



**TOGETHER**  
*for a sustainable future*

## OCCASION

This publication has been made available to the public on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation.



**TOGETHER**  
*for a sustainable future*

## DISCLAIMER

This document has been produced without formal United Nations editing. The designations employed and the presentation of the material in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries, or its economic system or degree of development. Designations such as “developed”, “industrialized” and “developing” are intended for statistical convenience and do not necessarily express a judgment about the stage reached by a particular country or area in the development process. Mention of firm names or commercial products does not constitute an endorsement by UNIDO.

## FAIR USE POLICY

Any part of this publication may be quoted and referenced for educational and research purposes without additional permission from UNIDO. However, those who make use of quoting and referencing this publication are requested to follow the Fair Use Policy of giving due credit to UNIDO.

## CONTACT

Please contact [publications@unido.org](mailto:publications@unido.org) for further information concerning UNIDO publications.

For more information about UNIDO, please visit us at [www.unido.org](http://www.unido.org)



D04303



Distr.  
GENERAL  
ID/B/108  
3 March 1972

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

---

## Industrial Development Board

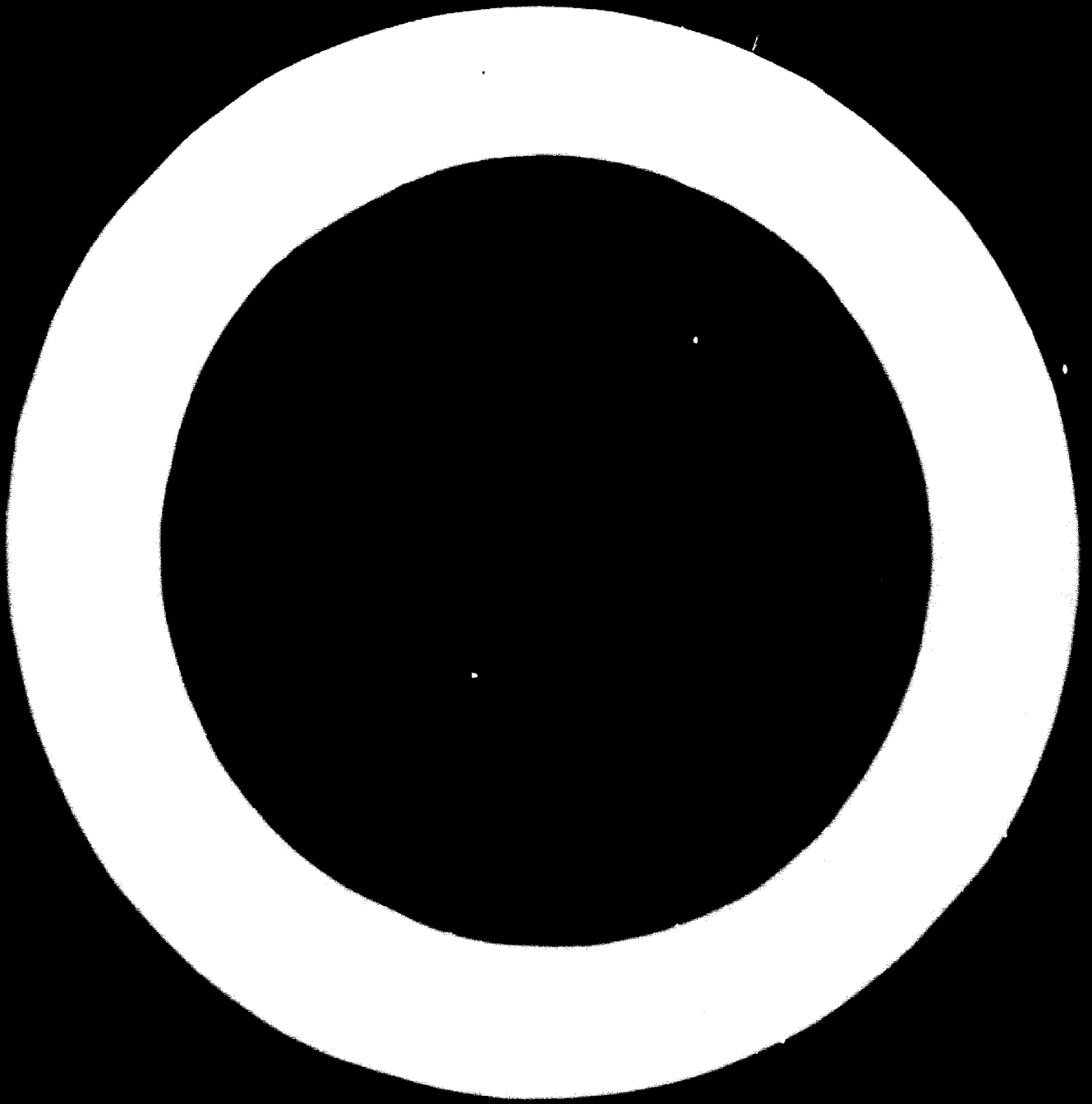
Sixth Session

Vienna, 23 May - 2 June 1972

Agenda item 12

### REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Contents

	<u>Paragraph</u>	<u>Page</u>
Introductory note	1	3
Publications and documentation	2 - 5	3

Annexes

I. List of the reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit that are of relevance to UNIDO		5
II. Comments by the Executive Director of UNIDO on the "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations" (A/8362), particularly on Chapter VIII dealing with UNIDO	1 - 5	6

## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. In documents ID/B/75 and ID/B/87<sup>1/</sup> reference has been made to the provisions concerning the arrangements for handling the reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit. In accordance with the established procedures, the Executive Director submits for the consideration of the Industrial Development Board at its sixth session a list of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit that are of relevance to the field of activities of UNIDO. This list is contained in annex I.

## PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION

2. The General Assembly, having considered part A of the "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations documentation and on the organisation of the proceedings of the General Assembly and its main bodies" and the observations of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>2/</sup> on it, adopted resolution 2836 (XXVI), entitled "Publications and documentation of the United Nations". It was requested in operative paragraph 3 of that resolution that the reports submitted to the General Assembly by its subsidiary organs, of which the Industrial Development Board is one, should be drafted on the basis of the following principles:

- "(a) The reports should be action-oriented and concise and should contain precise information confined to a description of the work done by the organ concerned, to the conclusions it has reached, to its decisions and to the recommendations made to the General Assembly;
- (b) Introductions containing background information should, as far as possible, be confined to matters of substance rather than procedure and should contain only what it is essential to bring to the notice of the General Assembly;
- (c) The account of the deliberations should be concise and should be supplemented, as necessary, by cross-references to the summary records;
- (d) Texts available in easily accessible documents should not be incorporated in or annexed to the report;
- (e) Texts which are not easily accessible should not be annexed when their substance can reasonably be incorporated in the main body of the report;
- (f) Participants should not be listed by name, unless they are serving in their individual capacity."

3. The General Assembly, in resolution 2886 (XXVI), took note of the "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations" and of the preliminary comments thereon by the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>3/</sup> In operative paragraph 2 of its resolution, the General Assembly

<sup>1/</sup> "Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit", submitted to the Industrial Development Board at its fourth and fifth sessions.

<sup>2/</sup> Documents A/8319 and Corr.1, A/8488, A/8532 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>3/</sup> Documents A/8362, A/8540, A/8624.

requested the intergovernmental bodies concerned to "consider the specific recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and to transmit their observations, through the Economic and Social Council where appropriate, to the General Assembly in time for consideration at its twenty-seventh session". In this connexion, reference is made to document A/8540, dated 30 November 1971, where in paragraphs 10 and 12 (c) the attention of the Industrial Development Board is drawn to the Inspector's recommendations relating to publications of UNIDO.

4. The Industrial Development Board, in dealing with the Inspector's recommendations on UNIDO publications, may wish to consider the comments of the Executive Director of UNIDO on the "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the recurrent publications of the United Nations"; the comments are contained in annex II to the present report. Furthermore, the Industrial Development Board may also wish to take into consideration document ID/B/38/Add.5, entitled "Evaluation report: UNIDO publication programme".

5. In conclusion, it may be noted that the General Assembly, at its twenty-seventh session, is due to review the question of the future of the Joint Inspection Unit, and for this purpose it has requested the views of the Secretary-General as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the governing bodies of the specialized agencies concerned, the Economic and Social Council, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Joint Inspection Unit itself.

## ANNEX I

### LIST OF THE REPORTS PREPARED BY THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT THAT ARE OF RELEVANCE TO UNIDO

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title of document</u>
<u>E/5048</u>	<u>Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations activities in Indonesia (R.M. Macy)</u>
Add.1	- Comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrator of UNDP
Add.2	- Observations of the Advisory Committee on Administration and Budgetary Questions
Add.3	- Comments of the Secretary-General of WMO
Add.4	- Comments of the Director-General of UPU
<u>A/8319 and Corr.1</u>	<u>Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations documentation and on the organization of the proceedings of the General Assembly and its main bodies</u>
A/8488	- Note by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
A/8532 and Corr.1 and 2	- Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session
<u>A/8362</u>	<u>Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations (R.M. Macy)</u>
A/8540	- Note by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

## ANNEX II

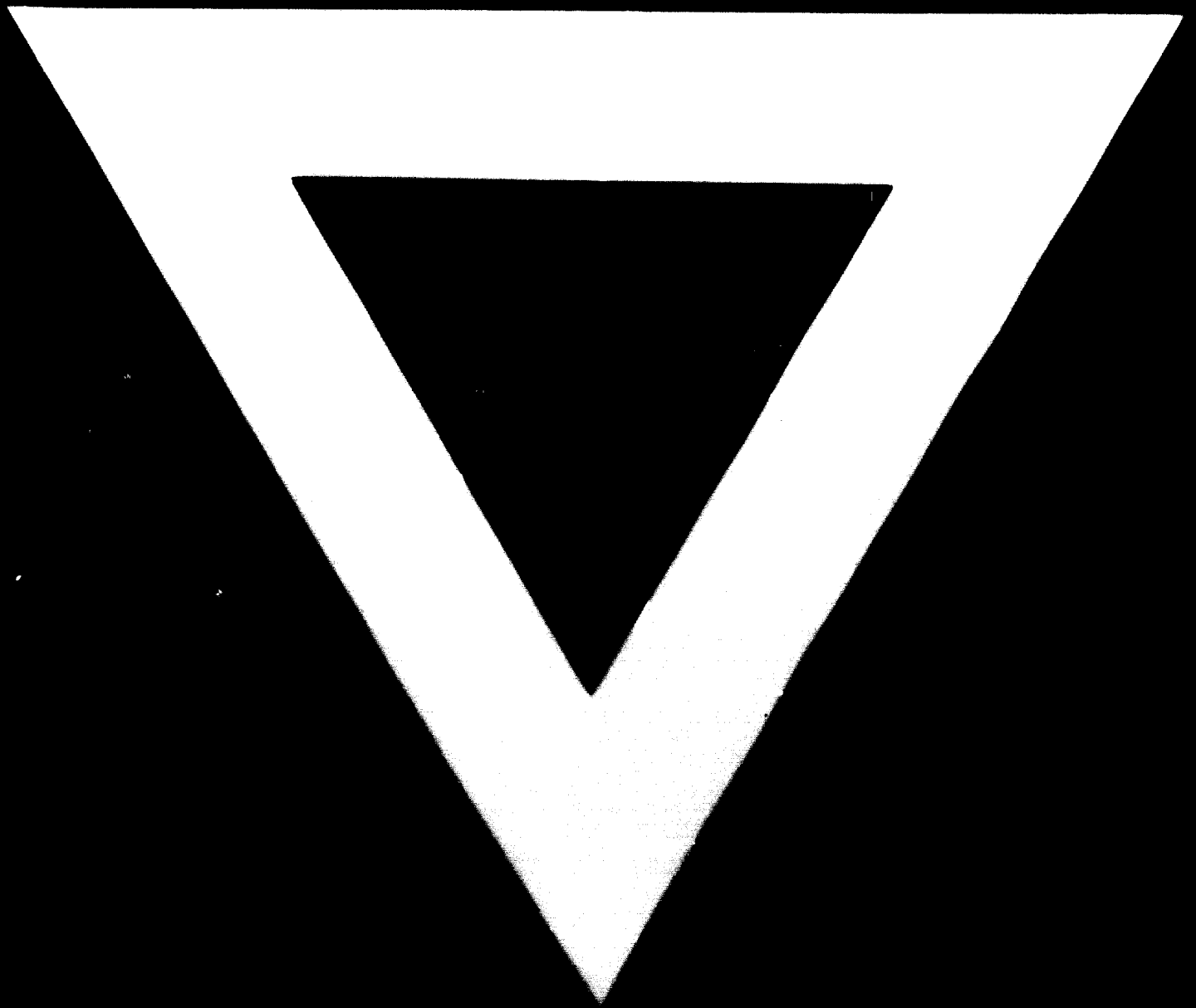
### COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO ON THE "REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THE PROGRAMME OF RECURRENT PUBLICATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS" (A/8362), PARTICULARLY ON CHAPTER VIII DEALING WITH UNIDO

1. Mr. Macy's survey of the recurrent publications of the various organizations and departments of the United Nations contains, in Chapter VIII, a review of UNIDO's publications and in particular with the efforts to control and reduce the volume of publications in accordance with the resolution of the United Nations. UNIDO agrees with Mr. Macy on the need for a strategy or plan behind the large number of individual publications and notes that his report indicates that a good beginning has been made by UNIDO in this respect.
2. There are, however, in Chapter VIII, a few inconsistent assumptions which Mr. Macy has made with regard to UNIDO's publications. He states, for example, that all the recurrent publications of UNIDO are being prepared by consultants who have been engaged, utilizing the consultant funds of the regular budget of UNIDO. The Industrial Development Survey, referred to in paragraph 211 of the report, is based entirely on the efforts of UNIDO staff members. Within the Industrial Policies and Programming Division of UNIDO there is a section that has been specifically entrusted with the preparation of this Industrial Development Survey. The material contained in the Industrialization and Productivity Bulletin, as well as in the Industrial Research and Development News, is based on the contributions received not only from the various staff of the United Nations but also from outside authors.
3. Furthermore, it does not fully correspond to facts to state in paragraph 217 that most of the consultant funds were spent only to hire authors for publications and for writing papers for meetings. The consultant funds of UNIDO have been utilized primarily to obtain specialists who could provide UNIDO with advice on specific problems and highly specialized experts who could advise on various complex technological and industrial matters. These funds have also been used to bring various recognized leaders in the fields of technology, industry and business to Vienna to advise UNIDO on current developments, on the establishment of contacts between research organizations, development banks and other financial organizations etc. Consequently, any recommendation made by Mr. Macy with regard to the further use by UNIDO of consultant funds is slightly out of context.
4. In paragraph 210 (c), Mr. Macy states that UNIDO has grown so fast that its senior officials are under heavy pressure to maintain reasonable control over its operations. It might have been more correct to state that the demands made on UNIDO by the developing countries are so great in relation to UNIDO's actual resources that its senior officials are constantly under heavy pressure to provide not only the required services, but also to prepare the necessary publications. UNIDO has been requested, for instance, to update a number of its publications and to extend their coverage to manifold aspects of industrial development. UNIDO has been unable to do so, however, owing to lack of funds.



5. UNIDO has already set up a rigid control over the quality and quantity of its publications. These efforts are being reported regularly to the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO, as are all publications planned during a given programming period. Every year, the Industrial Development Board approves the programme of work of UNIDO, including its programme of publications, and makes recommendations wherever appropriate.





**19.7.74**