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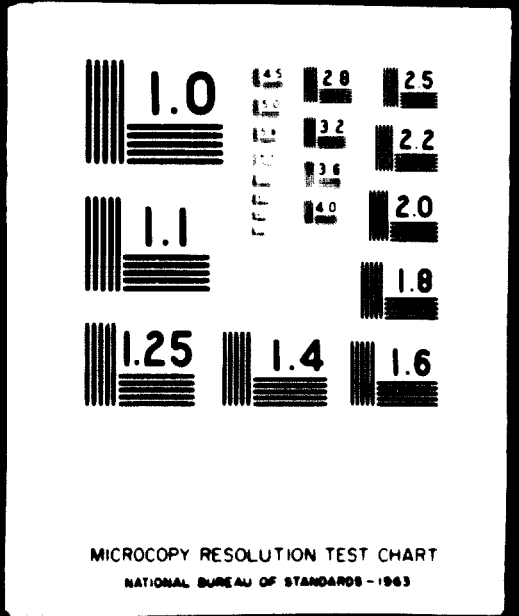
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Rapporteur:	Mr. ACHASSI	(Iran)

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Consideration of the report of Committee II (ID/B/C.2/2/Add.2, 3 and 4)

1. Mr. PETROV (Bulgaria), Chairman of Committee II, introduced the Committee's report on agenda items 6 and 8. It had been adopted unanimously, and he hoped that be approved by the Board.

2. Mr. TELI) said that he would like to make some comments and suggestions concer... the report, as it had not been possible for his delegation to be represented in Committee II.

3. Referring to document ID/B/C.2/2/Add.4, he suggested that the word "formal" in the third line of paragraph 5 should be amended to read "tentative" or "draft". Agreements with the specialized agencies were matters of policy, which would require the approval of the Board. He also suggested that the word "regions" in the second line of paragraph 7 should be changed to "countries", since the co-ordination of operational activities could be carried out only at the country level.

4. As for paragraphs 11 and 12, and in particular the suggestion for the establishment of a sub-committee of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), he doubted that ACC, which was a body of international civil servants, had made much progress in co-ordination since it had been set up. Moreover, he felt that any subsidiary body should be composed of an equal number of international civil servants and government representatives.

5. With regard to the second sentence of paragraph 13, it should be borne in mind that all problems of co-ordination were policy matters within the competence of the Board. He would therefore suggest that the last part of the sentence

should read: "... the Executive Director's ability to discuss problems of co-ordination with all parties concerned and report on these discussions to the next session of the Board for further action."

6. The PRESIDENT felt that the Jordanian representative's comments should have been made in Committee II. The Board could perhaps take note of them and see whether the points he had raised could be settled through informal consultations.

7. Miss ROESAD (Indonesia) felt that it was the right of every delegation to make its comments on the report of Committee II.

8. Mr. AGHASSI (Iran), Rapporteur, said that any action on the Jordanian representative's suggestions must be taken formally by the Board.

9. Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) proposed that the Board should approve the Committee's report and that the comments of the representative of Jordan should be recorded in the report of the Board.

10. Mr. TELL (Jordan) recalled that, since his delegation had only one member, it had been impossible for it to be represented in both Committees. It was normal for a plenary body, in discussing the report of a committee, to consider amendments to it.

11. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) appealed to the representative of Jordan to accept the procedure proposed by the representative of Pakistan, in order to save time.

12. Mr. ORTIZ de ROZAS (Argentina), Mr. ROBERTS (Canada), Mr. SIERRA (Spain) and Mr. BITTENCOURT (Brazil) supported the Pakistan proposal.

13. Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that he would oppose the proposal of the representative of Pakistan.

14. The PRESIDENT said that, if there was no objection, the Board would proceed to vote on the adoption of the report of Committee II, as a whole.

15. It was so decided.

16. The report of Committee II, as a whole, was adopted.

17. The PRESIDENT said that it would be recorded that the report had been adopted with one dissenting vote.

QUESTIONS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS:

(b) Consideration of applications

Consideration of the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee regarding the application from international non-governmental organizations (ID/B/32/Add.1)

18. The PRESIDENT recalled that earlier in the session consideration of the applications for association with the activities of UNIDO submitted by the International Association of Crafts and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and by the International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property had been postponed pending further study of the applications by the ad hoc Committee. At its meeting on 8 May the ad hoc Committee had recommended that the two organizations should be granted observer status and that the Board should invite the Executive Director of UNIDO to establish close co-operation with the non-governmental organizations associated with the activities of UNIDO and to report to it on that co-operation at each session of the Board. If no objections were heard, he would assume that the Board adopted both of those recommendations by the ad hoc Committee.

19. It was so decided.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (ID/B/L.31 and Add.1, L.32/Rev.1, L.37 and L.40).

20. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider the draft resolutions submitted, beginning with the four draft resolutions (ID/B/L.31 and Add.1, L.32/Rev.1, L.37 and L.40) which had sponsors from all the geographical groups.

21. Mr. TZIBULEAC (Romania) moved that the draft resolutions should be discussed in order of submission.

22. It was so decided.

Draft Resolution ID/B/L.31 and Add.1

23. Mr. BARAC (Romania), introducing the draft resolution, observed that the United Nations regional economic commissions had accumulated a valuable fund of experience in industrial development over the past twenty years and that, in

its resolution 2152 (XXI), the General Assembly had specifically stated that UNIDO should maintain a close and continuous working relationship with the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut. His delegation therefore hoped that the draft would meet with the support of all members of the Board.

24. Mr. SERRANO (Chile) said that the text of the draft resolution before the Board was not quite correct in that it did not incorporate an amendment, suggested by the Latin American group and agreed to by the other sponsors, whereby operative paragraph 3 would read "Emphasizes the importance of such co-operation between UNIDO and the regional economic commissions."

25. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) and Mr. SIERRA (Spain) thought that the present position of operative paragraph 3 was not altogether appropriate.

26. Mr. TRIVEDI (India) felt that operative paragraph 3 should remain in the operative part of the resolution, as the sponsors wished to lay emphasis on the type of co-operation referred to. However it could be moved to the beginning of the operative part of the draft in order to afford a more balanced presentation and the other two operative paragraphs could be re-numbered accordingly.

27. It was so agreed.

28. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) proposed that the second line of the former operative paragraph 3, now operative paragraph 1, should be amended to read "between UNIDO, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut".

29. It was so decided.

30. Mr. TELL (Jordan) proposed that a reference to the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut should be included in the title of the resolution.

31. It was so decided.

32. Draft resolution ID/B/L.31 and Add.1, as amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution ID/B/L.32/Rev.1

33. Mr. SERRANO (Chile), introducing the draft resolution, said that the need for the highest possible degree of co-ordination between the work of UNIDO and that of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the field of industrial development was universally recognized. The sponsors of the draft resolution felt that one of the most effective ways of achieving such co-ordination would be to use the twenty or more UNIDO regional advisers attached to the various regional economic commissions and to the Beirut Office for co-ordination work.

34. Mr. SALAMA (United Arab Republic) proposed that the title of the draft should be amended to read "Activities of UNIDO regional advisers in the field of industrial development attached to the economic commissions of the United Nations and to the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut".

35. It was so decided.

36. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland) proposed that the word "UNIDO" should be placed before "regional advisers" in the first line of the second preambular paragraph.

37. It was so decided.

38. Mr. SCHULZ (Federal Republic of Germany) pointed out that there was a typographical error in the same paragraph at the beginning of the third line, which should begin "and to the United Nations...".

39. Mr. TRIVEDI (India) proposed that the words "with a view to establish" at the beginning of the fourth line of operative paragraph 1 should be amended to read "with a view to maintaining".

40. It was so decided.

41. Mr. DUCCI (Italy) pointed out that if the word "maintaining" was inserted, the word "closer" should be amended to "close". In the interests of consistency, "closer" should be changed to "close" in the third line of operative paragraph 2.

42. It was so decided.

43. Draft resolution ID/B/L.32/Rev.1, as amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution ID/B.L.37

44. Mr. AWAN (Pakistan) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, which now included Bulgaria, Cameroon, Czechoslovakia and Zambia.

45. Some amendments had been suggested after the draft had appeared as a document and, as lack of time had prevented consultations, the co-sponsors and other members of the Board were asked to consider them at the present meeting. It was proposed that in operative paragraph 1 (iv) the words "and national" should be inserted after the word "regional"; that in paragraph 7 the words "to continue" should be inserted between "measures" and "to improve" and that in paragraph 11 the word "tentative" or "draft" should precede "agreements". It was also felt that paragraph 5 should perhaps be deleted.

46. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland) said that the problem of co-ordination was very complicated and had slowed down the work of UNIDO in the last eighteen months. He was in favour of the amendments, except for the deletion of paragraph 5, concerning which he would like further clarifications.

47. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) suggested the addition at the end of paragraph 1 (iv) of a phrase reading "on conditions which are acceptable to these countries".

48. Mr. ANI (Nigeria) explained that his delegation had suggested deleting paragraph 5 because it seemed to re-state the obvious. However it had only been a suggestion and was not to be considered a formal proposal.

49. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana), Mr. TELL (Jordan) and Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago) were in favour of the amendments listed by the representative of Pakistan and of that proposed by the Soviet Union; however they wished to retain paragraph 5

50. Mr. SALAMA (United Arab Republic) said that he also supported the amendments except for the proposal to insert "tentative" in paragraph 11. That would surely be a contradiction in terms, as tentative agreements could not be concluded.

51. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) proposed that the last five words of paragraph 11 should be deleted.

52. Mr. SIMPSON (United States of America) favoured the deletion of

paragraph 5. In his opinion the amendment suggested by the Soviet representative did not add anything essential because the financing of projects in developing countries was always on such terms as those countries were willing to accept.

53. Mr. TRIVEDI (India) said that he was in favour of the amendments put forward by the representatives of Pakistan, Ghana and the Soviet Union. He also favoured the retention of paragraph 5 but felt that it should be amended to read "Invites the attention of governments to the desirability of harmonizing their policies and activities in the field of industrial development in the various organs of the United Nations and related agencies, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 2152 (XXI)".

54. Mr. AWAN (Pakistan) said that his delegation could agree to the USSR amendment to paragraph 1 (iv) and also to the new wording of paragraph 5 proposed by the representative of India.

55. Mr. ANI (Nigeria) said that the wording just proposed by India was acceptable to his delegation.

56. Mr. DELVAUX (Belgium) had difficulty in accepting the wording of paragraph 5 proposed by India. He felt that positions rather than policies were at issue.

57. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland), supported by Mr. SUWARNASARN (Thailand), suggested that the relevant phrase in the Indian amendment might be changed to "harmonizing their positions".

58. Mr. TRIVEDI (India) agreed to that change.

59. Mr. ROBERTS (Canada), supported by Mr. ASANTE (Ghana), suggested that the phrase should be further amended to read "harmonising their own positions".

60. The Indian amendment to paragraph 5, with the proposed sub-amendments, was adopted.

61. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to take a decision on the amendments that had been proposed to operative paragraphs 1, 7 and 11. In addition to the amendments read out by the representative of Pakistan, there was the USSR proposal to add "on conditions which are acceptable to these countries" at the end of paragraph 1 (iv), and the proposal by Ghana to delete the last five words of paragraph 11.

62. The amendments were adopted.

63. The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution ID/B.L.40

64. Mr. BLAISSE (Netherlands), introducing the draft resolution, said that the name of Thailand should be added to the list of sponsors. The sponsors felt that, if the Board was to discharge its tasks adequately, it needed some preparatory organ of the kind that had been established in the case of other organizations. The procedure adopted at the present session had not proved altogether satisfactory; in particular, the assignment of the items concerning programme and co-ordination to different sessional committees had caused difficulties. Some small delegations had been unable to participate fully in two committees meeting concurrently. The proposed procedure might also make it easier for the Secretariat to supply additional information if it was requested during the session of a preparatory working group rather than during the session of the Board itself. The establishment of the working group might obviate the need for sessional committees, and would perhaps shorten the Board's session by about a week. It would probably therefore not entail additional expenditure. Some delegations would have preferred the establishment of a working group with a limited membership, but that would raise certain difficulties; for example, the total composition of the Board for 1969 would not be known until the next session of the General Assembly. The preference of most members seemed to be for a working group open to all members of the Board.

65. Mr. BEECROFT (Nigeria) supported the statement of the Netherlands representative, and especially the point that the proposal might enable the length of the Board's session to be reduced.

66. Mr. TUREMEN (Turkey) said that he was not opposed to the draft resolution but would like to see it improved. He thought that to make membership in the working group open to all members of the Board would be to defeat its very purpose. Just as the right of participation in the Board, which itself had a limited membership, was rotated among members of the United Nations and members of the specialised agencies, membership in the working group could be rotated among members of the Board. The best solution might be for members of the Board to

serve on the working group during the third year of their term. There would thus be a working group of fifteen members, fully representative of the various geographical groups.

67. He also felt that the working group should meet more than two weeks prior to each Board session, so that its report could be transmitted to members of the Board in good time, and that its officers should be elected according to the rules governing the election of the Bureau of the Board.

68. Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago) said that his delegation would be obliged to abstain from voting on the draft resolution as it now stood. He welcomed the principles underlying the resolution, but he did not think that a body performing the tasks described in the operative part could really be described as a "working group". With regard to the group's composition, he shared the view of the representative of Turkey. He also had a serious reservation regarding the last operative paragraph; if the group met only two weeks before the Board it could hardly perform a useful function. In effect, the proposal would amount to extending the session of the Board by two weeks.

69. Miss ROESAD (Indonesia) supported the draft resolution, believing that the proposed procedure would assist the Board in its work and possibly shorten its sessions. Since the group would be open to all members of the Board, each Government could decide whether it wished to participate or not.

70. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) said that, as one of the sponsors, he was aware that the draft resolution, which was a compromise text, had shortcomings, but he felt that it deserved support. It would provide an opportunity to survey the situation regarding industrial development in the developing countries as a whole, and to learn from the experience of countries which were already industrialised.

71. Mr. SIBI (Ivory Coast) said that although his delegation had sometimes opposed suggestions for the establishment of new bodies in the past, it supported the draft resolution before the Board in the belief that the proposed working group would increase the efficiency of the Board's work. He felt, however, that a working group composed of forty-five members would be too large, and that consideration should be given to the Turkish representatives suggestions in that regard.

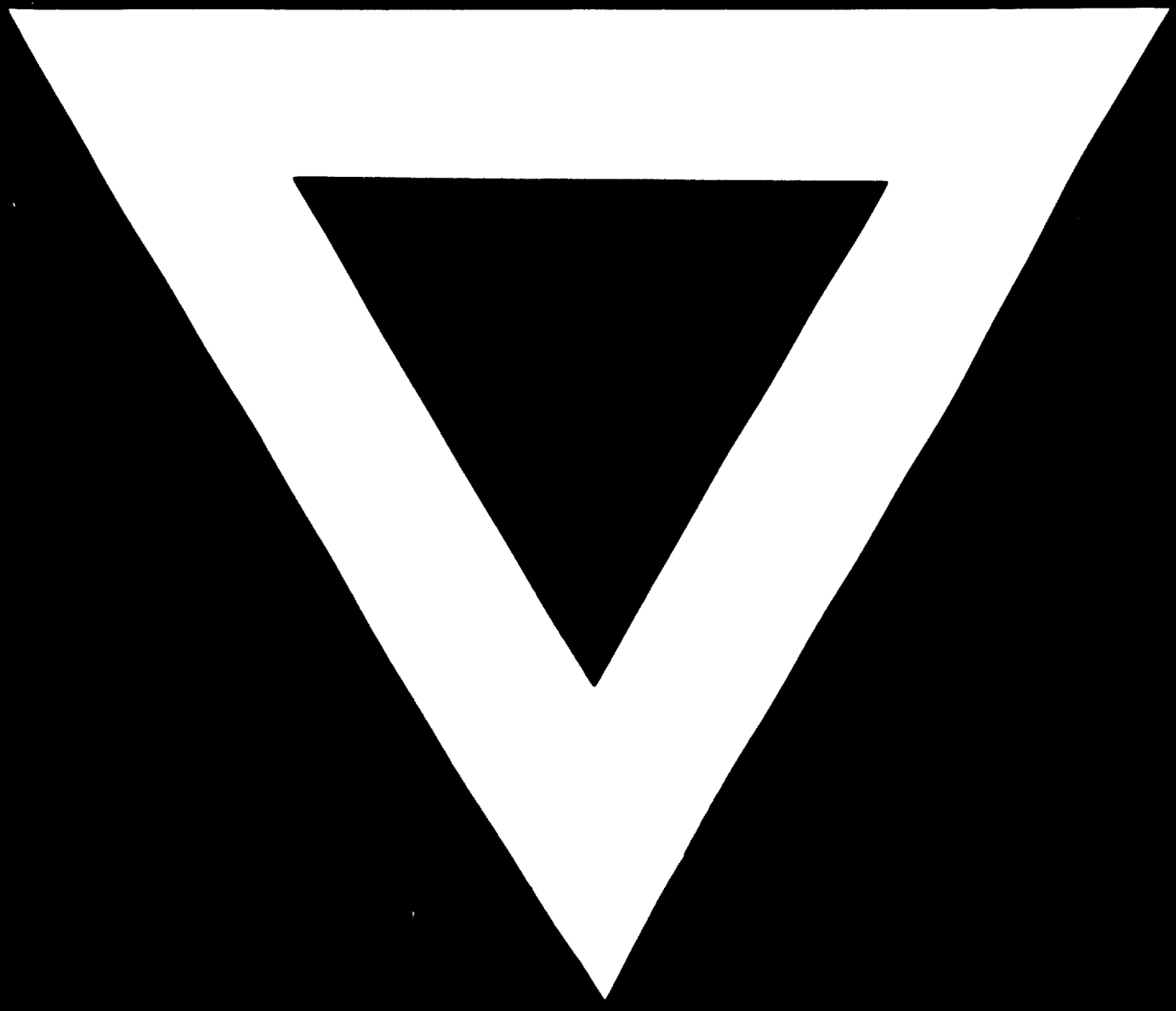
72. Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that he was inclined to share the feelings of the representative of Turkey regarding the proposed composition of the working group. If it was to be composed of forty-five members, perhaps it should be called a "committee" rather than a "working group". He also felt that what was really required was a committee on "programme and budget". At any rate, the Board's deliberations would certainly be assisted if a subordinate organ first examined the documentation and identified the most important points.

73. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) said that, although the aims of the draft resolution were laudable, he did not see any need for the establishment of a working group at the present stage. If there was a problem of time, the Board's session could be extended by a few days. He might favourably consider the possibility of a working group meeting for one week, but he would definitely be opposed to a two-week session. He was not sure that the proposal would necessarily enable the session of the Board to be shortened, because the working group's recommendations would still need thorough consideration by the Board.

74. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in view of the time factor, the Board should seek to reach agreement on the draft resolution in informal consultations and take a decision on it at the next meeting.

75. It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 7.15 p.m.



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