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on Thursday, 30 April 1970, at 10.45 a.m.

President: Mr. SEDIVY (Czechoslovakia)

Rapporteur: Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago)

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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION (ID/B/L.76/Add.7 and 8) (continued)

ID/B/L.76/Add.7

Paragraphs 1 and 2

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 were adopted.

Paragraph 3

2. Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the second sentence of paragraph 3 should be amended to read: "Another delegation pointed out that success in co-ordinating the activities of all United Nations bodies and agencies in the economic and social fields, including UNIDO's activities in the co-ordination of industrial development aid, depend on a strengthening of the central co-ordinating role of the Economic and Social Council".

3. It was so decided.

4. Paragraph 3, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 4

5. Mr. KAMATH (India) suggested that the words "agreement with FAO and UNIDO" in the fourth line of the English text should be replaced by the words "agreement between FAO and UNIDO".

6. It was so decided.

7. Paragraph 4, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 5

8. Paragraph 5 was adopted.

Paragraph 6

9. Mr. LECOURTIER (France) proposed that the following sentence should be inserted at the end of paragraph 6: "One delegation considered that, in the field of export promotion, UNIEC should co-operate with UNCTAD, which bears the main responsibility in that respect".

10. It was so decided

11. Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 7

12. Mr. LECOUTIER (France) pointed out that his delegation would like to make a few stylistic amendments to paragraph 7; it would submit those amendments directly to the Rapporteur.

13. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) proposed that the last sentence of paragraph 7 should be amended to read: "Another delegation suggested closer co-operation between UNIDO and ILO on manpower studies and UNESCO on technical education programmes".

14. It was so decided.

15. Paragraph 7, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 8

16. Mr. HALASZ (Hungary) suggested that the words "other delegations" at the beginning of the second sentence of paragraph 8 should be replaced by the words "several other delegations", and that the following sentence should be added to the end of the same paragraph: "In this connexion, it was pointed out that the principle underlying the operation of the Bank is different from that of the United Nations system".

17. It was so decided.

18. Mr. KAMATH (India) suggested that the words "it was pointed out" in the text of the amendment proposed by the Hungarian delegation should be replaced by the words "they pointed out".

19. It was so decided.

20. Paragraph 8, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 9 to 16

21. Paragraphs 9 to 16 were adopted.

Paragraph 17

22. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) suggested that the words "on co-ordination" should be inserted at the beginning of the paragraph following the word "documentation".

23. It was so decided.

24. Paragraph 17, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 18

25. Paragraph 16 was adopted.

Document ID/B/L.75/Add.7 as a whole was adopted.

26. Chapter IV of the Report (ID/E/L.76/Add.7), as amended, was adopted as a whole.

ID/B/L.76/Add.8

27. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider Chapter IV of the report (ID/B/L.76/Add.8).

Paragraph 1

28. Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that the second sentence of the paragraph did not faithfully reflect his delegation's view. He consequently proposed that it should be replaced by the following text:

"One delegation supported the planned survey of the organizational structure of the UNIDO secretariat. It stressed the need to re-examine that structure and to improve the distribution of staff by reducing the staff of the administrative services, while increasing that of the main substantive divisions, and also to eliminate the duplication of tasks among the various services of UNIDO. The same delegation drew attention to the fact that none of the members of the United Nations Secretariat team which had been created to carry out that survey belonged to the same geographical region as his country: that was an abnormal situation which denoted a unilateral approach to the execution of that important task. It asked the Executive Director to remedy this abnormal situation and arrange for the survey team to be constituted in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution".

29. It was so decided.

30. Mr. SPETTFELT (Federal Republic of Germany) considered it normal that each delegation should wish to see its point of view faithfully expressed in the Board's report. He did not, however, remember having heard the USSR representative make such a request to the Executive Director.

31. Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) reminded the Board that, in his remarks at the 101st meeting, he had said: "I think that the Executive Director should personally take steps to ensure that the membership of the team is more fully representative". Although he had on that occasion used a metaphor, he had indeed addressed an explicit request to the Executive Director.

32. Mr. STEDTMELT (Federal Republic of Germany) withdrew his objection.

33. Mr. SLAZON (Philippines) said that he would like the report to place greater emphasis on the need to increase the professional staff in the section responsible for technical assistance to the countries of Asia and the Far East.

34. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) thought that the Philippines representative's request could be taken into account by inserting after the first sentence in the paragraph a sentence worded as follows: "One delegation referred in particular to the Section for Asia and the Far East".

35. It was so decided.

36. Paragraph 1, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 2 and 3

37. Paragraphs 2 and 3 were adopted

Paragraph 4

38. Mr. MALIKI (Nigeria) said that he would like the first sentence of the paragraph to bring out more clearly the need for a more equitable distribution of professional staff, not only among the various regions, but also within each region. He therefore proposed that the phrase "particularly as regards representation of various geographical regions" should be replaced by the words "as regards both representation of various geographical regions and of the countries within a region".

39. It was so decided.

40. Mr. HALASZ (Hungary) asked that, for the sake of precision, the words "several delegations" in the second line should be replaced by "many delegations" and the words "one delegation" in the eighth line by "some delegations".

41. It was so decided.

42. Paragraph 4, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 5

43. Paragraph 5 was adopted.

Paragraph 6

44. Mr. KAMATH (India), referring to the opinion expressed by his delegation regarding the recruitment of experts, proposed that the words "..., with due regard to their competence" should be added to the last sentence in the paragraph.

45. It was so decided.

46. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) proposed that a sentence worded as follows should be added to the end of the paragraph: "One delegation hoped that the briefing of prospective project personnel could be made more systematic".

47. It was so decided.

48. Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 7

49. Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) reminded the Board that, following the discussion on questions concerning the administration of the secretariat, Mr. Pirckhead had stated that the observations made by delegations would be taken into account. He regretted that paragraph 7 made no mention of that fact.

50. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that the necessary steps would be taken to cover Mr. Pirckhead's remarks in the report.

51. Paragraph 7 was adopted, subject to the addition proposed by the USSR delegation.

Document ID/B/L.7/Add.8 as a whole was adopted.

52. Chapter VI of the report (ID/B/L.6/Add.8), as amended, was adopted as a whole.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.





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