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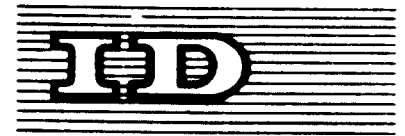
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First Consultation Meeting on the
Petrochemical Industry
Mexico City, 12-16 March 1979

ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Date and place

1. The First Consultation Meeting on the Petrochemical Industry will open on Monday, 12 March 1979, at 10 a.m. Participants are requested to be in their seats by 9.45 a.m. for the opening session to start promptly at 10 a.m.
2. The meeting will be held in the Conference Centre of the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Nonoalco 1, Zona Postal Tlatelolco, Mexico D.F. The sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Registration of participants

3. Registration will open on Sunday, 11 March, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will continue on Monday 12 March from 8.30 a.m. Participants will be directed to the registration desk in the Conference Centre.

Identification badges

4. Participants will be given identification badges bearing their names and country or organization when they register. For security reasons, the display of the badge issued by the conference secretariat is necessary for admittance to the conference area and the meeting rooms.

List of participants

5. A provisional list of participants containing names communicated to the UNIDO secretariat by 5 March will be made available with other documents on Sunday 11 March. Participants whose nominations will not have been sent to UNIDO by 5 March are invited to hand in their nomination to the registration desk upon arrival. The final list of participants will be issued on Wednesday, 14 March.

Documents

6. Participants are invited to bring the documents they have received for the meeting through advance despatching. Documents will be available at the documents distribution centre in the conference centre on Sunday 11 March from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on subsequent days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., or to the closure of the daily session.

(a) As the following documents have been distributed to Governments in advance of the meeting, only a limited number of copies will be available in Mexico:

- First World-wide Study of the Petrochemical Industry: 1975-2000 (UNIDO/ICIS.83) prepared by UNIDO's International Centre for Industrial Studies, and
- Appendices to the above First World-wide Study of the Petrochemical Industry (UNIDO/ICIS.83/Add.1);
- Report of the Global Preparatory Meeting to prepare for Consultations on the Petrochemical Industry, Vienna, 27-29 November 1978 (ID/WG.291/2);

(b) The following documents, which will not be distributed in advance, will be available in Mexico for all participants:

- The Preparation of a model form of contract covering the licensing of patents and know how in the petrochemical industry - Note by the UNIDO secretariat;
- The Establishment of a working group on the world supply and demand of petrochemicals - Note by the UNIDO secretariat;
- Action needed from governments and industry in developed and developing countries in order to increase the share of developing countries in world petrochemical production - Note by the UNIDO secretariat

Reservation of hotel rooms

7. Participants seeking assistance with hotel reservations are asked to contact the travel agency appointed by the Government for this purpose: TURISMO MISION, Tlacotalpan 37, Mexico 7 D.F. (Telex: 01773182 petra-inset; attention Mr. Roberto Trauwitz y Razo).

Currency

8. The local currency is the peso (as of 16 February 1979, approximately 22.7 pesos = 1 US dollar). To purchase pesos in Mexico it is advisable to have travellers cheques or an easily convertible currency. There is no restriction on reconverting Mexican pesos into other currencies on departure.

Bank

9. There is a bank within walking distance of the conference area.

Snack bar

10. A snack bar will be in operation during the meeting.

Weather forecast

11. The temperature in Mexico City varies between 24 C^o during day time and 10 C^o minimum at night.

Plant visits

12. The following plant visits are being arranged and full details will be available at the registration desk.

Wednesday 14 March - During lunch break

Visit to the laboratories of the Instituto Mexicano del Petroleo

Saturday 17 March - Full day visit

Visit to the petrochemical complex at Puebla/Tlaxcala.

13. Information regarding possible visits to other petrochemical plants after March 18, will be available at a special desk in the conference centre.

UNIDO conference reception centre

14. There will be a reception centre at the airport open on Saturday 10 March and Sunday 11 March.

..... 15. Two luggage labels are attached to be affixed to your luggage to facilitate customs clearance in Mexico.



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