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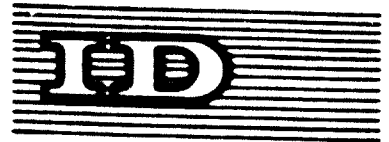
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Introduction

1. At its third session, the Industrial Development Board considered a draft resolution (documents ID/B/L.59 and ID/B/L.59/Add.1), submitted by Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay, on the establishment of subsidiary organs of the Industrial Development Board.^{1/} After discussions, the Industrial Development Board decided that it would be premature to take a decision on this subject at the third session and agreed (a) that the draft resolution should be referred to the next session of the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination immediately preceding the fourth session of the Board and (b) that, in the meantime, the secretariat should ascertain the views of member States on the subject and submit them to the next session of the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination (A/7617, para. 346, 347).

2. Accordingly, a circular letter was sent by the secretariat on 13 June 1969 to all member States of UNIDO, inviting them to communicate their views on the matter to the secretariat before 1 September 1969. Another circular letter was sent out on 18 September 1969 to those governments which had not replied by the deadline set out above.

Summary of replies

3. The replies received from the member States can be classified in three categories: those supporting the establishment of subsidiary organs of the Industrial Development Board; those not in favour of such establishment; and those refraining from taking a position on the question.

4. The Governments of the following member States of UNIDO indicated that they supported the establishment of subsidiary organs of the Industrial Development Board: Cambodia, China, Dahomey, Guatemala and Republic of Korea.

^{1/} See A/7617, p.343.

5. The Governments of the following countries indicated that they were not in favour of the proposal: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Ceylon, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Ghana, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Madagascar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom and United States of America.

6. The views expressed by the group of Governments enumerated in the preceding paragraph can be summarized as follows:

- (a) The functions of the proposed subsidiary organs of the Board can be adequately carried out by the Board itself, assisted by its Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination;
- (b) As it was decided at the third session of the Industrial Development Board to institutionalize the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination, which proved satisfactory, there seems to be no need, at least at present, to establish further subsidiary organs of the Board. As the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination is to deal with the entire complex of problems confronting UNIDO, it would not seem advisable to create new subsidiary organs that would duplicate the activities of the Working Group. If, later on, it would appear that the solution of certain problems pending before the Board would require the establishment of an ad hoc subsidiary organ, the question could be reconsidered;
- (c) The considerations made at the third session of the Board with regard to the possible re-orientation of the future role of UNIDO so as to improve the efficiency of the Organization have not been concluded. Consequently, no new institutional arrangements should be made that might have to be revised in order to meet new situations;
- (d) The establishment of further subsidiary organs of the Board would lead to a considerable increase of work for the secretariat and would result in a rise of administrative expenditure at a time when the United Nations Organization has to face serious financial problems;
- (e) The documentation requirements for the sessions of the subsidiary organs would divert part of the activities of UNIDO from providing practical assistance to developing countries;

- (f) The considerable increase of meetings resulting from the establishment of subsidiary organs of the Board would be contrary to the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences for the reduction of meetings of United Nations bodies;
- (g) Unlike UNCTAD, there is no need for dividing the functions of UNIDO by setting up three specialized committees that would hamper the implementation of a coherent industrialization policy;
- (h) In the face of the inflation of subsidiary organs within the international organizations, it is questionable whether all governments would be in a position to delegate highly qualified experts to attend the sessions of the proposed subsidiary organs;
- (i) With regard to the suggested committee on Planning, Programming and Financial Matters, the question of priorities for UNIDO could be discussed by representatives of a small group of countries, in independent meetings, at the time of the sessions of the Board. Moreover, the question remains whether general directives for an industrialization policy and its financing could not better be drafted by a group of independent experts;
- (j) With regard to the proposed Committee on Technology and Manpower and the Committee on Industries, it seems more efficient to deal with the subjects in question in ad hoc meetings of experts organized by UNIDO;
- (k) It will be difficult to find persons who are really specialized in the entire field of technology and manpower, or on the subject covered by the Committee on Industries. As a result, the discussions in these committees would again be fairly general and therefore of little value to UNIDO;
- (l) By ruling that the committees have to meet at least once a year at a fixed date, regardless of whether there is need for discussing substantive issues at that time or not, an undesirable element of pressure and rigidity might be introduced;
- (m) A regional approach might be far more effective as most of the matters to be dealt with by the proposed subsidiary organs are being handled by regional organizations and their subsidiaries.

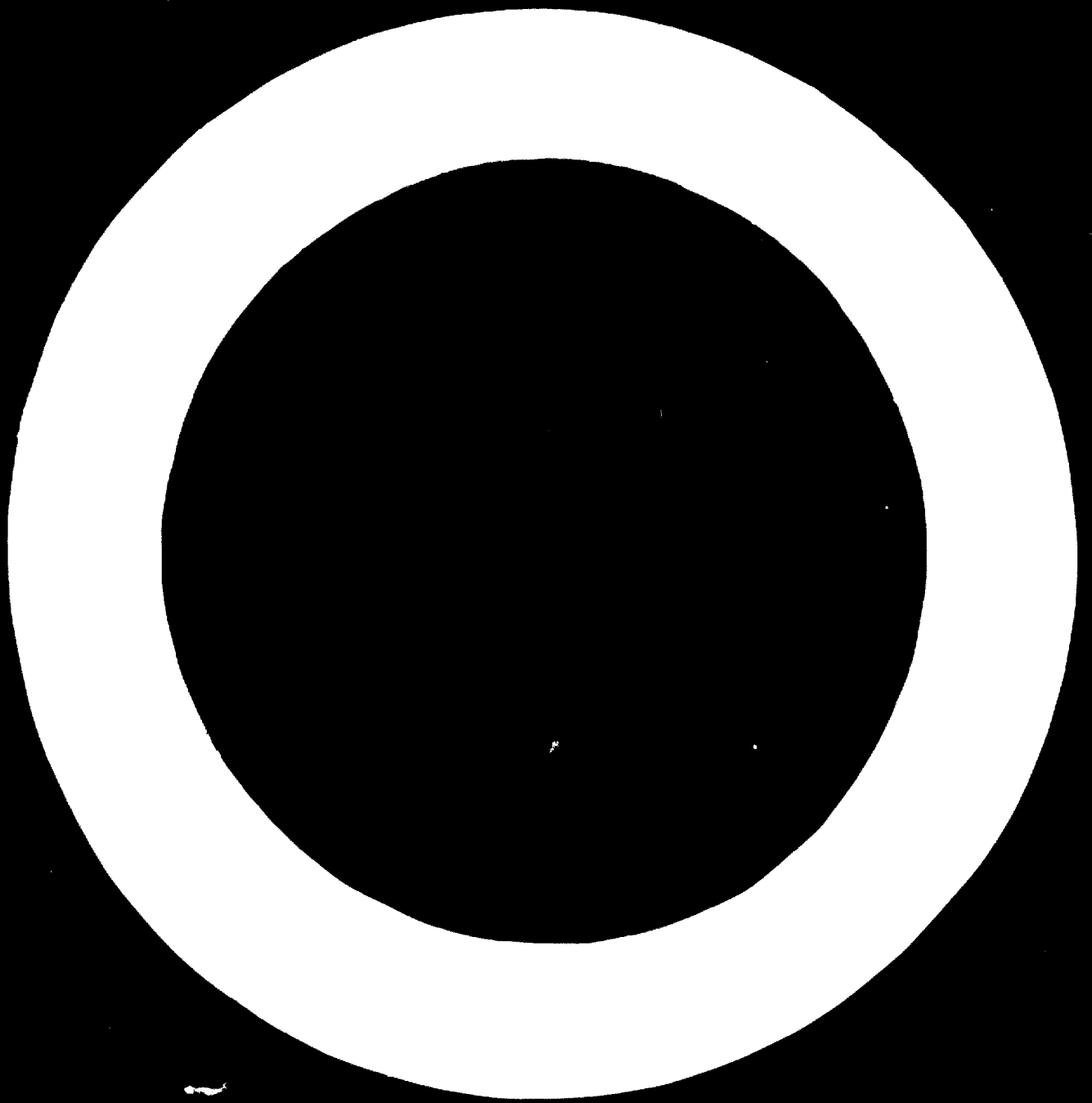
7. A third group of Governments of member States of UNIDO, Ethiopia, Spain and Sweden, refrained on the following grounds from taking a position either in favour of or against the proposal:

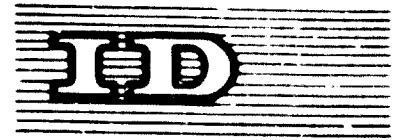
- (a) Taking into account the views expressed by the various governments, the secretariat of UNIDO should prepare, before the next session of the Board, a detailed survey on the need for and the tasks of such subsidiary organs.
- (b) The matter should be discussed at the special meeting of all member States of UNIDO, which is to be held within the framework of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1970. The question should be considered in the light of the additional experience acquired by UNIDO, taking into account also the deliberations of the fourth session of the Industrial Development Board.
- (c) It is difficult to express views on the issue because the contents of the draft resolution and the functions of the proposed subsidiary organs are not clearly explained. The danger of the proliferation of the organization set-up of UNIDO and the fragmentation of its efforts might lead to inefficiency and waste which are to be avoided.

8. The Governments of two member States, Cyprus and Ireland, refrained from expressing any opinion on the matter.

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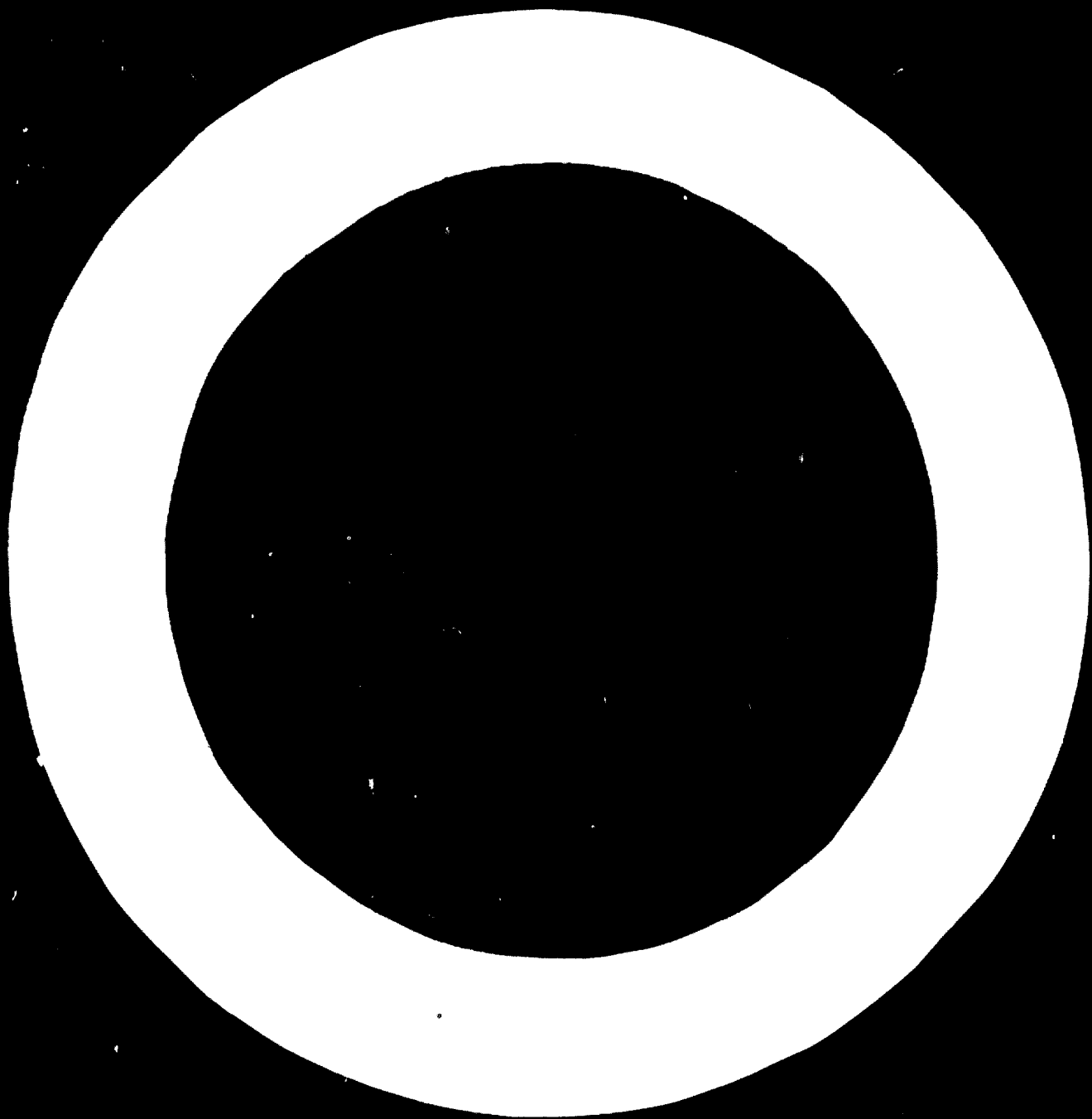
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Addendum

1. Since the issuance of document ID/B/71, the Governments of the following member States have informed the secretariat of their views on the question of the establishment of subsidiary organs of the Board.
2. Laos and the United Arab Republic should be included in the list of countries supporting the establishment of subsidiary organs of the Board (ID/B/71, paragraph 3).
3. Pakistan should be added to the list of countries not favouring the constitution of such organs (ID/B/71, paragraph 4).

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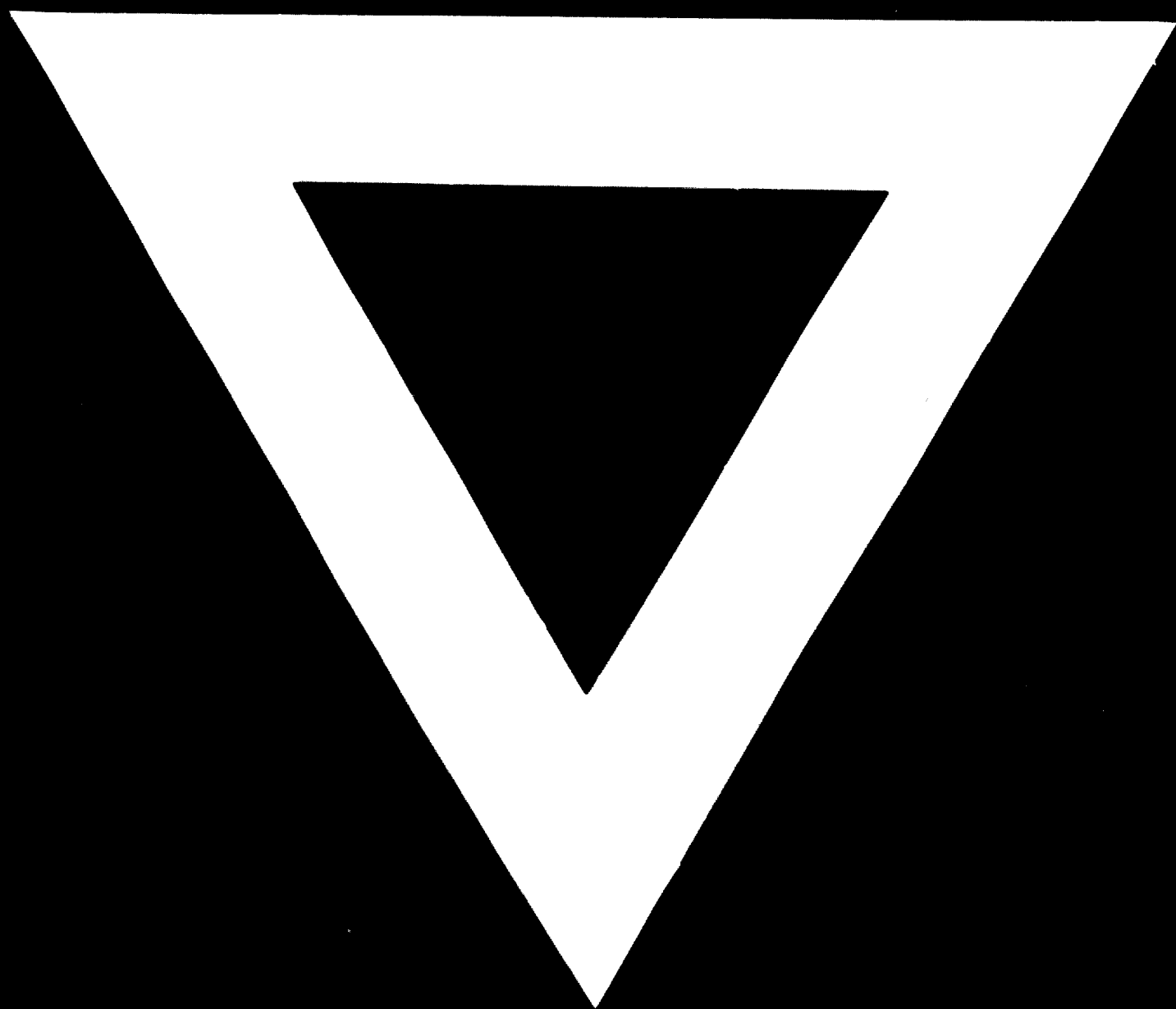
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Paragraph 2, last line

Change to read as follows: "(ID/B/71, paragraph 4)."

Paragraph 3, last line

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(ID/B/71, paragraph 5)."



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