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RECOMMENDATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

presented by Dahomey, India, Iran, Mexico, Syria, Trinidad
and Tobago

1. EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the last three years many Member Governments have taken a keen interest and participated actively in the regional and international symposia on industrialization. They have formed, for that purpose, official delegations, prepared documentation and followed-up resolutions and recommendations of these meetings. This work entailed by necessity close contacts between public authorities and private institutions and organizations interested because of their activities to the programme and activities of UNIDO. Particularly in connexion with the organization of the Industrial Promotion Service a large number of representatives of public institutions and private industrial establishments came to realize the potential interest of closer relations with UNIDO.

The International Symposium has witnessed the presence of a large number of ministers of industry and other high officials from the developing countries concerned with industrial development and with international co-operation in that field. In all countries the need was increasingly felt for a permanent arrangement under which the various public and private bodies interested in

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co-operation with UNIDO could meet and co-ordinate their activities, including that of serving in advisory capacity to the government in UNIDO matters. In certain countries governments have already established national committees for the purpose of preparing for the Symposium; in some cases such committees were entrusted with the task of continued co-operation with UNIDO.

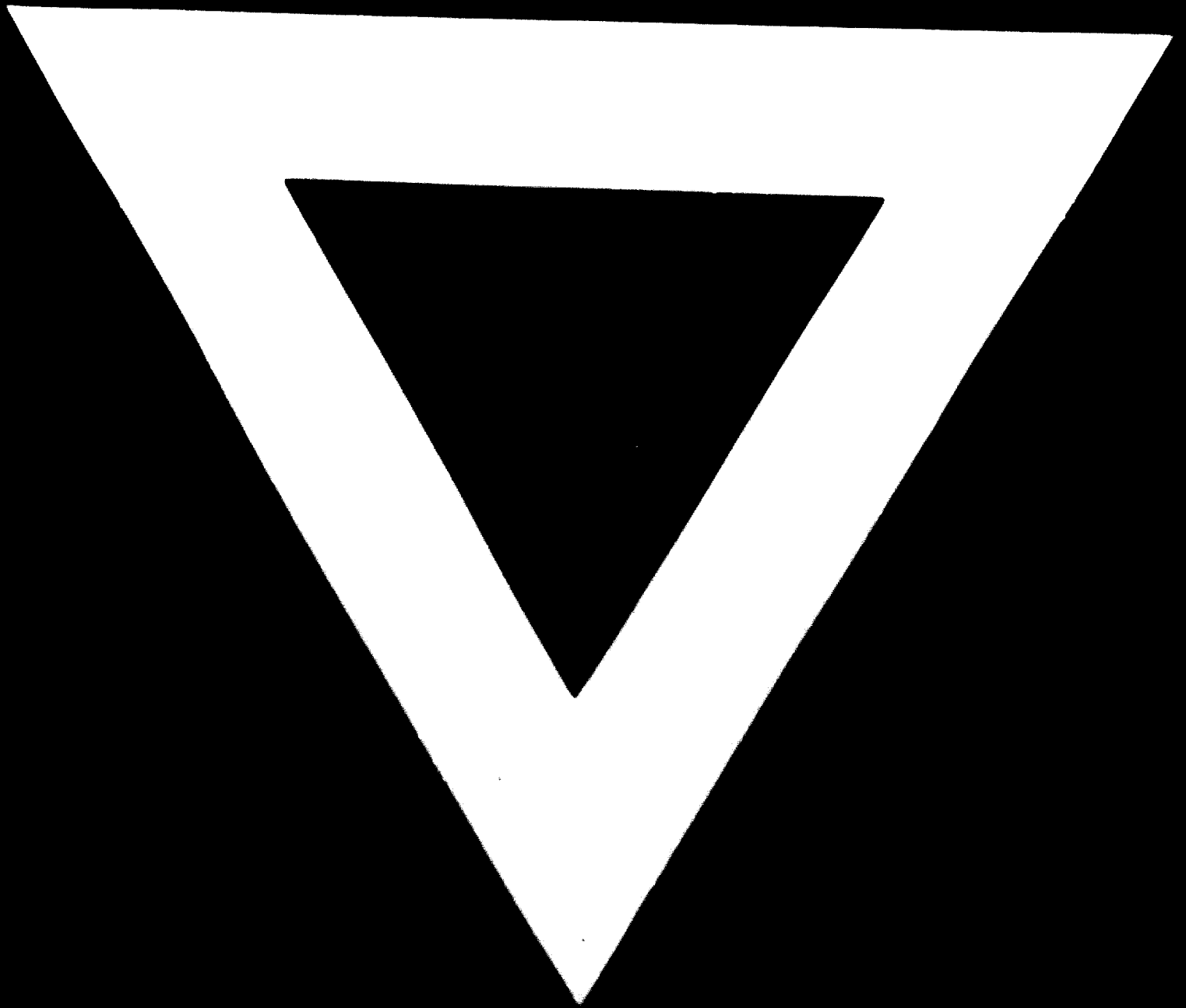
It is thus suggested that the Symposium recommend to all governments to give consideration to the establishment of national committees for UNIDO. These committees will comprise representatives of government ministries, departments and agencies dealing with industrial development, with academic and research institutions, professional associations and private and public business communities. They will act in an advisory capacity and their structures and functions will be devised so as to be adjusted to the structure and situation in each particular country. The structure of the national committees should not be unnecessarily rigid and their functions in certain cases may well be discharged through existing institutions with proper adjustments as may appear appropriate.

The Executive Director of UNIDO in transmitting this recommendation to governments will solicit their response and will report to the Industrial Development Board on such implementation as may have taken place by Member countries.

2. TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
NATIONAL COMMITTEES

It is recommended that Member States establish National Committees for UNIDO, composed of representatives of Government departments and agencies as well as representatives of academic and research institutions and public and private industrial and business establishments concerned with industrialization. The National Committees will act in an advisory capacity both to the government and to the member institutions in all questions related to the activities of UNIDO. Member States may assign the functions of National Committees to already existing organizations in their countries with any additional mandate as may be appropriate to enable them to perform their functions in an adequate manner.





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