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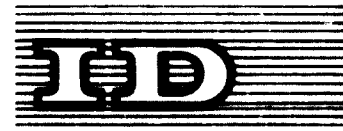
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(1) INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT

The Role of the United Nations in the Training
of National Technical Personnel

Notes by the Executive Director

1. Pursuant to resolution 1824 (XVII) of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session, a Report on Training of National Technical Personnel for Accelerated Industrialization of the Developing Countries (E/3901 and Add.1 and 2) was prepared by the Centre for Industrial Development in co-operation with the specialized agencies. This report has been considered as the first comprehensive survey of the entire subject in question. Moreover, the Report provides basic recommendations for national and international action in the field of training of technical personnel for industrial development.^{1/} The Report was presented to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session.

2. The Economic and Social Council, considering that the provision of trained personnel in adequate numbers and covering appropriate skills is an essential element in the achievement of the rapid and self-sustained economic growth of developing countries, adopted resolution 1029 (XXXVII) which, inter alia, (a) transmitted the Secretary-General's report directly to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to the regional economic

^{1/} United Nations document E/3901, paras. 101-105.

commissions and to the Committee for Industrial Development for their comments and recommendations, (b) requested the Secretary-General to transmit the report to Governments for their comments and recommendations, to review the comments and recommendations and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council, and, (c) transmitted the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session for appropriate action. In implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1029 (XXXVII) the report was transmitted in May 1965 to the Governments of all Member States for their comments and suggestions.

3. Subsequently the Secretary-General's report on training of national technical personnel was reviewed by the General Assembly at its twentieth session. The General Assembly emphasized the need to expand work in this area and adopted resolution 2090 (XX) requesting the Centre for Industrial Development to continue and to expand such activities financed from the funds of the United Nations Development Programme and to co-ordinate them with the related activities of the specialized agencies concerned, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional economic commissions. The General Assembly also requested Governments, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions to consider the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report and to transmit to the Secretary-General their comments and suggestions. Further, the General Assembly in its resolution 2090 (XX) requested the Secretary-General to report on the action taken in accordance with the above-mentioned requests, and on proposals for further measures in this field, to the seventh session of the Committee for Industrial Development, which would present its recommendations on the question to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session for consideration and submission to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.

4. An account of the activities and programmes of work is contained in document ID/B/4 submitted to the first session of the Industrial Development Board. The work of other agencies in this field is contained in document ID/B/3 which is also before the Board. As of 1 February 1967 only four replies providing comments and suggestions on the Secretary-General's report on training of national technical personnel had been received from the Governments to which it was transmitted in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1029 (XXXVII).

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Although they generally support the proposals and recommendations made in the report, they do not provide sufficient material to prepare a report as foreseen in General Assembly resolution 2090 (XX). It is considered appropriate once again, to draw the attention of the member Governments of the United Nations and, in particular, the members of the Industrial Development Board to the above-mentioned report and to the importance of submitting detailed comments and suggestions to the Secretary-General on the recommendations contained therein.





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