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President: Mr. SEDIVÝ (Czechoslovakia)

Reporteur: Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago)

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EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. The PRESIDENT stated that in compliance with rule 17 paragraph 2 of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the Officers had examined the credentials of delegations and found them to be in order.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION (ID/B/L.76 and Add.1-6, ID/B/L.82)

2. The PRESIDENT, pointing out that the original text of the draft report had been drawn up in English, asked any delegates who might have any comments on matters of form or translation to make them direct to the secretariat.

3. He then invited the Board to examine the introduction and chapter I of the draft report (ID/B/L.76) paragraph by paragraph.

4. The introduction was adopted.

Chapter I

5. Paragraph 1 was adopted.

6. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, informed the Board that the United Republic of Tanzania, whose delegation had arrived after that paragraph had been drafted, should be added to the list of members represented at the session.

7. Paragraph 2, as amended, was adopted.

8. Paragraphs 3 and 4 were adopted.

9. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, stated that the International Atomic Energy Agency and GATT, which had entered their names late on the list of specialized agencies represented at the session, should be included in paragraph 5.

10. Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted.

11. Paragraphs 6 to 11 were adopted.

Address of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

12. Paragraphs 12 to 18 were adopted.

13. Mr. SIAZON (Philippines) said that he would like a paragraph to be added containing the passage from the address in which the Secretary-General had appealed to the industrialized countries to share their financial and technical resources with

the deprived two-thirds of mankind who would never again resign themselves to their inferior status, since until that unbalance was corrected there could be no peace in the world.

14. The new paragraph suggested by the representative of the Philippines was adopted.

15. Paragraphs 19 to 21 were adopted.

Chapter III

16. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to postpone consideration of chapter II of the report, which dealt with the general debate, since the revised text had not yet been distributed in all languages; he proposed taking up consideration of chapter III (ID/B/L.82).

17. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, pointed out that, in accordance with the decision taken by the Board at its 97th meeting, the full text of the report of the Working Group would be reproduced after paragraph 4 of chapter III.

18. Paragraphs 1 to 3 were adopted.

19. Mr. KAKATH (India) considered that the Board should not merely give the text of the report of the Working Group: it should also state clearly that it intended to follow up the comments and recommendations contained in that report. For that purpose the Board should make it clear, either that it adopted the report of the Working Group, or that it unreservedly approved the programme of activities proposed by the Group, recommended its implementation and asked for the necessary financial support.

20. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, considered that paragraph 2 of chapter III met the first alternative suggested by the representative of India, and that the third item in the conclusions contained in paragraph 245 of the report of the Working Group exactly corresponded with the substance of the second alternative. He thought, nevertheless, that the Board might give more prominence to that aspect of the question.

21. Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) endorsed the first alternative suggested by the representative of India and proposed that it should be stated in paragraph 4 that "the text of the report of the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its second session is given below as a report of the Board".

22. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) thought that it would be better to say "is given as an integral part of the report of the Board".
23. Mr. KAMATH (India) and Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) accepted the amendment proposed by the representative of the United States of America.
24. Paragraph 4, as amended by the representative of the United States of America, was adopted.
25. Chapter III was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (ID/B/L.80; ID/B/L.79 and ID/B/L.79/Rev.1
(English only))

26. The PRESIDENT pointed out that chapter IV of the draft report had not yet been distributed and that chapters V, VI and VIII were not available in all languages; he therefore invited the Board to consider the two draft resolutions ID/B/L.80 and ID/B/L.79/Rev.1.
27. He suggested that the Board should postpone further consideration of the draft report until the next meeting and should start to examine the draft resolutions, beginning with the document entitled "Follow-up of the 1967 International Symposium on Industrial Development" (ID/B/L.80). He invited delegations to submit their comments on that subject.
28. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) proposed that operative sub-paragraph (b) be modified to read: "Requests the Executive Director, in the light of the available information, to submit his comments, observations and recommendations to the sixth session of the Board".
29. That amendment was submitted on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution in question and thus formed part of the original text; hence, if delegations saw no objection, the Board could consider the resolution as a whole.
30. Mr. SÖMJIEN (Hungary), speaking on behalf of the Group D countries, said that those countries would abstain from voting, not because they objected in any way to the proposed text, but because they had not participated in the Athens Symposium as they had not been in favour of the venue chosen; it was therefore only natural that they should abstain from voting on the draft resolution indicating the action to be taken in pursuance of that meeting.

31. Mr. LOPEZ MUIÑO (Cuba) said that his country had not participated in the Athens Symposium and would abstain from voting for the same reasons.
32. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) said he had no specific objection to the draft resolution in its present form, but would abstain if the draft was put to the vote as he felt that his Government would have no comments to submit to the Executive Director in reply to the request formulated in the resolution.
33. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom) thought that it would be preferable not to burden the secretariat with additional tasks which were not directly related to field activities. As his Government did not intend to take any action on the resolution under consideration, his delegation would abstain if the draft was put to the vote.
34. Mr. FUJIMOTO (Japan) associated himself with the previous speaker. His delegation would abstain in the vote, as it felt that no further increase should be made in the heavy workload of the secretariat, which should be enabled to devote the major part of its efforts to field activities.
35. The PRESIDENT, in accordance with Rule 49 of the rules of procedure, put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole, with the amendments proposed by the delegation of the Philippines.
36. The draft resolution ID/B/L.80 was adopted by 25 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.
37. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider the draft resolution concerning the role of UNIDO in co-ordination of activities in industrial development (ID/B/L.79/Rev.1).
38. Mr. MALIKI (Nigeria) said that the revised draft resolution had only just been distributed, and wondered whether the modifications which had already been made to it did not anticipate the amendments which he wished to propose.
39. The PRESIDENT proposed a brief adjournment of the meeting in order to enable delegations to examine the new draft.
40. Mr. LECOURTIER (France) supported the President's proposal and said that the French delegation would in any case be unable to express its views until it had seen the French version of the text.

41. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom) asked the secretariat whether the word "arrangements" in the first line of operative paragraph 1 was appropriate to describe the agreements concluded with FAO and ECAFE.
42. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that any other word, including the word "agreements" would be suitable; he pointed out, however, that the United Kingdom delegation had expressed a preference the previous year for the term "arrangements" because the questions involved were questions dealt with by the secretariat.
43. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom), replying, said that the appropriate word the previous year had indeed been "arrangements", but was happy to note that the term "agreements" could be applied to the documents at present before the Board. As agreements were really what was involved, he would prefer that that word be used, although he did not intend to press the point.
44. Mr. LECOURTIER (France) said he could see no useful purpose in continuing a discussion on terminology until the secretariat had taken account of his previous remarks.
45. Mr. SYLLA (Secretary of the Board) said that the point raised by the United Kingdom representative concerned the English text only. For all the other languages, document ID/B/L.79 contained the authentic text.
46. Mr. MALIKI (Nigeria) proposed that in the second preambular paragraph (English text), the word "in" should be replaced by "on" or "in regard to"; in operative paragraph 2, the word "systematically" should be deleted and the word "continuous" inserted before "efforts"; in operative paragraph 5, the second sentence should be amended to read: "Recommends that the UNDP/UNIDO industrial field advisers intensify their activities ..." etc. If that last amendment were accepted, he suggested that the second sentence of paragraph 5 should be made into a new operative paragraph.
47. Mr. SÖWEN (Hungary) proposed the addition of the following words to complete the first preambular paragraph: "and noting the importance of the central co-ordinating role of the Economic and Social Council in social and economic activities of the United Nations, including the activities in promotion of industrial development".

He also proposed that the words "with Governments of the" should be added to operative paragraph 5, after "the UNDP Resident Representatives and". Lastly, he proposed that in operative paragraph 4 the word "bilateral" should be deleted.

48. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that if the last amendment was accepted, the words "on request" in the same paragraph would cease to have any meaning; it followed from the resolution that it was the secretariat's duty to pursue its consultations on the co-ordination of multilateral aid programmes but it could not undertake any negotiations in regard to bilateral assistance except at the request of the countries concerned.

49. Mr. SÖMJIEN (Hungary) acknowledged the point and gave his support to the proposal to delete the words "on request".

50. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) proposed the addition of the words "in the field of industrial development" at the end of operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution. In regard to operative paragraph 2, he thought it would be appropriate to acknowledge that other organizations in the United Nations system were also endeavouring to avoid duplication of activity, and he proposed the addition of the words: "in co-operation with the other organizations concerned" between "efforts made by UNIDO" and "systematically to eliminate".

51. As the offices of the UNDP Resident Representatives were focal points for co-ordination of the multilateral activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field, he proposed the addition of the words "through the Resident Representatives of the UNDP" after "in collaboration with the Governments concerned" in operative paragraph 5.

52. Mr. KRYLOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked whether the proposer intended the amendment to exclude direct co-operation between the Executive Director and the Governments concerned.

53. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) said that his intention was simply to underline the central role of the UNDP Resident Representatives in co-ordination at local level, and it was conceivable that situations might occur where the field adviser would have direct contacts with the officials of the host government.

54. Mr. KRYLOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) then suggested adding to the original text of the paragraph in question the words "and with the assistance of the Resident Representatives of UNDP", to cover the various possibilities.
55. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) finally proposed amending paragraph 5 by adding "and the Resident Representatives of UNDP" after "in collaboration with the Governments concerned".
56. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) thought that the text as so amended would cover only activities financed by UNDP, and pointed out there were other sources of financing. Programmes in which governments were either recipients or donors often figured among UNIDO's activities.
57. Mr. LOPEZ MUIÑO (Cuba) announced that he would abstain from voting on the draft resolution under consideration because in operative paragraph 5 it was recommended that the Executive Director should ensure further development of co-ordination with regional intergovernmental organizations, among which would be the Organisation of American States, and with regional development banks, which would include the Inter-American Development Bank.
58. The PRESIDENT pointed out, that he had asked for a debate on the substance and for proposed amendments. As the representative of Cuba had already given an explanation of his vote, it would be noted at the appropriate time.
59. He suggested that the Board should now vote on the text of the draft resolution. As a great many amendments had been proposed, he thought it would be best if the proposers of the amendments repeated them when the paragraphs to which they referred came up for discussion.
60. Mr. TRAORE (Mali) said that he was opposed to such a procedure, because firstly the translations of document ID/B/L.79/Rev.1 had not yet been distributed, and secondly some of the amendments affected the substance of the draft resolution. The co-sponsors of the draft would want to give their opinions on those amendments, and they would no doubt wish to consult among themselves in order to decide whether they were willing to accept them or not.

61. The PRESIDENT said that the question raised by the representative of Mali was a procedural point. In order to meet his request, he suggested that all the proposers of amendments should be given the floor so that they could read out their amendments at dictation speed, or else that the Board should decide to adjourn consideration of the draft resolution and request the proposers of the amendments to submit them in writing.

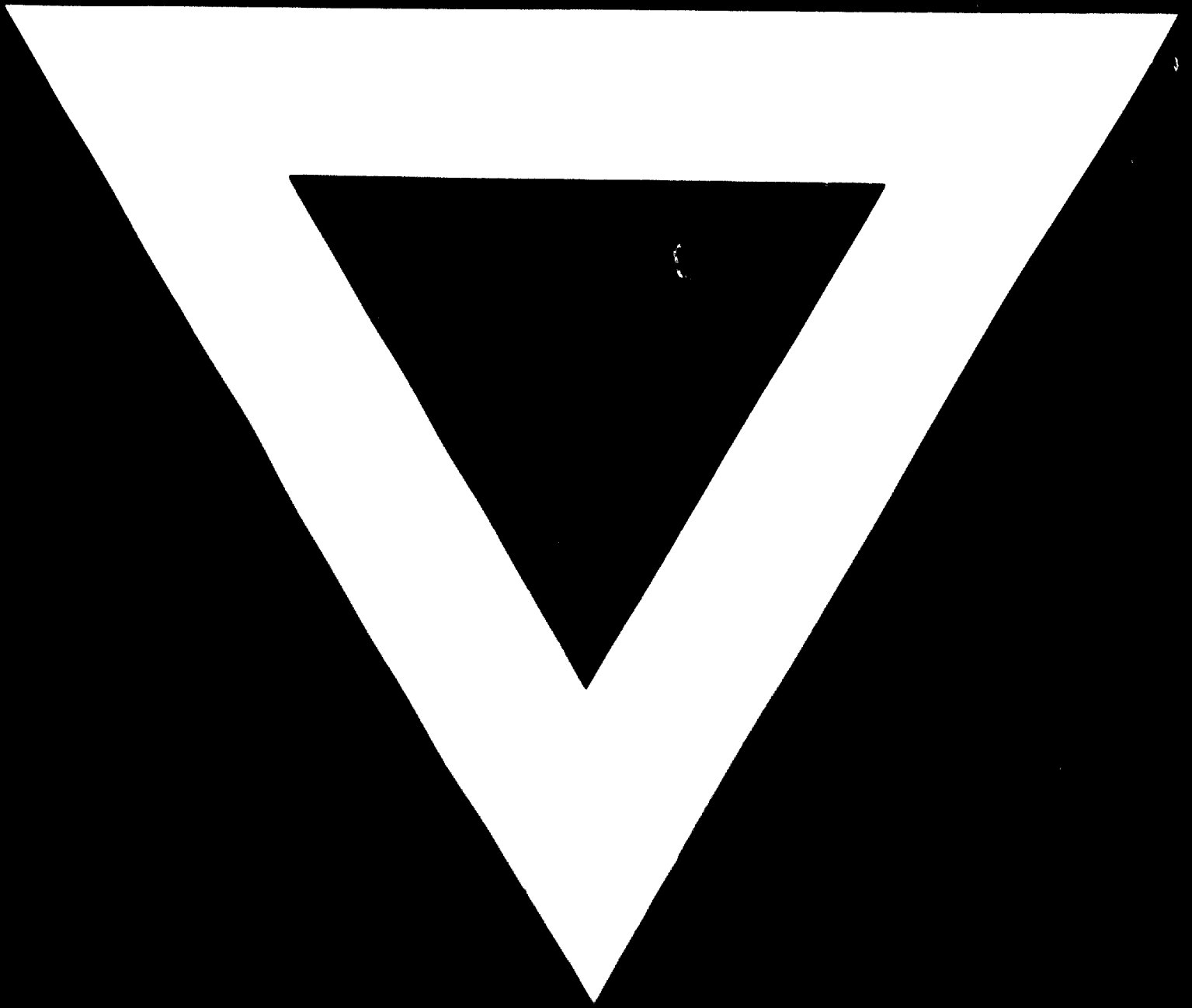
62. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, noted that the representative of Mali had said that the co-sponsors of the draft should consult among themselves. It therefore seemed to him that the Board could no longer proceed with its consideration of the draft resolution, and the best thing to do would be for the proposers of the amendments to submit their texts to the secretariat, which would assemble them in a document to facilitate the discussion.

63. The PRESIDENT proposed that consideration of the draft resolution before the Board should be adjourned to the 104th meeting.

64. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.





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