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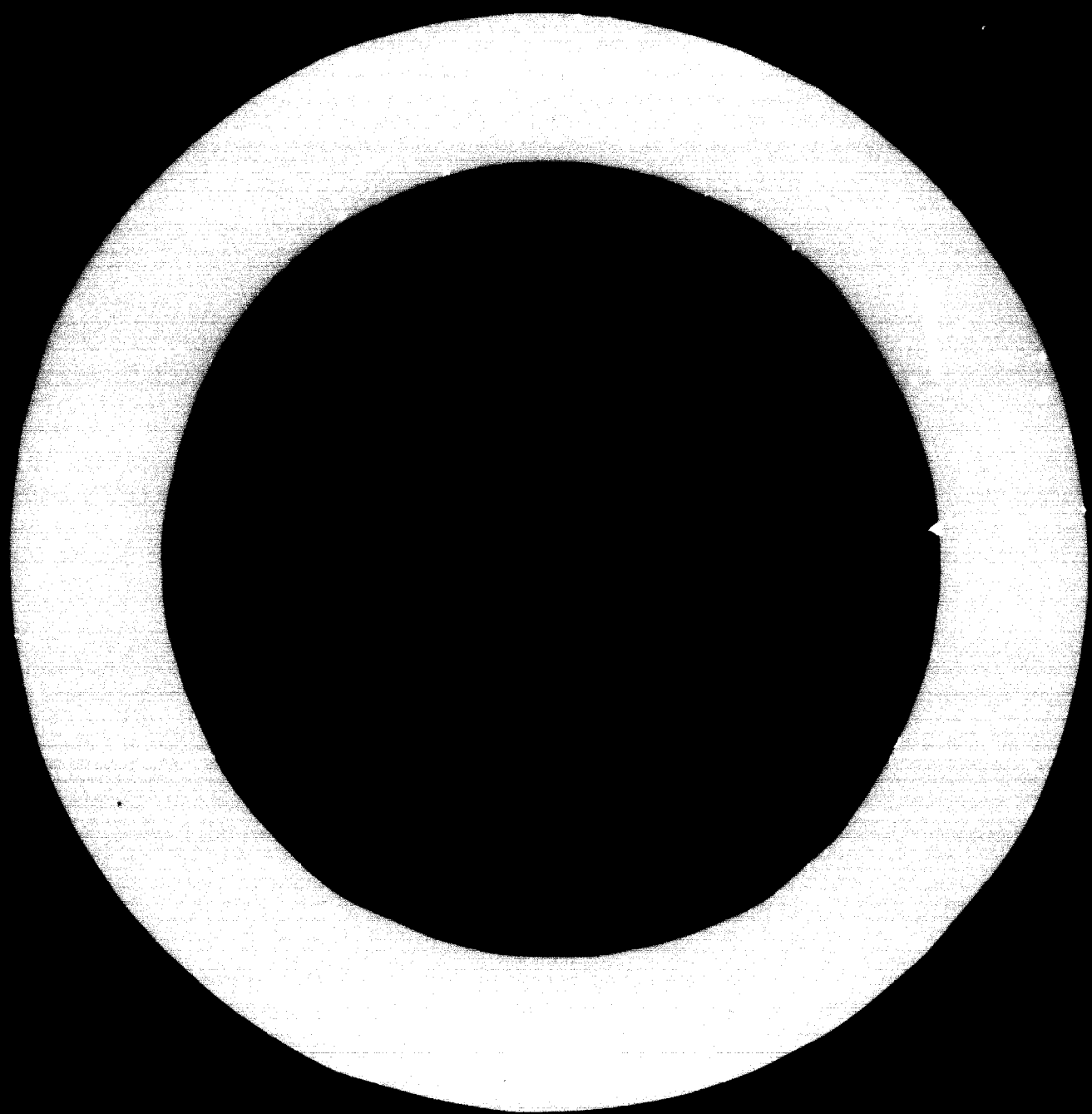
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REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF SELECTED ACTIVITIES OF UNIDO

NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



1. The Special International Conference of UNIDO drew attention to the importance of evaluation of UNIDO activities and, in this connexion, recommended, inter alia, that UNIDO undertake periodical evaluation of its activities in various countries, in close co-operation with the Governments concerned.^{1/} The Industrial Development Board, at its fifth session, noting with satisfaction the country evaluation reports on Jamaica and Senegal,^{2/} made a number of recommendations as regards evaluation of UNIDO activities.^{3/}

2. Accordingly, a Working Group for Evaluation was set up at UNIDO to explore, in consultations with UNIDO headquarters and field staff, the material for evaluation to be submitted to the sixth session of the Board; to identify certain principles and concepts of evaluation that might guide the work of the UNIDO secretariat in preparing the material and to define the approaches and concepts that UNIDO would gradually evolve in its evaluation efforts; and to keep under examination different aspects of the progress of the work of evaluation.

3. The evaluation of UNIDO activities is being carried out gradually owing to the limited resources available to UNIDO. The evaluation material being submitted to the Board has been chosen therefore on a selective basis; it is presented in the following manner:

- (a) Separate documentation on evaluation with addenda;
- (b) Evaluation material embodied in selected projects or project components of the work programme.

4. Evaluation documentation submitted to the sixth session of the Board is as follows:

- (a) Report on the evaluation of selected activities of UNIDO (ID/B/98)
 - Evaluation reports: Cyprus (ID/B/98/Add.1)
 - Evaluation reports: Somalia (ID/B/98/Add.2)
 - Evaluation reports: Thailand (ID/B/98/Add.3)
 - Evaluation reports: UNIDO/IDCAS co-operation (1970-1971) (ID/B/98/Add.4)
 - Evaluation reports: UNIDO publication programme (ID/B/98/Add.5)
- (b) Evaluation material embodied in the work programme
 - Evaluation of the UNIDO Industrial Promotion Service (IPS)
(ID/B/97(Part II,Add.1), paras.131-135)
 - Evaluation of the UNIDO in-plant group training programmes
(ID/B/97(Part II,Add.1), paras.335-339)

^{1/} Consensus resolution ID/3CU/Res.1, para.1(p), document A/8341/Rev.1.

^{2/} Documents ID/B/93/Add.1 and 2.

^{3/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No.16, document A/8416.

"Summary record of the one hundred and ninth meeting", Industrial Development Board, fifth session, document ID/B/SH.109, paras. 27, 30, 41, 81, 85.

5. The purpose of the evaluation exercise on the country level is to provide effective follow-up on the joint activities carried out by UNIDO and the national authorities with a view to studying past experiences so as to improve present and future performance. The countries involved in the exercise receive added insight into problems encountered on the country level and benefit from the spirit of partnership in technical assistance programming prevailing under these conditions. While results of evaluation may show some critical aspects of these country programmes, such criticism should be viewed as a means of improving co-operation and co-ordination on the country level. It should be pointed out that the country evaluation exercises have not endeavoured to evaluate the over-all industrialization programmes of the countries concerned, but only UNIDO country co-operation.

6. Evaluation of UNIDO's co-operation with an intergovernmental organization such as the Industrial Development Centre for Arab States (IDCAS) allows an assessment to be made of how UNIDO's limited resources have been combined with the resources of another organization to provide an increasing volume of services to the member States of UNIDO.

7. Through an evaluation of UNIDO's publication programme, the UNIDO secretariat is able to identify problems encountered in carrying out this programme, and to determine ways and means needed for improving the dissemination, outside the organization, of information of UNIDO's activities both at headquarters and in the field.

8. The evaluation material has been prepared by UNIDO staff without the assistance of outside consultants. As regards UNIDO country co-operation, basic data were prepared by the UNIDO secretariat and sent to the respective UNIDO Industrial Development Field Advisers for discussion with the national authorities concerned. The country reports have been based on a joint examination by the Governments concerned and UNIDO of the technical co-operation activities carried out by UNIDO in the country concerned from 1967 to 1971.





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