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CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (ID/B/L.11, L.17, L.19; Conference Room Paper No. 5) (continued)

Mr. TELL (Jordan) noted that documents ID/B/L.21 and L.22 had been circulated after the deadline for the presentation of papers other than those sponsored by specific delegations. He therefore proposed that the Secretariat should issue a corrigendum making it clear that the documents in question had been circulated for information only, had no official status, and would not be referred to in the Board's report.

It was so decided.

Draft resolution proposed by the delegations of Jordan, Nigeria and the Sudan (ID/B/L.17) (continued)

Mr. CESAIRE (France) felt that the three-Power draft resolution (ID/B/L.17) could have been considerably improved if the sponsors had had time to take into account the two other texts on the subject (ID/B/L.11 and L.19). He wondered whether it was even now too late for the sponsors of the three drafts to make a last attempt to produce a consolidated text.

He doubted whether the "recruitment of competent management and its surveillance to ensure high performance", mentioned in paragraph II (e) 7, ought to be counted among UNIDO's operational activities. He proposed that the phrase should be deleted.

His delegation felt that paragraph IV was too strong. The Board was not in a position to reach definitive conclusions on the programme of work, and the paragraph should accordingly be redrafted in less categorical terms. The same applied to the annex.

Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria) said that the sponsors had in fact already decided to delete the annex and to redraft paragraph IV as follows:

"Approves the programme of work contained in document ID/B/4 subject to such changes as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Director in the light of the guidelines indicated in paragraph II above".

Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait) asked whether the co-sponsors would consider incorporating two further provisions in the draft resolution: one giving the Board an opportunity to review the guidelines each year, and the other stating that due account would be taken of the recommendations of the International Symposium.

Mr. MARTONEGORO (Indonesia) suggested that for the sake of clarity paragraph II (e) 11 should be redrafted as follows:

"Assistance in the elaboration and/or implementation of national or multinational programmes and projects in co-operation with the United Nations regional economic commissions in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut."

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Philippines) congratulated the sponsors of draft resolution ID/B/L.17 on their efforts to produce a satisfactory text. However, there were two other draft resolutions on guidelines before the Board (ID/B/L.11 and L.19). He suggested that the sponsors of the three drafts should make a last effort to produce a common text.

Mr. SCHEJBAL (Czechoslovakia) agreed that that would be useful. There was much common ground between the three texts.

Mr. KASATKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that as a co-sponsor of draft resolution ID/B/L.19 his delegation was willing to consult the sponsors of the other two drafts with a view to producing a consolidated text, on condition the Board meanwhile went ahead with its consideration of each text as it stood.

Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) proposed a number of amendments (ID/B/L.24) to draft resolution ID/B/L.17.

Mr. TELL (Jordan) suggested that the sponsors of draft resolution ID/B/L.17 should consult each other concerning the proposed amendments to that text while the Board reverted to consideration of the Philippine proposal concerning the annual submission of a consolidated report on the industrial development activities of the United Nations.

It was so decided.

Philippine proposal concerning the consolidated report in document ID/B/3 and Add.1-9 (Conference Room Paper No. 5)

Mr. MACLAREN (Canada) said he had been astonished at the length of document ID/B/3 and Add.1-9 because at the sixth session of the Committee for Industrial Development his delegation, with the support of a number of others, had stressed that what was needed was not an exhaustive catalogue of individual projects but a concise analysis of the major areas of activity, with an indication

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of where problems of co-ordination might arise in future or where promising possibilities for future co-operation existed. The report was largely useless and did not provide UNIDO with the tool which it would require if it was to discharge its co-ordinating function, as intended by the supporters of the proposal for a consolidated report first made by the United States two years earlier. He therefore proposed that the Board should eliminate that document altogether and replace it by the analytical type of document envisaged in the amendment submitted by the delegations of India, Pakistan and the United Arab Republic. To that end, he proposed that the following passage should be inserted at the beginning of the three-Power amendment: "The Board decided that it did not need, in the form of a report, the extensive information provided in document ID/B/3 and its addenda. Such information should always be readily available in the secretariat, which will make it available to delegations, but it need not be reproduced in a document." The Board would thus rid itself of a cumbersome document which imposed a major burden on the translation and publishing services of the United Nations and delayed the distribution of other more useful documents.

Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) explained that the secretariat had drawn up the consolidated report in its existing form on the basis of Economic and Social Council resolution 1181 (XLI), operative paragraph 2 (a)-(c).

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Philippines) said that the suggestion made by the Netherlands (ID/B/SR.27) with reference to the way in which the consolidated report should be issued in future and the three-Power amendment to the Philippine proposal were acceptable to his delegation.

Mr. LUBBERS (Netherlands) said that he had suggested a procedure which would obviate the necessity of reissuing the entire consolidated report every year partly on the grounds of cost. The Executive Director should be allowed to decide on the best and most economical way of producing the information required. On that understanding, he would be ready to accept the Philippines proposal with the three-Power amendment.

Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) stated that he would be ready to examine and decide on the best and most economical way of producing the report.

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Mr. MACLAREN (Canada) said that if no expression of support for his proposal was forthcoming he would withdraw it. The issuance of the first and second consolidated reports had been in the nature of an experiment which had proved a failure, for those documents were not what was needed to enable UNIDO effectively to co-ordinate the activities of the United Nations system in the field of industrial development. In the discussion on item 5 not one delegation had confirmed that the detailed information given in those reports was useful. However, if the majority considered that the document should not be eliminated, he would be willing to accept the Philippine proposal with the suggestion of the Netherlands and the three-Power amendment.

His delegation had had a hand in the drafting of the Economic and Social Council resolution which the Executive Director had quoted. The intention had been to make the consolidated report more concise. If the Secretariat had interpreted the provisions in question to mean that a lengthier document was called for, he could only conclude that the language of those provisions had not been sufficiently clear.

Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (United States of America), supported by Mr. ARCHIBALD (Trinidad and Tobago), suggested that in order to meet the views of the Canadian representative the Board might dispense with the consolidated report which would otherwise be submitted to it at its next session. It should request the Executive Director simply to inform it of any major changes which had taken place in the meantime and defer a final decision on the question of maintaining or eliminating the report until it had received the first analytical report envisaged in the three-Power amendment.

Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) said that his delegation had derived little benefit from the consolidated report, particularly since the French text of some sections had not been distributed until after the item had been discussed. Before the Board took a decision on the matter, however, he thought it should have before it the text of the Philippine proposal, as amended, in all the working languages.

Mr. CESAIRE (France) endorsed the Belgian representative's suggestion that a revision of the Philippine proposal should be circulated. In order to

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evaluate and co-ordinate the activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the field of industrial development, the Board must be aware of all those activities, and some kind of consolidated report would therefore be useful, although the document now before the Board was clearly too bulky. The Board should give the Executive Director specific guidelines for preparing future reports, which should reflect the co-ordinating and policy-making roles of UNIDO and should present a review of the activities of the various specialized agencies and other institutions without going into excessive detail.

Mr. AHMED (Pakistan) noted that the Board had both to co-ordinate and to review the industrial development activities of the United Nations system of organizations. So far as co-ordination was concerned, the consolidated report was too voluminous and clearly did not meet the needs of the Board. For that reason the Executive Director was requested, in the amendment submitted by his delegation and the delegations of India and the United Arab Republic, to submit an analytical report drawing attention to areas of duplication, so that the Board could carry out its function of forward co-ordination. However, some detailed information would be necessary for the Board to review past activities, and the Executive Director might therefore consider what form such a report might take so that it could be more easily read and assimilated by delegations.

The Pakistan delegation supported the Netherlands representative's suggestion that the present report should be brought up to date. Once the proposed analytical report had been submitted and it was known whether information on future activities was readily available, the Board could revert to the question of the consolidated report.

Mr. ABE (Japan) agreed that the Board should revert to the question of the report at its next session. In the meantime, his delegation supported the procedure proposed by the delegations of India, Pakistan and the United Arab Republic.

The Japanese delegation wished to suggest some amendments to the Philippine proposal. Since the rules of procedure covered the submission of documentation, the words "as early as possible" at the end of the first paragraph might be replaced by some such wording as "sufficiently in advance, as provided for in the rules of procedure". In the second paragraph the reference to the

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International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its affiliate banks could be deleted, since those organizations were specialized agencies of the United Nations. Finally, in the three-Power amendment the words "areas of duplication, if any" should be replaced by the words "gaps of action and areas of duplication, if any".

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Philippines) said that his delegation had noted the suggestions put forward by a number of delegations and would circulate a revised text of Conference Room Paper No. 5 in all working languages as soon as possible.

Mr. FIGUEROA (Chile) supported the suggestion of the United States representative. In view of its size and the time needed for its preparation and translation, the consolidated report might perhaps be submitted every two years instead of annually.

Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) said that in view of the need for forward co-ordination the report should continue to be submitted annually, since agencies would find it difficult to provide information on their activities two years in advance.

Mr. OLUMIDE (Nigeria) said that, following informal consultations, the sponsors of document ID/B/L.17 had been able to accept a number of the suggestions made by various delegations, and the texts of those amendments would be circulated as soon as possible.

Mr. MUZIK (Czechoslovakia) noted that since the sponsors of document ID/B/L.17 had been unwilling to enter into informal consultations, his delegation had had to submit certain amendments in writing to the Secretariat. He hoped that his delegation, like other delegations, would have an opportunity to introduce those amendments orally.

Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that since earlier efforts to reach agreement in informal consultations had failed, the sponsors had felt that no useful purpose would be served by holding further informal consultations.

The meeting rose at 1.5 p.m.





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