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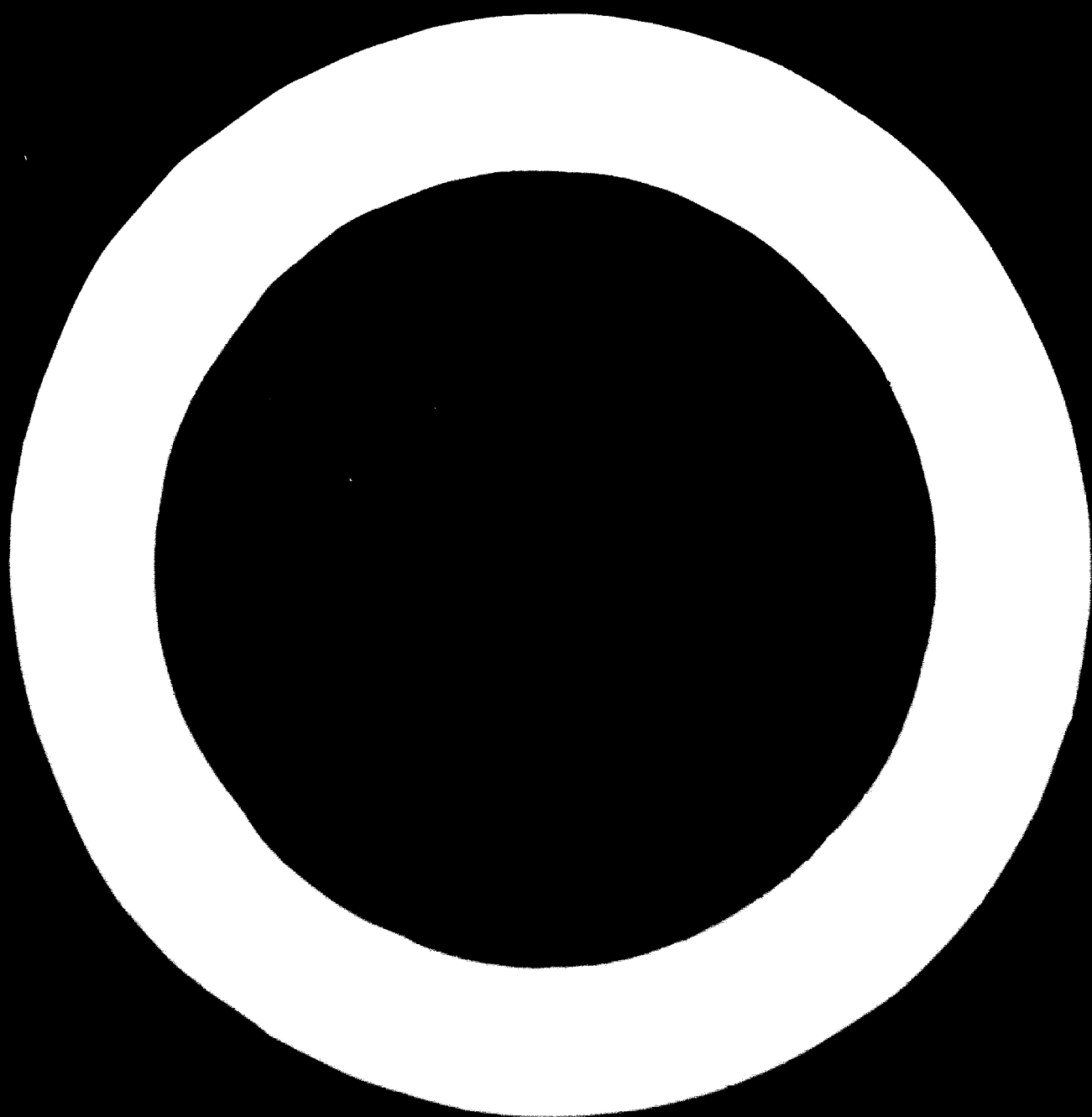
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We regret that some of the pages in the microfiche copy of this report may not be up to the proper legibility standards, even though the best possible copy was used for preparing the master fiche.



The working group for the use of plastics in agriculture is a new one of the ICP (Industrial-Cooperative Program) near the F.A.O. in Rome.

Eleven important companies are members of the group.

The first meeting was in April in Paris.

Seven of these companies accepted to give money for immediate missions in Tunisia, Egypt, Senegal and Dahomey.

They are: Shell (England) Montedison (Italy) Petrofina (Belgium)
Ciba-Geigy (Switzerland) Rhone-Profil (France) Belast (U.S.A.)
and Charbonnage de France Chimie (France)

The first mission went to Tunisia and Egypt headed by the General Manager of the Wavia Company (Mr. Rowland) the big subsidiary of Shell making pipes in the beginning of June.

The second mission went to Senegal and Dahomey the first days of September, headed by a representative of Charbonnage de France Chimie.

During a meeting in September in Paris were approved the preliminary reports.

In October in Rome were taken the following decisions:

1. Do not make new missions before the achievement of some projects and concentrate our efforts to do a good and quick work.
2. Two specialists are in charge for the feasibility studies with Governments and U.N. organizations help.
3. Partners in the group are discussing for the repartition of responsibilities our efforts for each project (consortiums).

And we hope to be able to arrive quickly to concrete proposals and so the job can be done.

Agradezco mucho al señor Day por sus palabras y por darme la oportunidad de saludar a todos los países de América Latina en nombre de las compañías de mi grupo de trabajo y también en el mío propio.

Estamos trabajando hace poco tiempo, pero desde el principio estuvimos de acuerdo en invertir dinero y esfuerzos en los siguientes países: Tunisia, Egipto, Senegal y Dahomey.

Cuatro misiones fueron en poco tiempo arregladas y hechas.

Ahora estamos estudiando de una manera práctica unos proyectos aceptados por los Gobiernos y en completa cooperación con ellos.

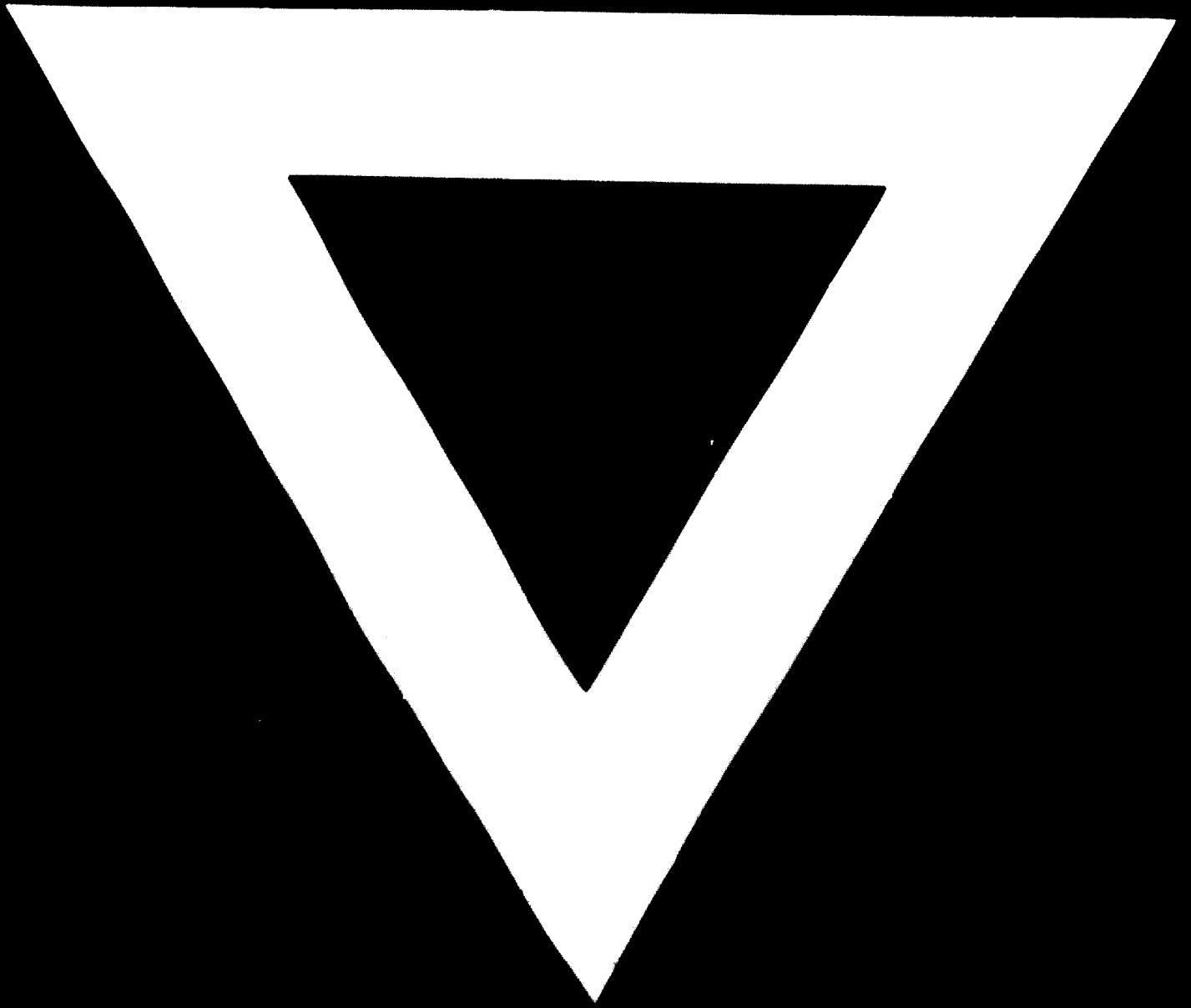
El deseo de mi grupo es el de trabajar de una manera muy estrecha con UNIDO no solamente en el campo de la agricultura sino en el más amplio del desarrollo industrial.

Todas las compañías de mi grupo tienen larga experiencia y competencia industrial en producción y técnica como en utilización de materias primas.

Me apena no poder permanecer aquí hasta el fin del Simposio pero quiero expresar mi confianza en el éxito de este muy interesante Simposio.

Al fin quiero decir que tengo personalmente fé en el gran porvenir de América Latina y que las compañías que represento aquí están listas para llevar su contribución a este importantísimo esfuerzo.





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