pakistan Ltd.). Mr. Shah Nawaz has been an expert assisting many UN organizations especially the ECAFE, FAO and UNIDO. I am sure his leadership as one of the sectional chairmen will greatly benefit the Symposium.

Mr. François Vachez is with the Institut Français du Pétrole at Rueil-Malmaison outside Paris and is a specialist in petrochemicals and in particular in the synthetic rubber field. He has acted as a consultant in many parts of the world and in particular West Africa and South East Asia. He was present at the preparatory meeting.

Mr. Richard Kossoff is head of a consulting organization bearing his name in New York, having previously worked for some of the major plastic companies in the USA. He has specialized in feasibility studies, technoeconomic studies and market analyses. While much of his work has been done in the thermosetting field with particular reference to melamine plastics he has also advised on thermoplastics including production of pipes. He attended the preparatory meeting and has acted as a consultant for UNIDO in other fields.

Mr. Eric Hancock, now Director of the Quaker Centre in Vienna, has recently retired from Shell in the UK where he had been working on market research and intelligence over the whole petrochemical field. He attended the preparatory meeting and has recently been assisting UNIDO in the assessment of the papers for this Symposium.

Mr. Karl Maria Czega, after industrial experience in various chemical organizations, has been a private consultant since 1961 in the petrochemical and plastic processing field. He has worked for various

organizations such as the Federation of the Austrian Chemical Industry, the Austrian Plastic Institute etc. He has carried out surveys for UNIDO and attended the preparatory meeting last November.

Mr. Jaromír Šarka has since 1954 been Chief Process Engineer to Chemiprojekt in Prague, an organization concerned with the design of chemical plants and preparation of chemical projects. He has carried out technical and economic development studies in the petrochemical field for Czechoslovakian organizations and companies abroad and has published papers on acetylene and olefine production. He attended the preparatory meeting last November.

Mr. Matsuchika Matsomoto has for the past twenty years been employed by the Toyobo Company making synthetic fibres. For the first fourteen years he was engaged on research and since then has been successively Deputy Plant Manager and Plant Manager of the Tsuruga nylon plant in Japan.

I wish to conclude this presentation with the request that the entire Secretariat of the Symposium is at the disposal of the participants and I request you to contact us on any matter for assistance. Your good will and co-operation is requested to make this Symposium a success.

Thank you.





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