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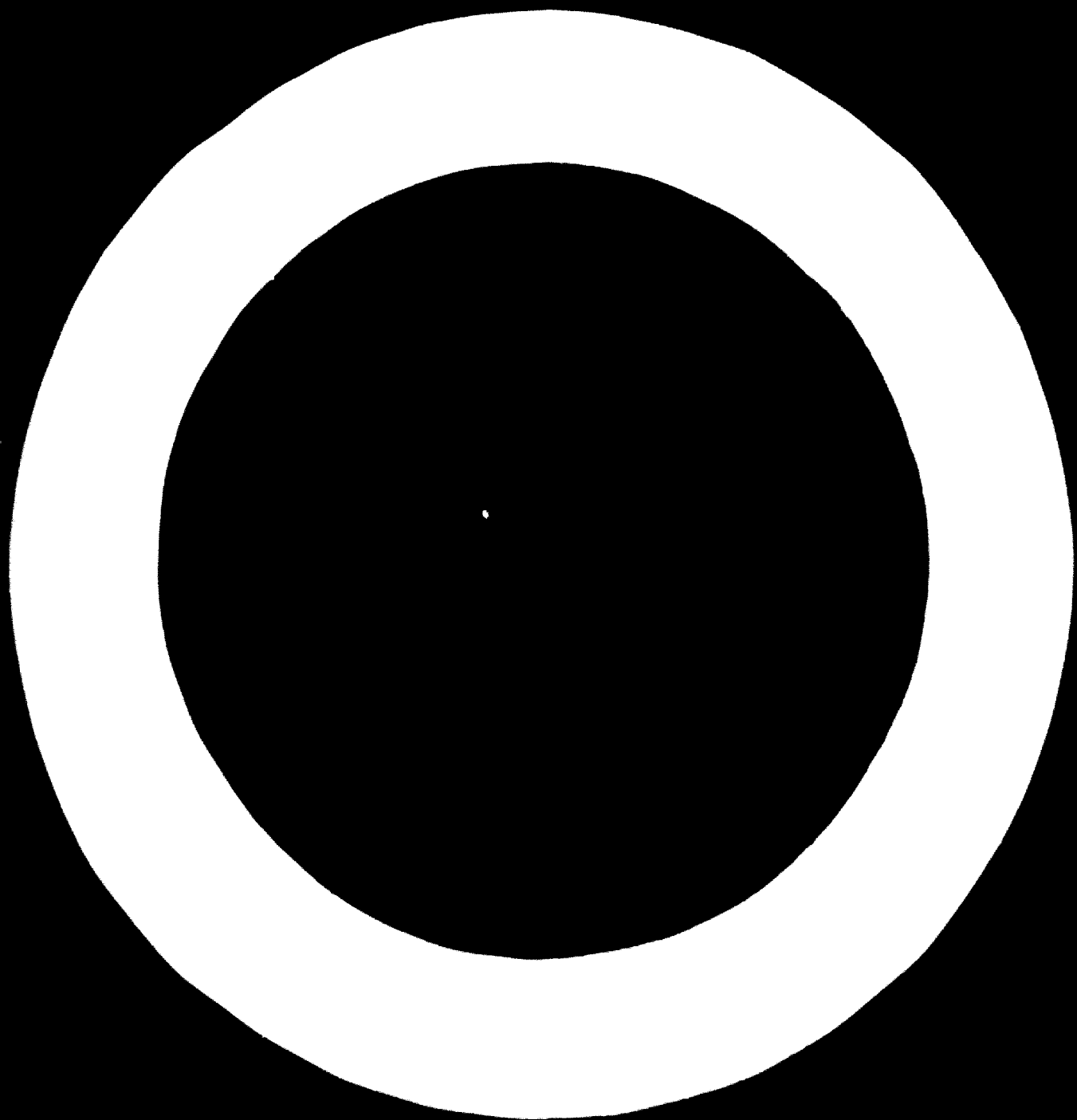
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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FUNDING MEMBERS

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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
(WITRO)

Report of the meeting of the founding members
Thursday 27 October 1970

The other members of the sub-committee were Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Choudhury, Mr. De Graft-Johnson, Mr. Deschamps, Mr. Hill, Mr. Keymeulen, Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Pirkmajer. The legal adviser of the meeting was to assist the sub-committee in its work.

The Membership Sub-committee submitted its report to the meeting. The report proposed two categories of membership, namely Technical Members and Sustaining Members, both categories made up of only non-profit organizations. Technical Members are institutes and organizations actively engaged in industrial or technical research, and Sustaining members include organizations active in encouraging and promoting research and desirous of assisting the Association by financial support or otherwise advancing its aims. A non-profit organization in this context is one that has no disbursement of profits to stockholders. The interpretation of this in relation to specific applicants for membership of the Association was to be left to the Executive Committee when assessing candidates for admission. The Sub-committee further proposed that all Members in good standing will have equal voting rights except that Sustaining Members will not qualify for the position of President of the Association and will not have a majority representation in the Executive Committee or in the membership of the Association.

It was also proposed that where an association comprising many member organizations wishes to obtain membership of WITRO the Executive Committee will decide on the classification of membership and the membership fee.

The proposals of the Sub-committee were adopted by the meeting, and the necessary amendment was made to Article IV Item 6 of the Draft Constitution.

Agreement having been reached on the outstanding clauses of the Draft Constitution, a process of roll-call was instituted to ascertain members' agreement on the Constitution as amended. The Constitution was thus adopted unanimously.

By a procedure similar to that which was adopted for studying the clauses of the Draft Constitution the clauses of the Draft By-Laws were discussed by the Meeting. Clause 2.08 on membership fees generated considerable discussion. It was ultimately agreed that there should be a differential in fees between members from developing countries and those from developed countries. It was however decided that a Sub-committee be set up to study the fee structure in relation to forecast of the first year operational budget of the Association and submit recommendations to the Meeting. The Sub-committee was accordingly established with Mr. A. Sharif as Chairman and the following as Members: Mr. Chaosakul, Mr. Fallah, Mr. Gerritsen, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Milton, Mr. Noël and Mr. Trussell.

In its report the Sub-committee recommended that members, both Technical and Sustaining, from developing countries should pay a membership fee of \$ 20 per annum while those from developed countries pay \$ 50 per annum. The Sub-committee further proposed an annual fee of \$ 20 for Regular Observers at the General Assembly of the Association. It submitted a first year budget of \$ 60,000 for the administration of the Association.

The Meeting accepted the fee structure of \$ 20 per annum for members from developing countries and \$ 50 for those from developed countries. It was unable to accept an annual fee for Observers. Comments were also made to the effect that the budget proposed was inadequate for the satisfactory performance of the functions of the Association.

At this stage, Mr. L. Katkhouda, UNIDO Director of the Meeting, informed members of the two main publications of UNIDO, and announced that UNIDO is willing to allot some space in its publication entitled "Industrial Research and Development News" for use by UNITRO; and also that UNIDO is willing to add to its mailing list for circulation of publications any addresses that UNITRO would wish to submit.

A member referred to clause 1.1 on the languages of the Association, and while accepting English expressed some misgivings about the choice of French having regard to the lingual situation in member countries particularly among the developing countries. After some discussion it was agreed, through the adoption of a motion, that until the General Assembly otherwise decides the official languages of the Association should be English, French and Spanish, with English as the working language.

The attention of the Meeting was drawn to effect that this decision would have in increasing the budget of the Association due to the high cost of production of documentation in three languages. The Meeting was informed that, without making any formal commitments UNIDO might be able to investigate the possibility of absorbing some portion of the burden of translation. The amended By-Laws were then adopted by a majority vote with 5 abstentions.

With regard to Draft Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly, the Preparatory Committee had recommended that these be referred to the Executive Committee to study and report at the next General Assembly. This recommendation was adopted by the Meeting.

The Chairman of the Meeting then made the following announcement with regard to credentials.

"The bureau consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur, has examined the credentials of the participants on the basis of the registration forms signed by each of them, and found them in order".

The Meeting proceeded to the election of officers of the Association and Members of the Executive Committee. The following guidelines proposed by the Preparatory Committee were agreed.

- (i) the President should come from a developing country
- (ii) three of the six members to be elected to the Executive Committee should come from developing countries, and the other three from developed countries.
- (iii) the three Executive Committee Members from developing countries should represent the three geographical regions Latin America, Africa and Asia. The three from developed countries should reflect English speaking, Roman and other speaking and Eastern European groups.

By the due processes of nominations and secret balloting the results were as follows:

PRESIDENT

Candidates: 1) Mr. Deschamps
 2) Mr. Siddiqui

Mr. S. H. Siddiqui elected President.

Executive Committee

(i) Latin America

Candidates. Mr. C. M. Ñes
Mr. H. Young
Mr. P. J. Carrquiriborde

Mr. C. M. Ñes elected

(ii) Africa

Candidates Mr. E. Fallah
Mr. E. Lartey

Mr. E. Lartey elected

(iii) Asia

Candidates. Mr. P. Cheosakul
Mr. N. T. Shim

Mr. P. Cheosakul elected

(iv) English speaking Group

Candidates. Mr. W. Bredo
Mr. D. G. Minton

Mr. W. Bredo elected

(v) Roman and other Speaking Group

Candidates. Mr. A. Bustinduy
Mr. J.-L. Kahn
Mr. N. Knudsen

Mr. J.-L. Kahn elected

(vi) Eastern European Group

Candidates. Mr. J. Lukacs
Mr. S. Ristic

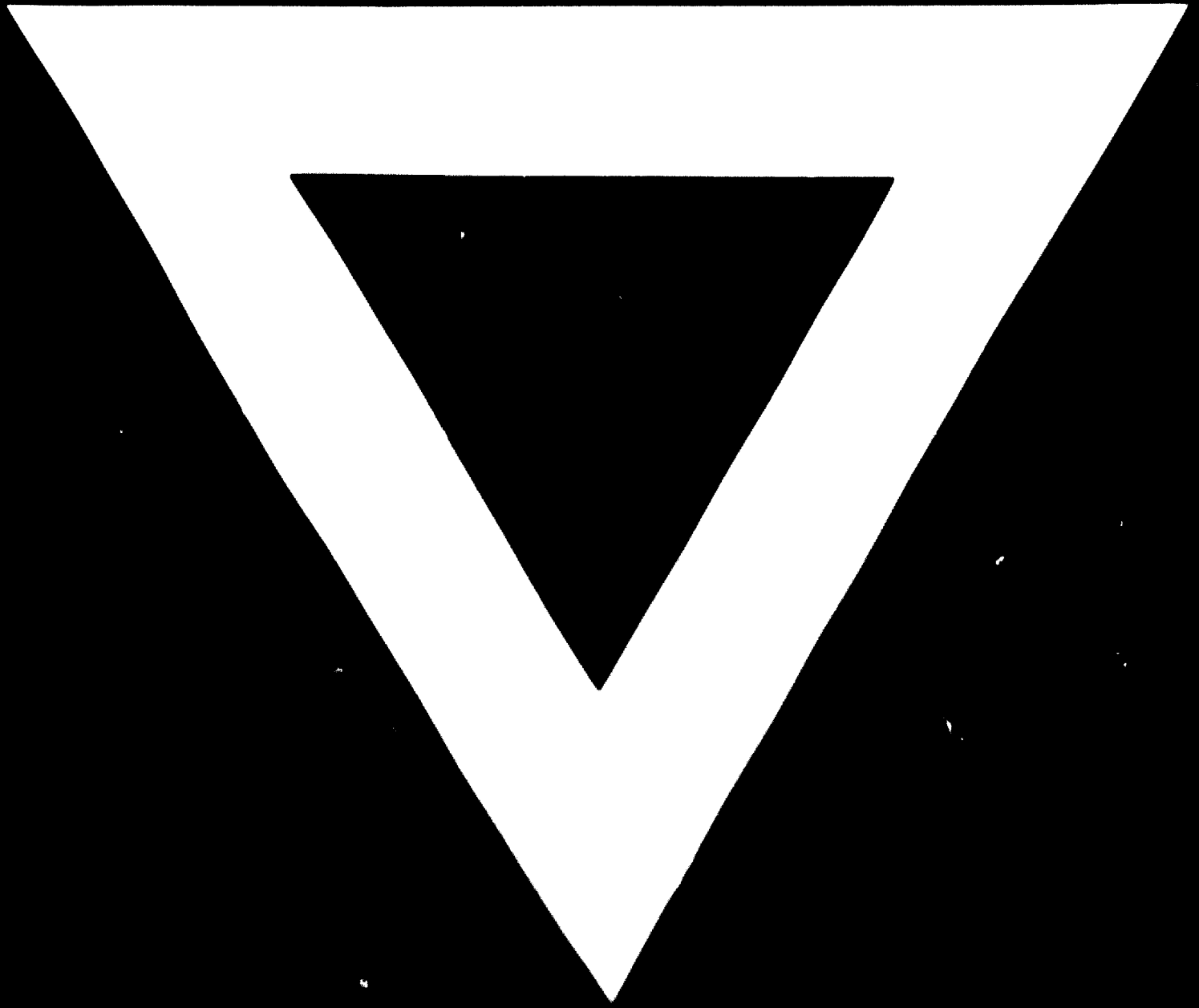
Mr. S. Ristic elected

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Candidates. Mr. Deschamps
Mr. M. Noriega-Morales
Mr. S. Akinrele
Mr. M. Knudsen

Mr. M. Noriega-Morales and Mr. Knudsen elected Vice-Presidents.





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