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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Note by the Executive Director

International Symposium

1. At its twenty-first session, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee for Industrial Development and the Economic and Social Council, adopted resolution 2178 (XXI) in which it endorsed the decision of the Economic and Social Council to convene the International Symposium on Industrial Development in Athens, Greece, in December 1967 and noted with approval the recommendations of the Council concerning the preparation and organization of the Symposium. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) was called upon "to devote all necessary attention to the preparatory work for the Symposium to ensure its success", and the Industrial Development Board was requested in due course to study the recommendations of the Symposium and take appropriate follow-up action.

Agenda and Rules of Procedure

2. At its forty-first session the Economic and Social Council, on the recommendation of the Committee for Industrial Development, adopted resolution 1180 (XLI), amended by resolution 1185 (XLI), which recommended the provisional agenda as given in Annex I. These resolutions also recommended that the Symposium be governed by the rules of procedure as are shown in Annex II. The provisional agenda and draft rules of procedure are being transmitted to the Industrial Development Board for consideration and approval.

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3. The Symposium will be held in Athens from 29 November to 20 December 1967. Following the acceptance by the General Assembly of the offer by the Greek Government to act as host for the Symposium, consultations have taken place and are continuing between officials of UNIDO, the Geneva Office of the United Nations and the Greek Government regarding the facilities and preparations for the meeting. The Executive Director gratefully acknowledges the co-operation extended by the Greek authorities and the diligence with which the preparatory work is being carried out. In order to co-ordinate and expedite this work, the Government has set up a National Committee on Industrial Development, a Special Organization Committee and a Committee of Studies on Industrial Development. The National Committee is presided over by the Prime Minister of Greece.

Preparations for the Symposium

4. Preparations for the Symposium also included the circulation, in November 1966, of a third aide-mémoire, "Progress Report on International Symposium on Industrial Development", to Member Governments of the United Nations, to the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions of the United Nations. This aide-mémoire contained a preliminary list of the documents which will be presented to the Symposium by UNIDO, the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions. It also contained a list of the documents relevant to the Symposium which have been published by UNIDO and those being prepared under its current work programme. In Aide-Mémoire No. 2, industrial countries were invited to prepare documents for the Symposium on a number of subjects, including comments on the reports of the regional meetings held in 1965 and 1966 as the preliminary phase to the holding of the International Symposium, and on their national policies and activities related to the industrialization of developing countries. Aide-Mémoire No. 3 contained information regarding the form, length and deadline of submission of such material.

5. In December 1966 a brochure on the International Symposium was distributed widely to the general public through the United Nations Information Offices, and the Missions to the United Nations. The brochure mentioned the main problems facing the developing countries in their efforts to industrialize, the purpose and

organization of the International Symposium and the items to be discussed under its provisional agenda. The main results of the regional meetings were also briefly reviewed, together with a description of the work of the United Nations Centre for Industrial Development and the programme of work of its successor, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

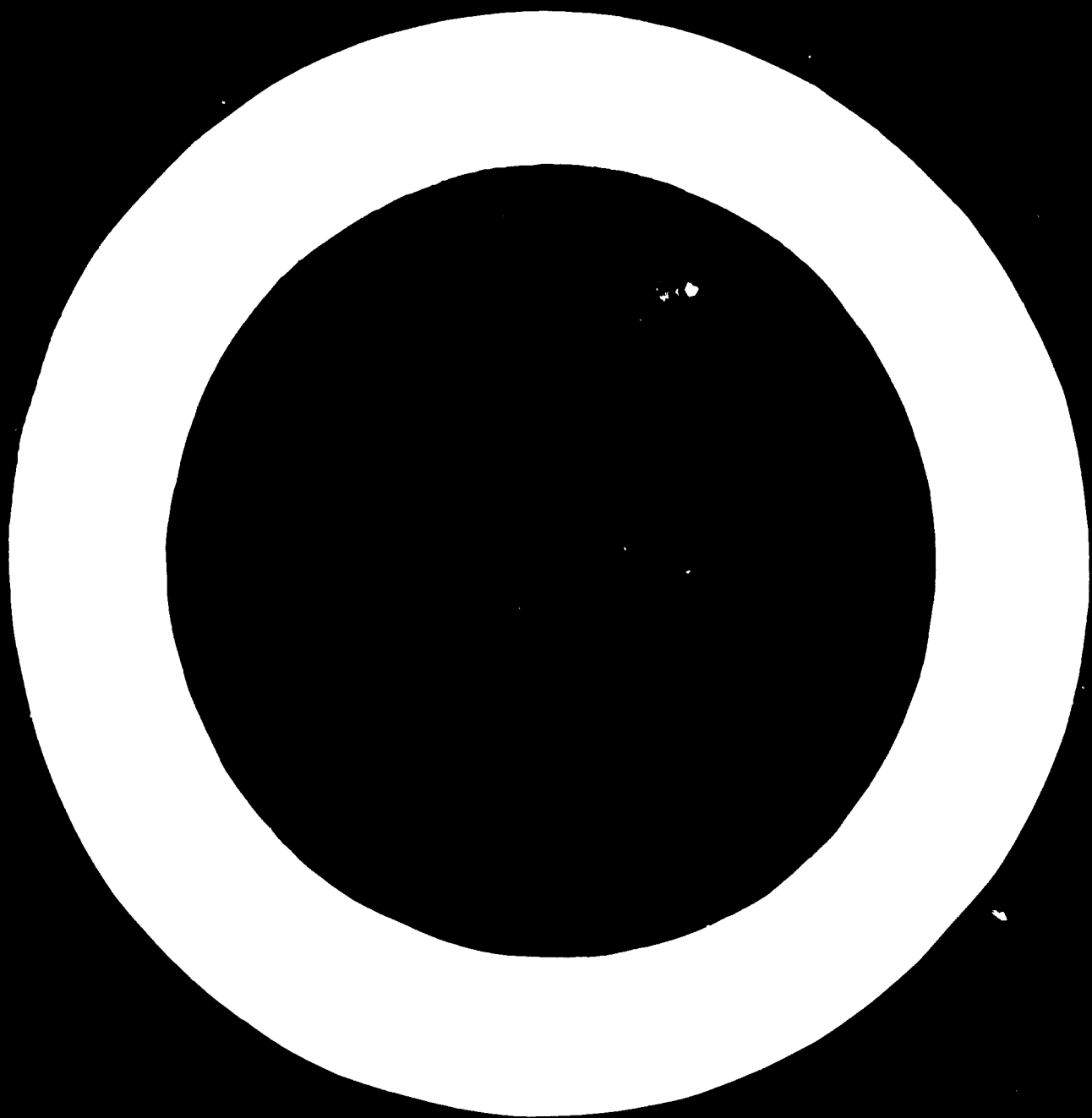
6. Approximately forty Governments have advised the Executive Director of UNIDO that they have made special arrangements for the handling of their participation in the International Symposium, including in many cases the establishment of national committees.

7. In Aide-Mémoire No. 2 Governments, particularly those which did not participate in the regional symposia, were requested to establish national machinery to prepare for their participation in the International Symposium; at the same time Governments of the industrial countries were requested to submit documentation on certain matters of interest to the Symposium. In this connexion officials of UNIDO have consulted with the Governments of over twenty industrial countries to discuss their preparations for the Symposium and their participation in the meeting. Consultations were held with national committees in such countries where these have been set up; with government officials and agencies; with industrial research and similar institutions; and with industrial, banking and financial organizations. It is expected that such consultations will extend to other countries.

8. During these consultations, among other matters, questions concerned with the general policies and strategy of industrial development of the developing countries were discussed. A paper containing a discussion of these issues, which was prepared by the Secretariat will be made available to members of the Board as a background document, for their information.

9. Consultations have continued with the regional economic commissions and with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the organization of the Symposium and in regard to the contribution of documents.

10. The preparation of documents for the Symposium is nearing completion. A paper will be prepared by the Secretariat on each item or sub-item of the agenda, outlining a number of issues for discussion. These issue papers will be distributed at an early date in order to assist Governments in their preparations.



ANNEX I

Provisional agenda for the International Symposium on Industrial Development

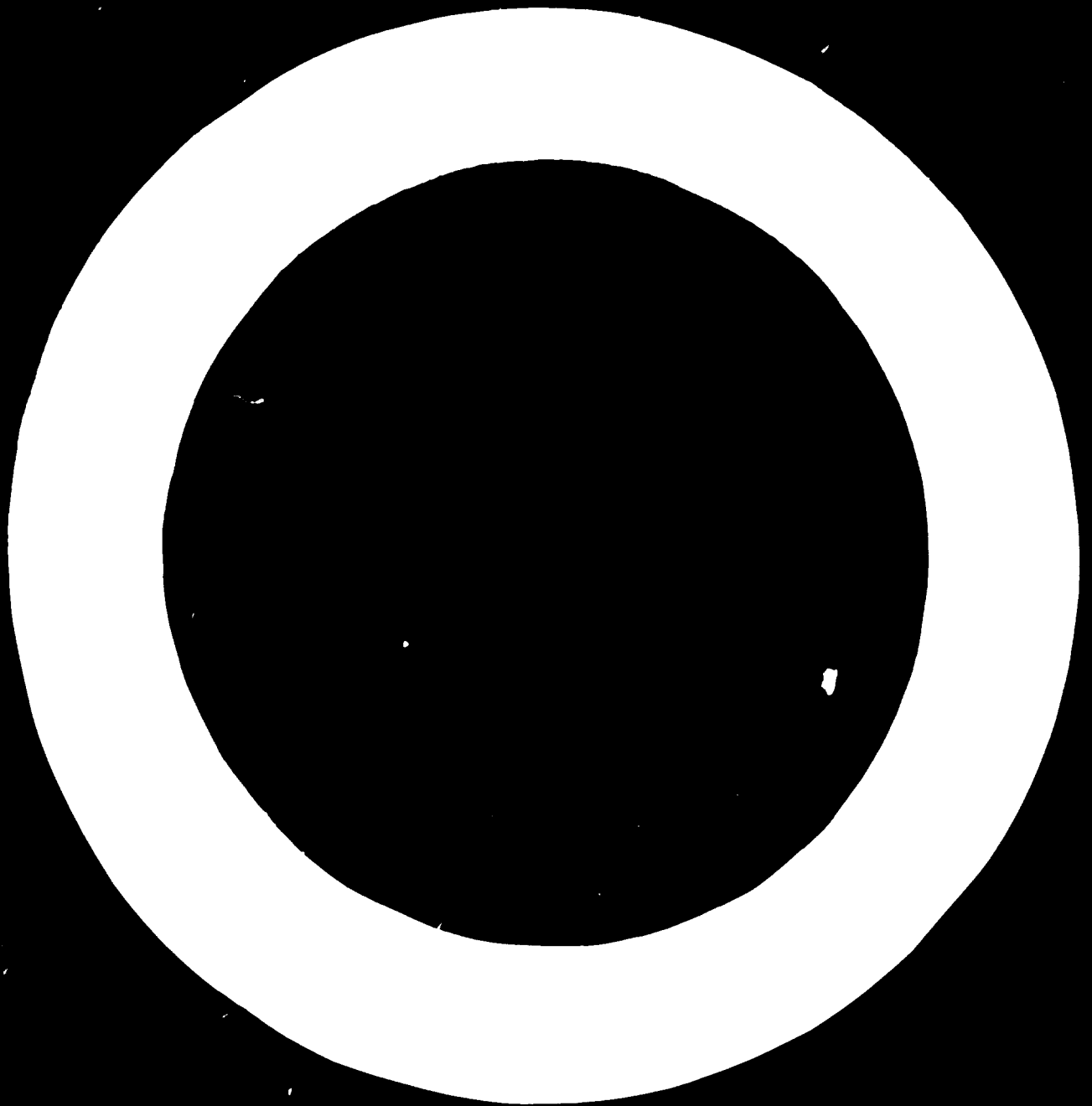
(Annex I of Resolution 1120 (XLI) of the Economic
and Social Council)

1. General survey of world industry with special reference to developing countries.
2. Situation, problems and prospects of main industrial sectors.
3. Policies and measures in developing countries.
 - (a) General issues of industrial policy and its implementation;^{a/}
 - (b) Formulation and implementation of industrial programmes;
 - (c) Industrial manpower;^{b/}
 - (d) Domestic financing of industry;^{c/}
 - (e) Administrative machinery for industrial development;
 - (f) Industrial research and other technical services;
 - (g) Promotion of industrial exports and of export-oriented and import-substituting industries;
 - (h) Small-scale industry.
4. International aspects of industrial development.
 - (a) Regional co-operation;
 - (b) External financing;
 - (c) Technical co-operation.

^{a/} Including the role of both the public and private sectors.

^{b/} Including training and management.

^{c/} To be taken together with item 4 (b).



ANNEX II

Draft rules of procedures for the International Symposium
on Industrial Development

(Annex II of resolution 1180 (XLI) as amended by Sections A and B of
Resolution 1185 (XLI)* of the Economic and Social Council)

Chapter I: Agenda, participation and credentials

Rule 1

The Symposium shall consider items included in the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and approved by the Economic and Social Council.

Rule 2

Each State invited to the Symposium may be represented by such number of representatives and advisers as may be required to ensure adequate discussion of the topics of the agenda.

Rule 3

The list of representatives of each participating State shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or his nominee, and communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Rule 4

Representatives of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and of intergovernmental bodies invited to the Symposium may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Symposium and its committees.

Written statements of such specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies shall be distributed by the Secretariat to the delegations at the Symposium.

* Section A of resolution 1185 (XLI) amended rule 14, Section B amended rule 16.

Chapter II: Officers and secretariat of the Symposium

Rule 5

The Symposium shall elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

Each Committee of the Symposium shall elect its own officers.

Rule 6

The Executive Secretary of the Symposium appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, shall be responsible for the preparation of the conference and all necessary arrangements for meetings. The staff required for the Symposium shall be provided by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Executive Secretary of the Symposium or any member of the Symposium staff designated for that purpose may, subject to the provisions of rule 8, make oral as well as written statements to the Symposium concerning any matter relating to it.

Chapter III: Organization of the work of the Symposium

Rule 7

The work of the Symposium shall be conducted in plenary and committee sessions.

Rule 8

The President shall declare the opening and closing of each plenary session of the Symposium, accord the right to speak and, subject to these rules of procedure, shall have complete control of the proceedings in the meeting and the maintenance of order therein. The President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion. He may limit the time on any question, close the list of speakers or close the discussions. He may suspend or adjourn the discussion on the item under consideration.

Rule 9

Representatives may address sessions of the Symposium only through recognition by the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall call upon speakers in the order in which they express their desire to speak.

Rule 10

The report of the Symposium or any part thereof, including recommendations and resolutions, may be adopted by a majority of the representatives present and voting. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be considered as not voting.

In regard to questions of procedure, decision shall be made by a majority of the representatives present and voting. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be considered as not voting. If the vote is equally divided, the proposal shall be considered as rejected.

Rule 11

At the request of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, designated by him, may preside over any plenary session of the Symposium. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Rule 12

Each committee of the Symposium shall be presided over by the chairman of the committee, whose powers and functions shall be similar to those of the President of the Symposium at plenary sessions as provided in rules 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Rule 13

The documents submitted to the Symposium shall consist of two categories: (1) documents for general distribution, which shall be made available in English, French, Russian and Spanish; (2) background documents which shall be made available in their original language and as far as needed in the working language of the Symposium.

Chapter IV: Languages

Rule 14

Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the working languages of the Symposium.

Rule 15

Speeches made in one of the working languages of the Symposium shall be interpreted into its other working languages.

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Chapter IX: General provision

Rule 20

In respect of matters which are not covered by these rules, the relevant provisions of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly shall apply.





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