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Reporteur: Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF UNIDO
(ID/B/L.81/Rev.2)

1. Mr. MALIKI (Nigeria), introducing the revised draft resolution on the operational activities of UNIDO (ID/B/L.81/Rev.2), pointed out that the word "or" in the last line of operative paragraph 13 should be amended to read "of".

2. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider the revised draft resolution paragraph by paragraph.

Preambular paragraphs

3. Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) pointed out that the word "which" should be inserted in the first line of the second preambular paragraph, following the words "its resolution 9 (II)".

4. The preambular paragraphs were adopted.

Operative paragraphs 1-8

5. Operative paragraphs 1-8 were adopted

Operative paragraph 9

6. Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that, in accordance with the wording decided on by the contact group, the third line of the paragraph concerned should read: "... the basis for UNIDO's work should, as far as possible, be long-term programmes ...". In addition, the words "of their" immediately preceding the word "key" could be deleted from the fifth line.

7. It was so decided.

8. Operative paragraph 9, as amended, was adopted.

Operative paragraph 10

9. Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that, in keeping with the contact group's decision, the words "to ensure flexibility" should be inserted in the third line following the words "adequate provisions".

10. Operative paragraph 10 was adopted.

Operative paragraph 11

11. Mr. DOVE (Ghana) proposed that the word "to" following the word "Calls" in the first line of the paragraph should be deleted and reinserted following the words "UNDP Governing Council".
12. It was so decided.
13. Operative paragraph 11, as amended, was adopted.

Operative paragraph 12

14. Mr. NIOUPIN (Ivory Coast), supported by Mr. TRAORE (Mali), pointed out that, during the contact group's discussions, his delegation had attached great importance to the concept of flexibility of procedures, but that that concept was not reflected in the final French version.
15. Mr. LEDUC (France) observed that a disparity between the French and English versions of the paragraph in question appeared to lie at the root of the difficulty, for the French version did not render the words "to allow speedy action" contained in the English.
16. The PRESIDENT stressed that the secretariat would be responsible for bringing all versions of document ID/B/SR.81/Rev.2 into strict conformity with the original English version.
17. Operative paragraph 12 was adopted.

Operative paragraph 13

18. Mr. KITCHEN (United States of America) remarked that the words "transfer of technology and such information" in the fourth line of the paragraph were not clear. Perhaps it would be desirable to change them to "transfer of technology and technical information" or some such formulation.
19. Mr. LEDUC (France) and Mr. TRAORE (Mali) pointed out that the French translation of the words in question was somewhat different from the English text and was substantially in line with the wording suggested by the United States representative.

20. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) suggested that the words in question should be amended to read "transfer of technology and scientific and technical information" in order to match the French text.
21. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. LEDUC (France) supported the Executive Director's suggestion.
22. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) observed that the last two lines of operative paragraph 13 were also unclear, as they might be interpreted to mean that UNIDO's primary responsibility was only the solution of problems of industrial information.
23. Mr. KAMATH (India) said that UNIDO's role was certainly much wider than the mere provision of information, and the text should be amended to make that clear.
24. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) suggested that the last words of paragraph 13 be amended to read "primarily responsible for industrial technology and information".
25. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom) and Mr. KITCHEN (United States of America) supported the Executive Director's suggestion.
26. The PRESIDENT asked the members of the Board if it was their desire that the amendments to the fourth and seventh lines of paragraph 13 should be incorporated in the final version.
27. It was so decided.
28. Operative paragraph 13 was adopted as amended.
- Operative paragraph 14
29. Operative paragraph 14 was adopted.
30. Draft resolution ID/B/L.81/Rev.2 as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (ID/B/72 and Add.1 and 2; ID/B/L.74/Rev.1, ID/B/L.89) (continued)

31. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to resume its discussion of agenda item 14.

32. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that the proposed Conference should be universal in character. The Conference could only gain by the participation of certain highly developed industrial States. In many international organizations, non-members could participate in governing bodies. He considered that the value of the draft resolution which had been submitted (ID/E/L.74/Rev.1) was considerably reduced by the fact that it did not provide for such highly developed countries as the German Democratic Republic to be included, though the Federal Republic of Germany would be. The USSR delegation considered it wrong to exclude the German Democratic Republic from participation in the conference and objected to such a decision. Nevertheless, having helped in the preparation of the draft, and wishing to take into account the needs of the developing countries, his delegation would not oppose the draft resolution as a whole.

33. Mr. SCHEJVAL (Czechoslovakia) thought that it was incorrect to exclude participation by the German Democratic Republic. He wished his point of view to be placed on record but expressed support for the draft resolution.

34. Mr. STEDTFELD (Federal Republic of Germany) said that the General Assembly had given UNIDO a clear mandate with regard to the Special Conference. Draft resolution ID/D/L 74/Rev.1 complied with that mandate as far as the list of countries to participate was concerned, and the Board would be exceeding its mandate if the list were expanded.

35. Mr. SOMJEN (Hungary) said that his delegation wished to be mentioned in the summary records and the draft report as concurring with the views of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Czechoslovakia. Hungary whole-heartedly supported the general idea of the resolution.

36. The PRESIDENT agreed that the comments just made should be reflected in the report and asked delegations and groups of delegations to submit texts.

37. Mr. CZARKOWSKI (Poland) said that the Polish delegation had abstained from voting in the General Assemb. on resolution 2578 (XXIV), because it considered that the resolution contained formulations inconsistent with the principle of universality

embodied in the Charter. He agreed with the view that the German Democratic Republic should be included, as a highly industrialized country that could contribute positively to the Conference. He supported the draft resolution with those reservations.

38. Mr. LOPEL MUIÑO (Cuba) concurred with the delegations of the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland with regard to the principle of universality. He thought that the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam should also be invited. He supported the draft resolution and wished his remarks to appear in the summary record.

39. Mr. SERRANO (Chile) said that, while his country unreservedly supported the principle of universality, he thought that the General Assembly must take the initiative on decisions of the type under discussion. The Board could not adopt any resolution that would encroach on the competence of the General Assembly, and only the General Assembly could alter the list of countries eligible for participation in UNIDO's activities.

40. Mr. STIERAVY (United States of America) said that his delegation doubted the necessity of a Special Conference, although it had indicated in response to the Executive Director's questionnaire in 1969 that it could participate under certain conditions. The present arrangements proposed for the Conference were substantially different from those previously envisaged by his delegation, but, in view of the strong support of all developing countries for the proposal, his delegation wished to be as responsive as possible while trying to help work out arrangements that would be in keeping with the nature of the proposed Conference. Since the text resulting from informal discussions was in line with that, and since he wished to show a spirit of compromise, he was prepared to support the draft resolution.

41. It was his understanding of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution that invitations should be sent to members of UNIDO and to inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations entitled to participate in UNIDO's work pursuant to rules 75 and 76 of the Rules of Procedure. He pointed out that General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) listed in an annex countries entitled to participate in the work of UNIDO; the invitation of other countries would involve political issues that were the province of the political organs of the United Nations.

42. He considered that much of the success of the proposed Conference would depend on the extent of active participation by countries that were not members of the Board and that the secretariat should make a special effort to encourage and facilitate vigorous participation by such countries.
43. Document ID/B/L.89, on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution, gave two sets of figures, one for a total meeting time of four weeks and one for a total meeting time of five weeks. In all informal discussions, the majority of countries had favoured a total meeting time of four weeks for the combined sessions of the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination, the Board and the Conference, and, his delegation's support of the draft resolution was based on the assumption of a total meeting schedule of four weeks. He also felt that the work of the Advisory Committee could be done in a shorter time than was indicated in document ID/B/L.89.
44. The PRESIDENT said that the text of the draft resolution would be discussed later. He invited further general statements on agenda item 14.
45. Mr. ABUBAKR (Sudan) said that he wished to reaffirm the position taken by his delegation in the general debate (95th meeting). The Sudan considered that participation in the activities of the United Nations system, and in particular of UNIDO, should be open to all countries, and would be in favour of inviting the German Democratic Republic to the proposed Special Conference.
46. Mr. HILMI (Iraq) said that his delegation supported the proposal for a Special Conference and would not wish to see any limitation placed on the countries to be invited to participate in the Conference. Some nations which were not members of UNIDO, such as the German Democratic Republic, were giving assistance to developing countries, and it was desirable that they should be enabled to participate in the Conference.
47. Mr. CASILLI (Italy) said that his delegation fully supported the convening of the Special Conference and wished it all success.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION (continued)

Chapter VIII (a): Special International Conference of the United Nations
Industrial Development Organization (ID/B/L.76/Add.9)

48. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, said that the draft would need to be supplemented to take into account the discussions at the present meeting. Perhaps the Board would be willing to entrust him with the task of summarizing those discussions, on the understanding that the draft summary would be distributed to the delegations which had spoken.

49. It was so decided.

50. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider document ID/B/L.76/Add.9 paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1

51. Paragraph 1 was adopted.

Paragraph 2

52. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for clarification of the statement at the end of the paragraph concerning important developments in connexion with the "United Nations Development System". In particular, he wished to know the precise meaning of the expression "United Nations Development System".

53. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, said that the developments mentioned referred to the reorganisation of the United Nations Development Programme currently under consideration.

54. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) suggested that, in order to clarify the end of the last sentence of paragraph 2, it might be amended to read: "... it was facing important developments in connexion with the proposed reorganisation of the United Nations Development Programme".

55. It was so decided.

56. Paragraph 2, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 3

57. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the first sentence of the paragraph should be amended to read: "Several other delegations, while stating their support in principle for the idea of convening the Conference, stressed that it required careful preparation ...".

58. It was so decided.

59. Paragraph 3, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 4

60. Paragraph 4 was adopted.

Paragraph 5

61. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the first sentence of the paragraph should be amended to read: "Some other delegations, while recognising the significance of convening the Conference, considered, however, that such a conference required longer and more careful preparation". He also proposed that the last sentence of the paragraph should be amended to read: "They stated that, taking into account the need for careful preparation, it would be more desirable to convene the conference in 1972 or at the end of 1971".

62. The amendments proposed were adopted.

63. Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 6

64. Paragraph 6 was adopted.

65. Chapter VIII (a) of the draft report (ID/B/L.76/Add.9), as a whole, was adopted, subject to the addition of a supplement as proposed by the Rapporteur.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON A SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (ID/B/L.74/Rev.1, ID/B/L.89)

66. The PRESIDENT said that the list of sponsors given in document ID/B/L.74/Rev.1 was incorrect. The sponsors of the draft resolution were Brasil, Chile, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, the Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, the Sudan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the Upper Volta, Uruguay and Venezuela.
67. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) introduced document ID/B/L.89, in which the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution ID/B/L.74/Rev.1 were set out. He drew attention to certain errors in the document: the words "to be attended by" in paragraph 1 should read "open to", and the words "Preparatory Advisory Group to the Executive Director" in paragraph 3 (e) should read "Advisory Committee for the Conference".
68. As stated in paragraph 5, the estimates did not cover post-conference costs in connexion with the publication of the proceedings, as it was difficult to know at the present stage what would be involved.
69. Mr. FROST (Switzerland) expressed doubt as to the need for the proposed Advisory Committee to hold three meetings of one week each, as envisaged in paragraph 3 (e) of document ID/B/L.89.
70. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that, if the Advisory Committee confined itself to holding three meetings of two days each, the estimated saving would be \$6,000.
71. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) said it was his delegation's assumption, like that of the United States delegation, that the combined duration of the sessions of the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination, the Board and the Special Conference would be four weeks.
72. Mr. LEMIE (France) expressed his agreement with the previous speakers.
73. The PRESIDENT invited comments on draft resolution ID/B/L.74/Rev.1, and any statements by delegations wishing to explain their votes.

74. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation would abstain on the passages in the draft resolution limiting participation in the proposed Conference to members of UNIDO. He recalled that his delegation had abstained in the General Assembly on resolution 2578 (XXIV).
75. Mr. CZARKOWSKI (Poland), Mr. SOMJEN (Hungary) and Mr. SCHEJBAL (Czechoslovakia) associated themselves with the previous speaker's statement.
76. The PRESIDENT asked whether there were any objections to the adoption of the draft resolution.
77. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said he took note of the statements made earlier by a number of delegations indicating that their approval of the draft resolution was conditional on certain understandings.
78. Draft resolution ID/B/L.74/Rev.1 was adopted.
79. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) thanked the Board for its unanimous adoption of the draft resolution.
80. The original text of the draft resolution had indicated a preference for holding the Special Conference in conjunction with the fifth session of the Board in May and June 1971, but, in a spirit of conciliation, operative paragraph 1 of the revised draft gave alternative dates. He hoped that the Executive Director would set in motion at once the machinery of consultation envisaged.
81. Mr. KAMATH (India) associated himself with the statement of the representative of the Philippines and indicated his preference for May-June 1971 as the date of the proposed Conference.
82. Mr. SERRANO (Chile) said that it was for the General Assembly to decide on the date of the Conference. The Board had just taken a historic and auspicious decision that would have great importance for the future of the developing countries and UNIDO.

83. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that, if the Board agreed, he would immediately take all necessary action to consult Governments of member States of UNIDO regarding preferred dates and make recommendations to the General Assembly on the basis of availability of facilities and all other relevant factors. Documents would be prepared and other preliminary action would be taken pending a final decision by the General Assembly. A statement to that effect could be included in the report.

84. It was so agreed.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH SESSION (ID/B/L.83)

85. Mr. STIERAVY (United States of America) felt that, if the proposed Special Conference was held, there would be no need for the fifth session of the Board to include in a general debate. That could be indicated in the Board's report. He suggested also that the report on the item should include the following sentence: "The Board decided that, should the General Assembly adopt its recommendation to convene a Special International Conference of UNIDO, its fifth session would be convened for one week".

86. Mr. LEDUC (France) supported the previous speaker's suggestions.

87. Mr. SOMJEN (Hungary) felt that the Board could, in the circumstances, agree to the suggestion to dispense with the general debate, but it should be understood that the arrangement was exceptional, applying only to the fifth session.

88. Mr. CASILLI (Italy) supported the suggestions of the United States representative. It could be made clear in the report that elimination of the general debate was an exceptional measure.

89. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland) said he agreed with what had been said, but wondered whether the reference in the report to the length of the session should not be inserted in the chapter on the date and place of the fifth session.

90. It was agreed to delete the item "General debate" in the draft agenda (ID/B/L.83).

91. Mr. SOMJEN (Hungary) proposed that the provisional agenda should include an item concerning preparations for the Special Conference, in order to enable the Board to review the steps which had been taken.
92. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that there would be little time at that stage for the Board to advise on the preparation of the Conference, and he thought that there would be a danger in opening the subject.
93. Mr. PRETO (Brazil) said he would support the Hungarian proposal on the understanding that there would be no substantive discussion. The Board could merely take note of any action taken.
94. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. SERRANO (Chile) supported the Hungarian proposal.
95. The Hungarian proposal was adopted.
96. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) thought that agenda items 7 and 8 could be deleted on the understanding that such deletion should apply only to the agenda of the fifth session.
97. The PRESIDENT thought there might be some difficulty in dispensing with the consideration of financial questions, since the Board would have to consider the regular budget estimates.
98. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) agreed but urged the deletion of agenda item 8.
99. Mr. ABUBAKR (Sudan) thought it would be preferable for the Board to take note of documents presented under the items in question but not to discuss them.
100. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) said that the intention of his remarks had been to avoid duplication of documents. If the Executive Director thought that was impossible, he would agree to the proposal made by the representative of the Sudan.
101. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that the organisational matters to be discussed by the Special Conference covered such questions as future decentralisation, whereas the organisational matters before the Board were recruitment, the permanent headquarters, and so on.

102. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland) said he shared the Executive Director's view. At the fifth session, the secretariat might try to submit to the Board only pressing questions that had to be decided on immediately and leave more general questions to the Conference.
103. Mr. TRACRE (Mali) thought that item 7 might be entitled "Financial and organizational matters".
104. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that, while financial matters could not be taken out of the Board's agenda, organizational questions could be taken out or dealt with briefly, which would depend on whether a Conference was held or not.
105. Mr. CASILLI (Italy) suggested that the two matters should be coalesced into one item: "Budget and organisation".
106. It was so agreed.
107. Mr. KAMATH (India) wondered whether it was realistic to propose that the fifth session of the Board should last only one week - i.e., five working days - in view of the experience of the fourth session, since the agenda would cover the same ground.
108. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) thought that the controlling factor was not the length of the agenda but the determination of members of the Board to finish the work quickly.
109. Mr. SCHJEN (Hungary) said that he had originally intended to propose that an item on the activities and experience of UNIDO in the field of Special Fund projects and methods of follow-up should appear in the agenda of the fifth session. In the light of the previous discussion, he now suggested that such an item should be included in the agenda of the sixth session; he asked for his suggestion to be mentioned in the report.
110. It was so agreed.

111. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) asked for the inclusion in the report at the appropriate point of a footnote stating that the deletion of the agenda item "General debate" was conditional on the decision by the General Assembly regarding the holding of the Special Conference.

112. It was so agreed.

113. The provisional agenda for the fifth session, as amended, was adopted.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE FIFTH SESSION

114. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) remarked that the Board should take a decision on the date of the fifth session bearing in mind the admittedly unlikely possibility of the General Assembly failing to agree to the holding of a Special Conference of UNIDO.

115. Mr. DAVILA (Mexico) said that the Board should specify that if no Special Conference was held in 1971 the Board session would be of its normal length.

116. The PRESIDENT suggested that it should be recorded as the Board's decision that if no Special Conference of UNIDO was held in 1971 the fifth session of the Board would notwithstanding be held in April/May at Vienna. All the views expressed by delegations on the subject would be reflected in the report by the Rapporteur.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION (ID/B/L.76 and Add.1-9) (continued)

Chapters on agenda items 10, 11 and 12

117. It was agreed to entrust the Rapporteur with the task of preparing the final texts of the chapters on items 10-12.

Amendment to chapter II (ID/B/L.90)

118. Mr. BERG (Sweden) introduced document ID/B/L.90.

119. The PRESIDENT said that the proposal in that document would involve reconsideration of a chapter already adopted. If no delegation objected, the Board could decide to consider the amendment.

120. It was so agreed.

121. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, said that the author of the text had agreed that it could appropriately be inserted in the report at the end of the section on the long-term programme of UNIDO, after the last sentence of that section.

122. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom) thought that the Swedish delegation had been right to draw attention to the matter in question. However, since it was proposed that a Special Conference should be held in 1971 and the Board was to meet for as short as possible a time in that year, he suggested that the words "the fifth session of the Board" in the last line of the text should be replaced by "a subsequent session of the Board", in order to leave the matter open.

123. Mr. PERG (Sweden) said he would agree to that amendment.

124. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) pointed out that the amendment referred only to draft resolution ID/B/L.61 and asked whether the long-term programme was not to be discussed.

125. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), Rapporteur, suggested that the words "consideration of this item" might be replaced by "consideration of this draft resolution".

126. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said he had no difficulty with the word "item". He felt that a clear distinction should be made between the draft resolution and the content of UNIDO's future programme, which the Special Conference would discuss.

127. The PRESIDENT suggested that the words "on the long-term programme" in the first line should be deleted, so that the first phrase would read "As to the draft resolution (ID/B/L.61), which was submitted ...", and asked the Board whether it agreed that the text proposed by Sweden with his amendment and that suggested by the United Kingdom, should be inserted after paragraph 10 in the part of the report dealing with the general debate.

128. It was so agreed.

Draft report as a whole

129. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to adopt the draft report as a whole, as amended.

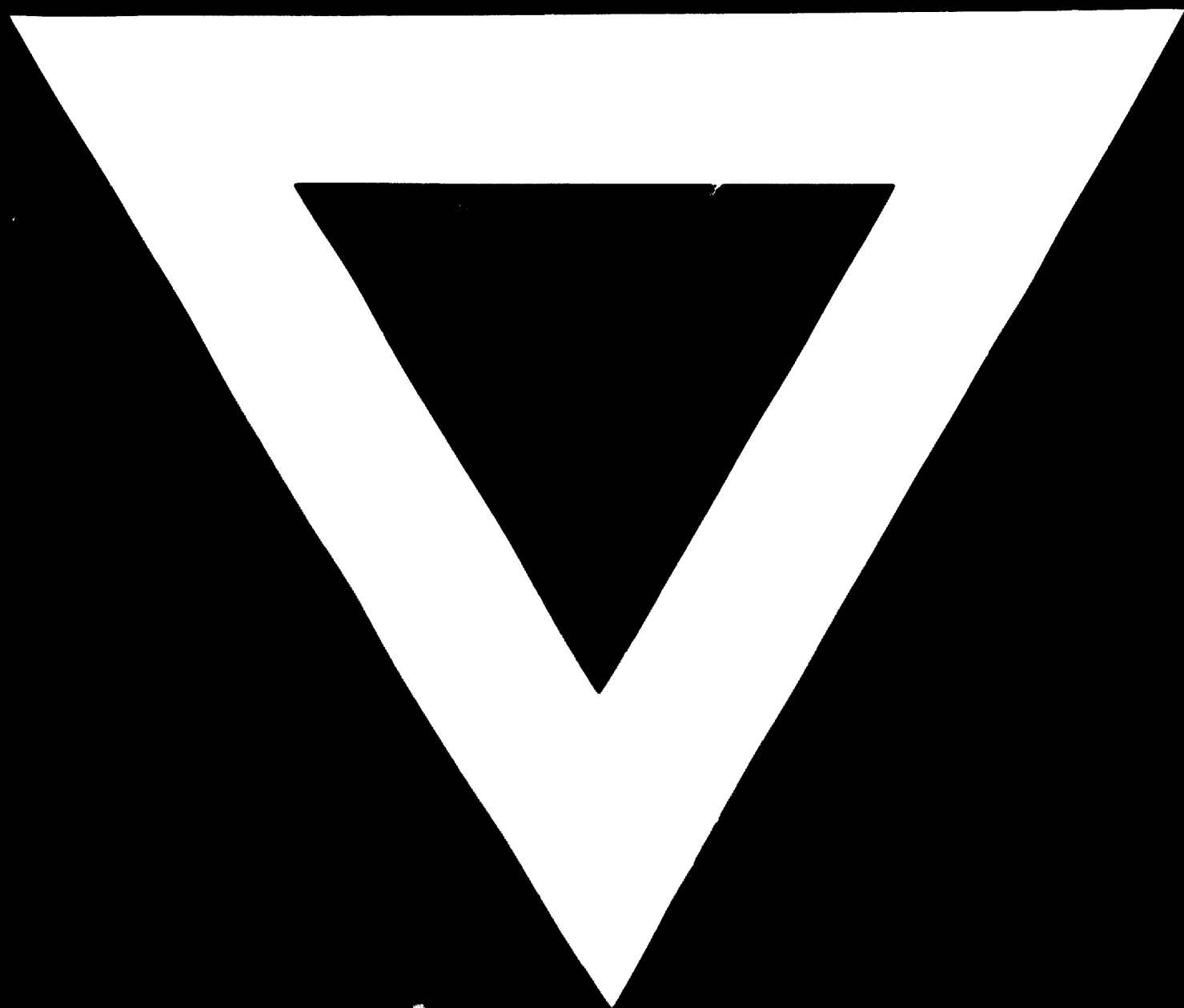
130. The draft report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fourth session, as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

131. After Mr. SOMJEN (Hungary), Mr. PROBST (Switzerland), Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan), Mr. RWAMAKUBA (Rwanda), Mr. CASILLI (Italy) and Mr. DAVILA (Mexico) had made statements congratulating the officers of the Board and the secretariat on behalf of the various geographical areas to which the members of the Board belonged, Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) and the PRESIDENT made short concluding statements and the PRESIDENT declared the fourth session of the Industrial Development Board closed.

The meeting rose at 4.20 a.m. on Friday, 1 May 1970





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