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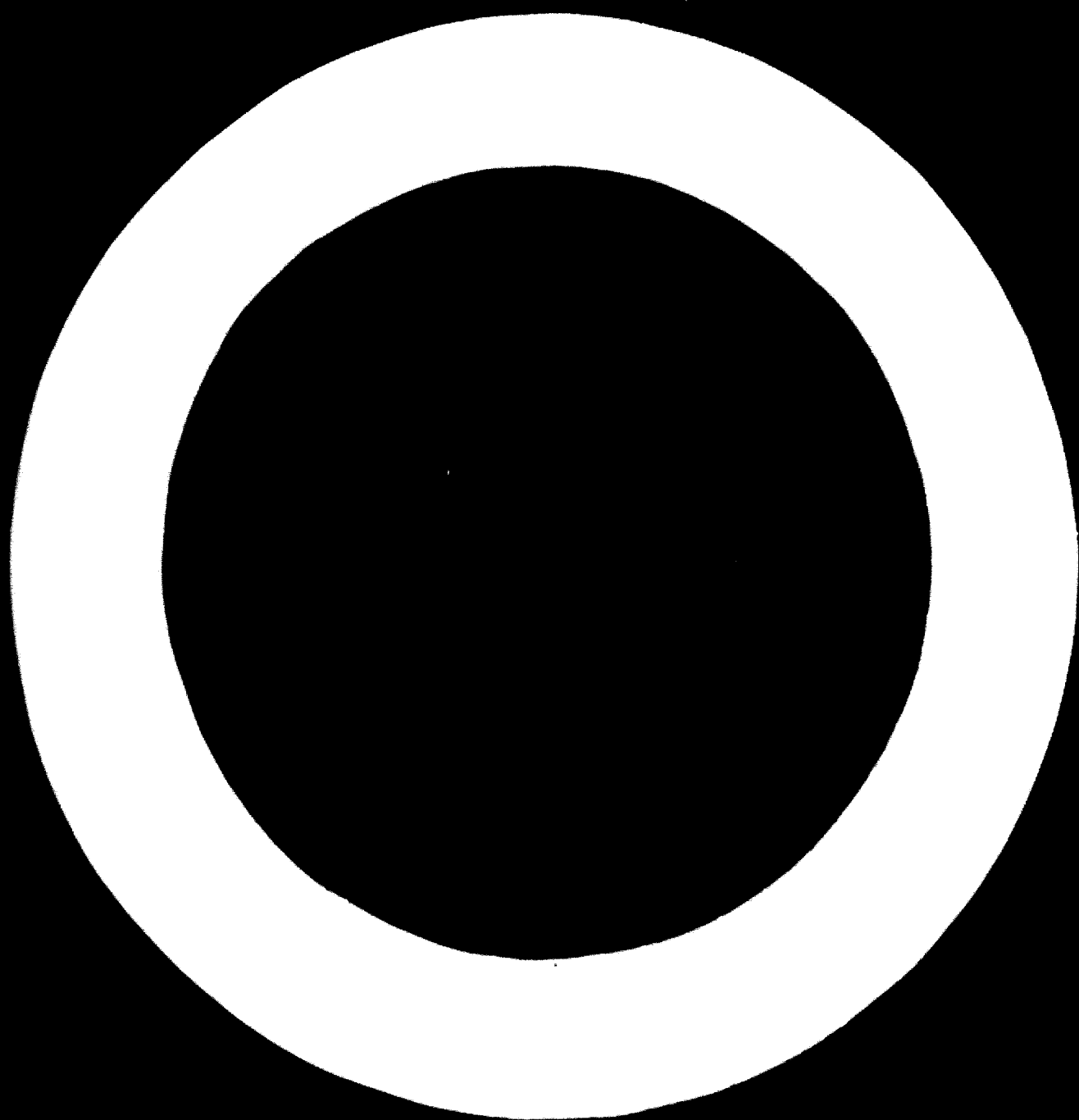
**Meeting on the proposed
World Association of Industrial and
Technological Research Organisations
Vienna, Austria, 28-30 October 1970**

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 1970

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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

(WAITRO)

Report of the Meeting of the Founding Members

Wednesday 28 October 1970

Registration of participants commenced at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 28 October 1970. At 10.00 a.m., the meeting was declared open.

In welcoming the participants to the meeting, Mr. J. E. Stepanek, Director of the Industrial Services and Institutions Division of UNIDO, stated his appreciation of the efforts that had led to the founding of WAITRO. He said that the past catalytic role of UNIDO will now find practical expression through its enforcement of the activities of WAITRO. He informed the meeting that the recent realization of the need for closer integration of industrial research with industrial development, particularly in the developing countries of the world, has brought out the importance of the existence of such an organization as WAITRO. He reminded the meeting that WAITRO will be effective in achieving its aims and goals only to the extent to which its members enable it to do so. He wished WAITRO success in its functions.

Mr. N. Grigoriev, Director of the Industrial Technology Division of UNIDO, then addressed the meeting on behalf of the Executive Director who is away from Vienna on a mission. He confirmed the views expressed by Mr. Stepanek, assured members of UNIDO's interest and assistance to WAITRO, and wished members every good fortune in their efforts to establish WAITRO and also for success in all its endeavours.

Election of Officers

After respective motions had been moved and seconded, the following were unanimously elected Officers for the meeting:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. W. Bredo, Director International Development Centre Stanford Research Institute, U.S.A.
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Mr. M. N. Morales, Director I.C.A.I.T.I.
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. E. Lartey, Director Industrial Research Institute, Ghana

After some discussion during which points were raised with particular reference to budgetary proposals which were explained as relating directly to the report of the work of the Preparatory Committee, it was agreed to take item 5 on the provisional agenda before item 4.

Dr. S. H. Siddiqui, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, then gave an account in general terms of the work of his Committee. He reported on the two-day meeting (26th and 27th October 1970) of the 13-member Committee. His Committee reviewed the draft Constitution, taking into account the comments that members had submitted previously; proposed that the Rules of Procedure of the Industrial Development Board of UN be adopted as guidelines for the meeting until WAITRO evolves its own Rules of Procedure. Other matters discussed covered membership and dues, pledges from members, seat of the Secretariat and the Secretary-General, and financing of the Association.

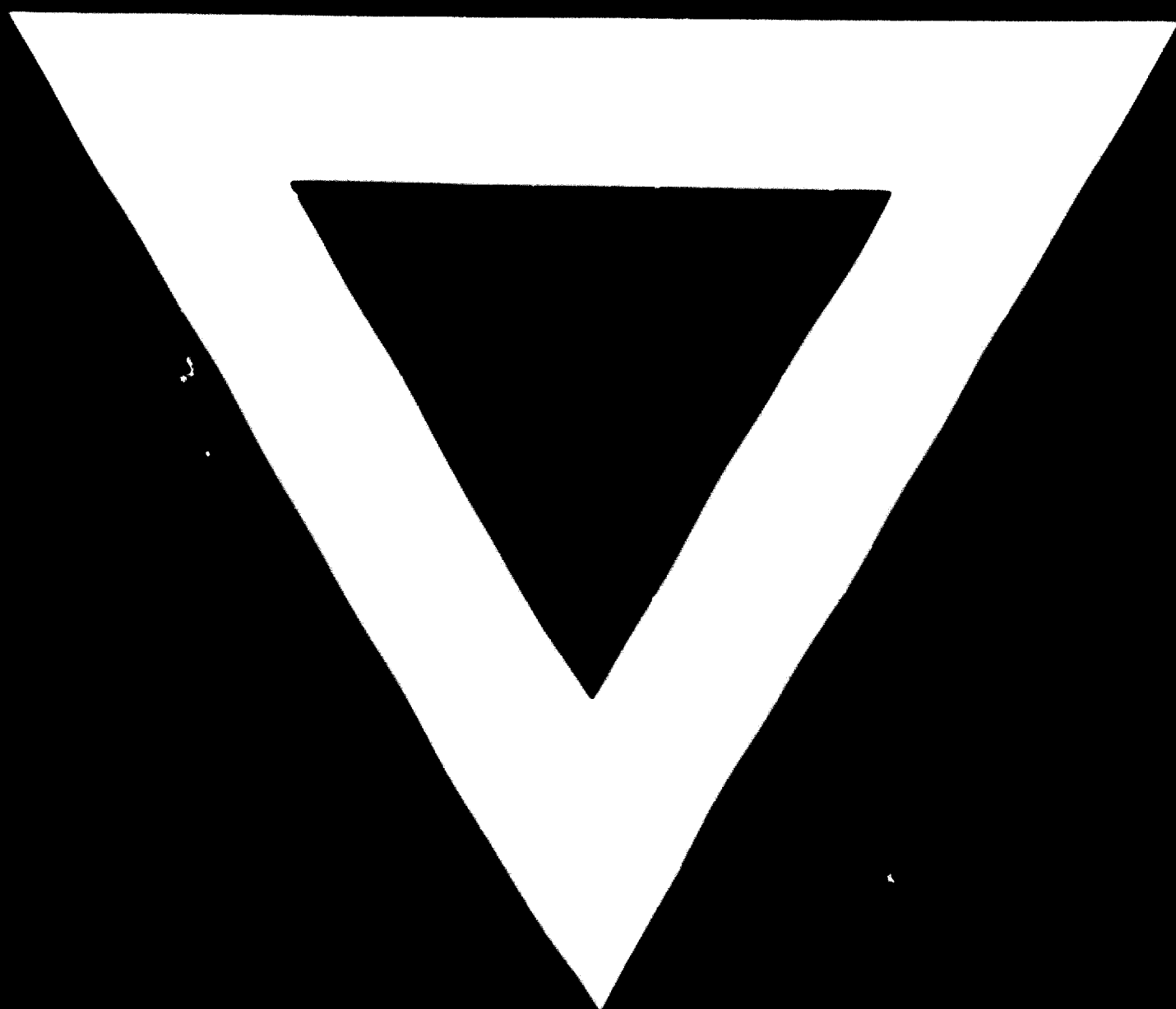
Mr. I. A. Akinrele who was Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee then presented the detailed report of the Committee's work. He referred the meeting to the composition of the Committee which is set out in document ID/WG.75/8, mentioning particularly Dr. Siddiqui, Chairman, and Mr. W. Klappacher, Vice-Chairman. His report gave the details of discussions and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee on the following items:

- finance and work programme,
- relationship of WAITRO with other UN and international agencies,
- membership, Regular Members (national and regional research organisations) and Associate Members (non-research industrial and commercial interests),
- Draft Constitution,
- voting,
- membership fees (developed countries \$ 500 and developing countries \$ 200 per annum) and mode of payment,
- pledges of membership,
- official languages (English and French for purely economic reasons),
- Executive Committee to be increased to seven, with the President of the Association being Chairman of the Executive,
- Secretary-General and the Secretariat,
- meetings of the General Assembly with advice that geographical rotation of venue be encouraged,
- and the Draft Rules of Procedure which were to be studied by the Executive Committee and report thereon submitted to the next General Assembly.

It was agreed that copies of Mr. Akinrele's report be supplied to members. The Agenda was then adopted.

The Meeting then proceeded to discuss the Draft Constitution. The procedure agreed upon was for the draft to be read out paragraph by paragraph and for each paragraph to be discussed after it had been read. The Meeting progressed in this way through the Draft Constitution adopting paragraphs after amendment where necessary. Paragraph 6 of Article IV (Membership) invoked a particularly lengthy discussion, the main point being the cogent reasons for a distinction of membership as between Regular Members and Associate Members. When it became apparent that it would not be advisable to attempt to reach a safe consensus on such a vital issue, at that stage of the day's proceedings, it was agreed that a 10-member sub-committee headed by Dr. Morales and assisted by Mr. Trussell should examine the matter thoroughly combining it with voting and other rights of membership and submit their recommendation to the Meeting.





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