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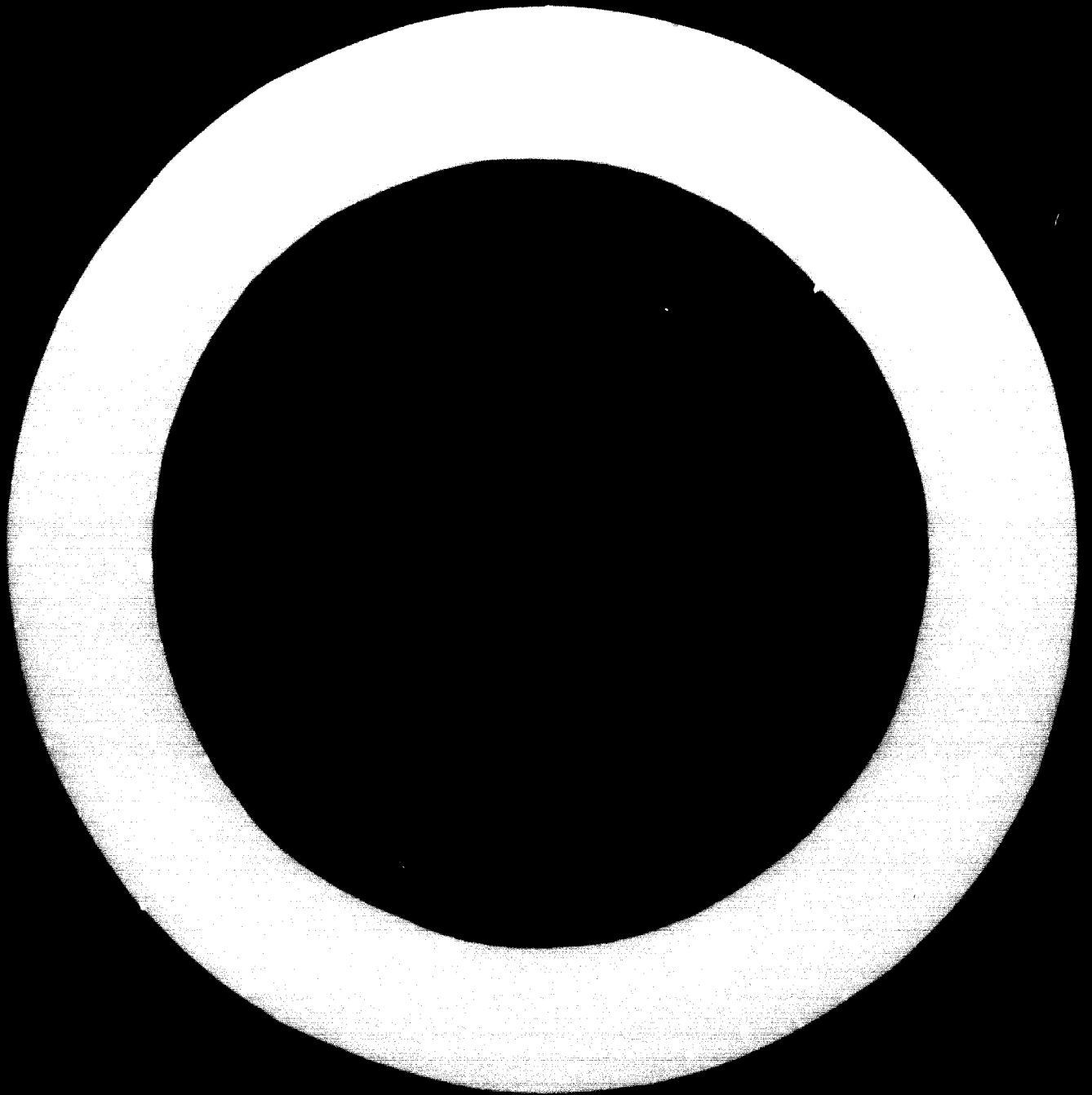
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REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION DERIVING FROM THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT



1. The recommendations of the Special International Conference on Development, held in the Republic of Indonesia (UN/Doc.), are contained in document UN/Doc. 1971/1, which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session (see paragraph 19(XVI)). The General Assembly, in turn, made some additional recommendations in relation to the deliberations at the Conference. The present document deals with several of the recommendations that call for follow-up action.

2. Some of the recommendations in the above-mentioned resolutions are addressed to the Industrial Development Board, inviting it to give special attention to certain aspects of UNIDO's activities. Such recommendations are summarized in paragraphs 3 to 8 below.

Long-range strategy of UNIDO

3. In operative paragraph 8 of the Consensus Resolution, the Industrial Development Board is invited "to keep constantly under review at its sessions questions concerning the long-range strategy of UNIDO".

Industrial technology and infrastructure

4. Operative paragraph 10 of the Consensus Resolution requests the Industrial Development Board "to devote continuing attention to the problems relating to the application, adaptation and development of technology and establishment of an industrial infrastructure in developing countries within the competence of UNIDO, including industrial information, and to ask the Executive Director to strengthen the existing services within the secretariat to deal with this matter".

Permanent Committee of the Industrial Development Board

5. In accordance with the recommendation, in operative paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2823 (XXVI), which was based on operative paragraph 9 of the Consensus Resolution, the Industrial Development Board at its sixth session should set up as its subsidiary org. a permanent committee of the Board which should hold two regular sessions a year, the first of about two weeks' duration, just before the convening of the Board, the second of about one week's duration, in the latter part of the year. In anticipation of this decision, provision for the financing of the first session of the permanent committee which, if approved, would be held in the autumn of 1972, has been included in the additional appropriation under Section 16 of the United Nations budget for 1972, approved by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session (see paragraph 20 below).

Convening of a general conference of UNIDO in 1974 or 1975

6. Following the recommendation in operative paragraph 7(a) of the Consensus Resolution, the Industrial Development Board is requested in operative paragraph 4 of the General Assembly resolution 2823 (XXVI) to propose to the General Assembly, in due time, the necessary measures for convening another general conference of UNIDO in 1974 or 1975 and to make recommendations

for a provisional agenda. In operative paragraph 12 of the Consensus Resolution, the Board has already also recommended that, as part of the preparatory work for the conference, the Board of UNIDO, the Board "should keep under consideration the proposal submitted to the special International Conference on the changes and improvements in the industrial structure" mentioned in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2452 (XXI), in order to meet the growing needs in the field of industrial development".

8. In accordance with the proposals of the Industrial Development Board concerning the general conference, including the date of the conference and the provisional agenda, the Secretariat will take the necessary steps with regard to the financial and administrative arrangements and to the initiation of the preparatory work for the conference.

Work programme and budget of UNIDO

6. According to operative paragraph 14 of the Consensus Resolution, "the Board should, in the light of budget estimates presented to it by the Executive Director after verification of the estimates by the United Nations Controller's Office, provide at its annual session for an exchange of views among its members with respect to the basis on which those estimates have been established and on the relationship of the programme of work to such estimates, in order to give the Fifth Committee a clearer indication of the adequate level of the budget and of the priorities to be assigned to the various elements of the work programme and other head-quarter's activities".

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9. A number of recommendations are related to the United Nations Development Programme of assistance in industry. The relevant recommendations are summarized in paragraphs 10 and 11 below.

Special Industrial Services

10. The General Assembly, in operative paragraph 8 of its resolution 2623 (XXVI), urged the Governing Council of UNDP "to plan the level of its programme reserve in such a way that a minimum of \$2 million may be retained annually for financing the Special Industrial Services programme, and that additional resources be provided in the light of future requirements based on demonstrated needs".

UNDP projects in the field of industrial development

11. In operative paragraph 7 of resolution 2623 (XXVI), the General Assembly endorsed "the initiative taken by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1617 (LI) of 20 July 1971, to ensure that special attention should be given by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with the priorities assigned by the developing countries, to the requests for assistance made in the field of industrial development, in particular by the least developed among the developing countries, and including industrial technological development and industrial pilot projects". In operative paragraph 9 of the same resolution, the Administrator of UNDP is requested "to give, among the pilot projects

continued in paragraph 12 of the present report. The work programme of the Programme at its twenty-seventh session, in June 1972, particularly stressed the need to "accelerate industrial technological development".

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12. Other recommendations involve a follow-up by the Secretary-General. Some of these recommendations relate to various aspects of the work programme of UNIDO and are being taken into account under the respective items of the work programme for 1972 and 1973 (document ID/B/97) as well as in the preparation of the programme for the following years. Recommendations on which specific action was required are described in the following paragraphs.

Appointment of a group of high-level experts to define the long-range strategy for the activities of UNIDO

13. In compliance with the request in operative paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2823 (XXVI), which was based on the recommendation in operative paragraph 2 of the Consensus Resolution, consultations with Governments were initiated with a view to establishing a roster of candidates from which members of the Expert Group would be selected at a later date by the Secretary-General for appointment. To that effect, a letter was circulated on 2 December 1971 to Member States by the Executive Director, on behalf of the Secretary-General, requesting names of candidates by 31 December 1971. As of the date of the drafting of this report, nominations had been received from 20 Governments. It is expected that the appointments of the members of the Group will be made by the Secretary-General by the middle of February and that the Expert Group will be able to hold its first meeting in March 1972.

Ad hoc intergovernmental committee to examine all aspects of UNDP/UNIDO co-operation

14. According to the provisions in operative paragraphs 11 and 12 of General Assembly resolution 2823 (XXVI), the Secretary-General of the United Nations is to convene "an Ad Hoc Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization composed of those Member States whose representatives are currently serving as officers of the Governing Council of the Programme and the Industrial Development Board" to examine in detail, in consultation with the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNIDO, all aspects of co-operation between the two organizations, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, together with the comments of the Governing Council of UNDP and those of the Industrial Development Board.

15. The bureaux of these two legislative bodies are currently composed of representatives of Denmark, India, Mexico, Bulgaria and Uganda, for the Governing Council of UNDP, and of representatives of Ghana, Italy, India, Costa Rica and Hungary, for the Industrial Development Board. The above-mentioned Governments will be invited by the Secretary-General to nominate their representatives to the Committee. Consultations are in progress with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of UNDP for arrangements on convening the Committee in time for it to submit its report to the General Assembly, according to the procedure described above.

Establishment of an information clearing-house

16. Operative paragraph 1(d) of the Consensus Resolution recommends the establishment of an information clearing-house. The implementation of this recommendation is included in the work programmes for 1972 and successive years, which provide for the creation of an information clearing-house under an appropriation approved by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session (see document A/B408/Add.22).

Evaluation of UNIDO's activities

17. In compliance with the recommendations in operative paragraphs 1(p) and 15 of the Consensus Resolution, the secretariat is submitting to the Industrial Development Board for consideration seven documents on the evaluation of the activities of UNIDO (see documents ID/B/95 and Add.1-5 and ID/B/100).

Review of the organization and the structure of UNIDO's secretariat

18. In operative paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 2823 (XXVI), the Executive Director of UNIDO was invited "to review the organization and the structure of its secretariat, with a view to adapting it to the changing needs of the work programme in the light of the International Development Strategy and, in particular, to the needs for effective implementation of the operational activities of the organization, and to submit appropriate reports and proposals thereon to the Industrial Development Board".

Greater autonomy of UNIDO in administrative matters

19. Attention is drawn to operative paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2823 (XXVI) whereby the General Assembly "considers it desirable that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should have greater autonomy in administrative matters, including the recruitment of personnel and management of its publications programme".

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20. For the implementation of these recommendations, contained in the above paragraphs, that require additional financing, a total special appropriation of \$250,000 under Section 16 of the United Nations budget for 1972 was approved by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the assumption that the Secretariat would be in a position to absorb within the previously approved budget costs in excess of that amount. It will be noted that this appropriation is subject to the over-all economy measures that are being taken by the Secretary-General.





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