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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna,
on Saturday, 4 May 1968, at 5.05 p.m.

President: Mr. RICHARDS (Trinidad and Tobago)
Rapporteur: Mr. AGHASSI (Iran)

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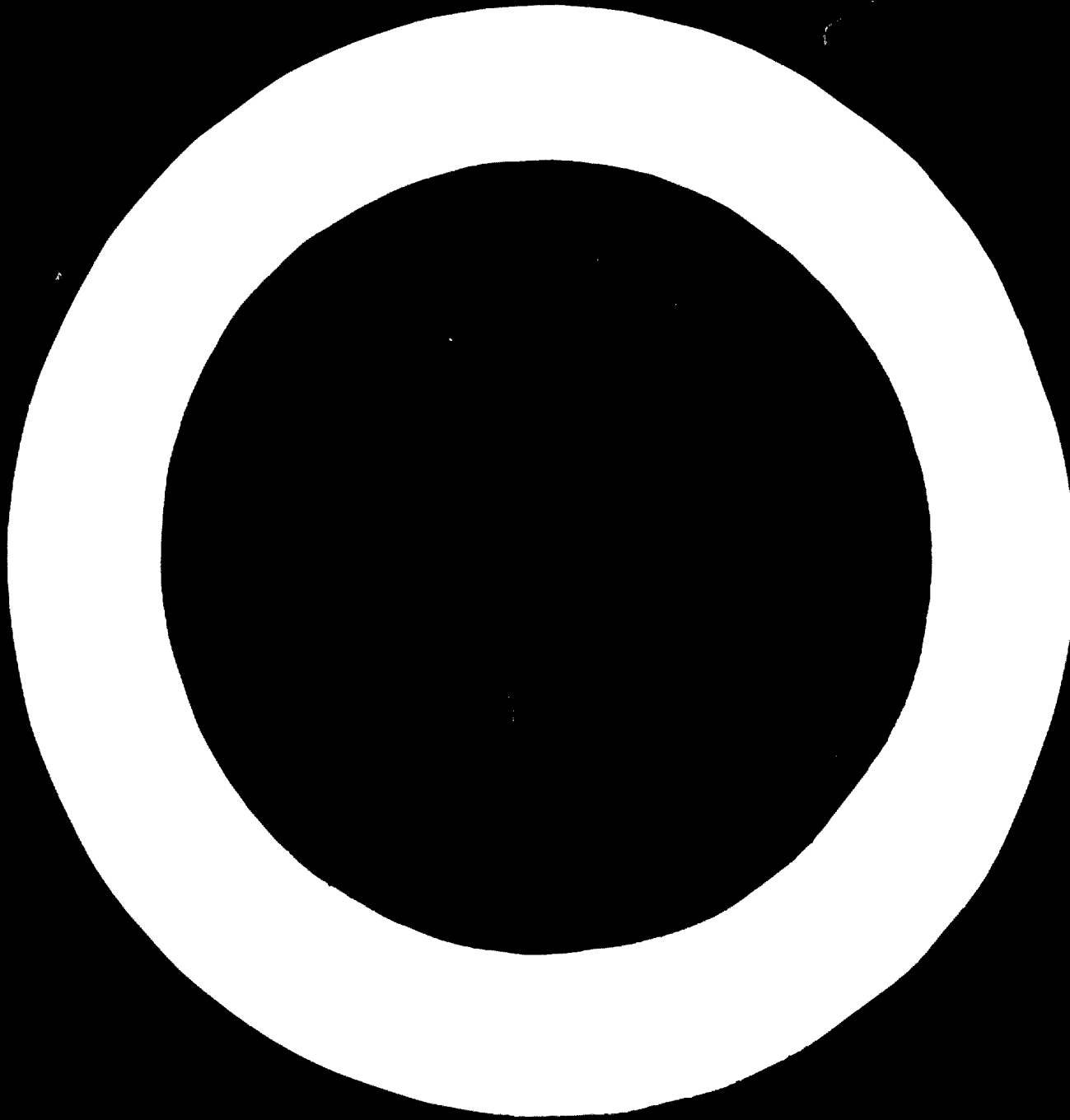
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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (ID/B/34) (continued)

1. The PRESIDENT informed the Board that it had been convened at the request of Committee I, which had a recommendation to submit to it.
2. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia), Chairman of Committee I, explained why the Committee had decided at its 19th meeting to submit to the Board a proposal by the representative of Jordan that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should be asked to communicate the budget estimates for 1969 to the Board before the end of its present session. The Executive Director, however, had stated that the Secretary-General had not yet made his budgetary recommendations known to the competent organs of the United Nations and that for the moment the only estimates available were those which he himself had submitted to the Secretary-General.
3. Mr. BEECROFT (Nigeria) thought that a question of principle was raised by the budgetary estimates submitted by the Executive Director. The Board, which was the governing body of UNIDO, was entitled to know those estimates and give its opinion on them. He had no objection in principle to the proposal before the Board but could not see its point; since the Executive Director undoubtedly possessed all the necessary information, the Board had only to ask the Secretariat to supply it.
4. Mr. TELL (Jordan) fully shared the view expressed by the representative of Nigeria, but thought that it would be preferable not to insist unduly on that point for the time being, in view of the legal implications. In any case the Board had not time to go fully into the problem at its present session. Since only the Secretary-General was empowered to submit budget estimates, it was to him that the Board should apply in order to receive the necessary information before the end of its present session.
5. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) wondered whether the Board should ask the Executive Director to obtain authorization from the Secretary-General to make the budget estimates available to the Board, or should apply directly to the Secretary-General.
6. At the request of the PRESIDENT, Mr. TELL (Jordan) read out his proposal which was worded as follows:

7. "Committee I requests that budget estimates for 1969 and onwards should be made available to the Board at its regular session, and requests the Secretary-General to authorize the release of these estimates to the Board at its present session".
8. Mr. AWAN (Pakistan) supported the Jordanian proposal.
9. The proposal was adopted without dissent.
10. Mr. BITTENCOURT (Brazil) repeated what he had said at the 19th meeting of Committee I: that the procedure did not seem to him to conform with rule 60, paragraph 3, of the Board's rules of procedure.
11. Mr. TELL (Jordan) explained for the information of the Executive Director that his proposal referred to the budget estimates drawn up by the Secretary-General and communicated to the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
12. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) stated that, as far as he was aware, the Secretary General had not yet announced his budgetary recommendations.

The meeting rose at 5.20 p.m.





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