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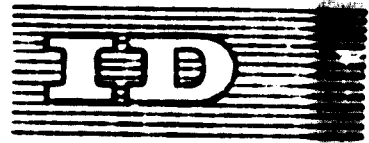
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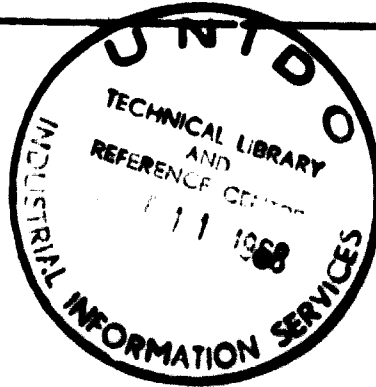
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION (ID/B/L.41, Working Paper 60.6)

1. Mr. BEECROFT (Nigeria) recalled that, during the early part of the session, his delegation had repeatedly expressed the view that a basically technical body such as the Industrial Development Board should not spend so much time on a general debate. Moreover, the Board had recently adopted resolution ID/B/L.40, providing for the establishment of a Working Group on programme and co-ordination, which further reduced the need for a general debate. The Board should concentrate on such essential items of its agenda as the review of past activities and consideration of the programme for the future work of UNIDO, and any comments should be made when the specific topic came up for discussion. Item 4 of the draft agenda should therefore be deleted.
2. Mr. TEL (Jordan) said that he was in complete agreement with the representative of Nigeria. Although he hoped that the Industrial Development Board was more than a purely technical body, and would exercise policy-making functions, he fully agreed that there was no justification for a general debate. Furthermore, it was necessary to define exactly what was meant by the words "Programme of Work" in the draft agenda: consideration of the Programme of Work could only be of value if it was linked with consideration of UNIDO's budget.
3. Mr. YAVASSEUR (France) said that he agreed with the representative of Nigeria that the general debate was superfluous and that the comments made in it could better be made in connexion with the specific matters to which they referred. He considered that the general debate was nothing but an annual rite that served no useful purpose.
4. Mr. ARADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) recalled that some years earlier an attempt had been made in the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly to "liquidate" the general debate, but the need for such a debate had been proved by the fact that, at the following session, matters had returned to normal and the general debate had again taken place. He certainly did not agree with the view that the general debate was superfluous, especially as UNIDO was in the process of becoming established. No strategy or principles

for industrial development had yet been decided upon, and it was extremely desirable that any expressions of views or suggestions which could promote the establishment of such a strategy should be encouraged. If the general debate were abolished, there was a danger that the work of the Board might be carried out in a superficial manner. He therefore uncompromisingly supported the retention of the general debate, with its free flow of creative ideas.

5. The PRESIDENT thought that, as it would be difficult to suppress the well-established institution of the general debate, it might be better simply to seek to give the general debate a more pronounced sense of direction and to avoid duplication.

6. Mr. ORTIZ de ROZAS (Argentina) said that the possibility of dispensing with the general debate had frequently been discussed in the United Nations, both in political and technical bodies, but it had always been rejected. The representative of the USSR had clearly set forth the reasons for having a general debate, and the delegation of Argentina agreed with him on that matter. As the representative of Jordan himself had said, the Industrial Development Board was a policy-making body as well as a technical body, and the general debate could be a valuable tool in its work.

7. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland) said that while he had considerable sympathy for the view expressed by the representative of Nigeria, he had to recognize the wisdom of the arguments put forward by the representative of the USSR. He also agreed with the President's remarks on the question. A general debate did not mean that all speakers must express themselves in general terms. He felt that the best solution would be to retain item 4 of the draft agenda and record the views expressed by members of the Board on the matter in the report, stressing the Board's wish to see a sense of direction in the general debate.

8. Mr. FORTHOUME (Belgium) said that he felt that it would be very difficult to suppress all general discussion. He suggested that item 4 should be amended to read "General debate and review of activities of UNIDO", thus covering items 4 and 5 at once. Moreover, he felt that at the third session those items should be discussed in the plenary and not in a committee.

9. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) said that he did not see the need for the inclusion of the general debate as an item, and he did not think it proper to tie the hands of the Board by including such an item in the agenda for the next session. If the next Board session wanted a general debate it could always decide to have one. There was therefore no reason not to delete the item from the draft agenda.
10. Mr. DUCCI (Italy) said that for his part he thought it would be best to leave item 4 in the draft agenda, otherwise there would be a general debate at the next Board session on whether or not to have a general debate.
11. Mr. FUJIMOTO (Japan) said that he supported the representative of Belgium's suggestion that item 4 might be combined with item 5 and possibly even with item 6.
12. Mrs. SAILER (Austria) said that she agreed with the views of the representative of Belgium. She was surprised, however, to see no reference in the draft agenda to any review of the activities of UNIDO in 1969.
13. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) explained that the Programme of Work for 1969 had already been discussed at the present Board session; it would not be possible to discuss the actual implementation of that Programme until 1970. At its next session the Board would have before it a progress report on the activities of UNIDO during 1968 and a Programme of Work for 1970. Information on the 1969 programme would, however, be submitted to the Working Group which was to meet before the Board's third session.
14. Mr. ANAN (Pakistan) thought it reasonable that, at each of its future sessions, the Board should approve the Programme of Work for the coming year and review progress made in the previous year. The delegation of Pakistan considered, however, that it was not sufficient simply to have the Programme of Work for the coming year before the Board: the Board should have before it the Programme of Work for two years ahead, in keeping with the spirit of General Assembly resolution 2370 (XXII). The Executive Director should therefore place before the Board, at its third session, the Programme of Work for both 1970 and 1971.

15. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) said that as far as General Assembly resolution 2370 (XXII) was concerned, the matter had already been discussed at the present session and he believed that it was the subject of a draft resolution. It was for the Board to decide whether it wished the Programme of Work and the relevant budget implications for 1971 to be put before it at its next session.

16. Mr. TELL (Jordan) said that he recognized the justice of the remarks of the representative of Belgium. He realized that there might be a need for a general debate, but such a debate must be linked to something tangible such as the Programme of Work, so that it could be a real policy-making debate. With regard to the remarks of the USSR representative concerning the resumption of general debates in the Second Committee of the General Assembly, he recalled that at the nineteenth session, when the experiment of abandoning the general debate should have been inaugurated, the General Assembly had not been able to function at all. Members had therefore felt obliged to make general statements when the Committee had resumed its work at the following session, but even so the scope of the general debate in the Second Committee had been reduced.

17. As for the Programme of Work, he supported the view of the representative of Pakistan that Programmes of Work for two consecutive years should be considered together. Lastly, he considered that the representative of Austria had made a valid point and that there should be an agenda item or sub-item concerning the activities of UNIDO in 1969.

18. Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) asked the Executive Director whether he had been correct in understanding him to say that the Working Group which was to meet before the third session of the Board would consider the 1969 programme.

19. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) explained that, to assist the Working Group in reviewing the proposed Programme of Work for 1970, a document would be submitted to it giving information on the 1969 programme, so that that could be taken into account. It was his understanding that the Board's actual substantive consideration of the Programme of Work for 1969 would be concluded at the present session. Naturally, however, if the Board wished to re-examine the 1969 programme as such at its third session, and to include an item to that effect in its agenda, it was free to do so.

20. Miss ROESID (Indonesia) felt that the Board should not re-open substantive discussion of the 1969 Programme of Work. She agreed with those who had spoken in favour of holding a general debate, although she recognized the justice of the remarks made by the representative of Belgium. She thought that it would be useful if the Board had, for its general debate at the third session, a document on the industrial development situation all over the world.
21. Mr. FUJIMOTO (Japan) proposed that the words "including a progress report on UNDP project implementation by UNIDO" should be added at the end of agenda item 5(a). UNDP projects formed a large part of UNIDO's concrete activity in the field of industrial development, and the Industrial Development Board, as the governing body of the executing agency, should be informed of the progress of those projects.
22. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he shared the views of the representatives of Indonesia and Japan and thought that it was important to hear what was happening in each of the 123 States Members of the United Nations with regard to industrial development. Agenda item 4 afforded an opportunity for such discussion. The Executive Director might provide a summary of those statements as an annex to his report. Members of the Board might also say whether any proposed undertakings had not come to fruition owing to failure by UNDP or UNIDO to implement them. It would be useful if the picture presented were not uniformly favourable but included criticisms, where needed.
23. Mr. ORTIZ de ROZAS (Argentina) said that he agreed with the idea of merging item 4 with item 5 but feared that the discussions might develop into a general debate. It might therefore be more realistic to retain agenda item 4 and to appeal to delegations to make only brief contributions to the general debate at the third session.
24. Mr. BITTENCOURT (Brazil) felt that item 4 should be retained. Since the beginning of the current session his delegation had stressed that the annotated agenda should be more specific. It should not merely be a list of documents but should give a precise idea of the topics to be discussed.

25. With regard to item 6(d) he thought that the establishment by the Board of a working group was the first step towards a real improvement of UNIDO's structure. Such measures fully accorded with the position adopted by the Brazilian delegation since the first session. Detailed proposals regarding the establishment of special committees had been submitted by Brazil but they had been considered premature. However the Organization should surely be able to discharge its functions fully from the very beginning. As the composition of the new working group was to be reviewed at the next session, and as the decentralization of UNIDO's activities was also to be studied, he suggested that item 6(d) should have a second part, entitled "Institutional arrangements", to cover those matters.

26. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) suggested that item 5 should include a further sub-item in the report of the Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination, whose terms of reference required it to report to the Board. It should be emphasized that item 6(a) dealt with provisional estimates. With regard to item 7(b) there should be specific reference to an analytical report of the type which the Secretariat had been asked to prepare for the current session. There was a general desire for such a report. He agreed that the definitive review undertaken by the Board at each session, should refer to the implementation of the work programme for the previous year. At its third session the Board would thus have documentation on the 1969 programme before it but would not systematically review it. It should be able, however, to ask questions or comment on the 1969 programme on the basis of any new information available - for example, with regard to action by the General Assembly that had a bearing on the 1969 budget.

27. After a procedural discussion, the PRESIDENT proposed that the draft provisional agenda for the Board's third session should be adopted for inclusion in the report of the Board and that the various proposals of Board members concerning the agenda should also be recorded in the report.

28. It was so decided.

29. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) thought that the reports for the third and subsequent sessions should contain only a record of decisions taken and resolutions adopted, referring readers to the appropriate summary records for an account of the discussions.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE I (ID/B/C.1/), Corr.1/Add.1, Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1).

30. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) introduced the report submitted by Committee I on items 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 of the agenda and said that the Committee had decided to leave the question of the availability of financial estimates for discussion at a plenary meeting of the Board. He thanked the Friends of the Rapporteur, the Secretary of the Committee and the members of the Secretariat for their co-operation in the difficult tasks accomplished by the Committee.

31. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) speaking on behalf of the Group of Twenty-five, proposed the insertion of the following sentence in the report: "At the time of the adoption of the report of the First Committee on items 4, 5 and 7, a majority of the members of the Board associated themselves with the views expressed in paragraphs 11 and 12."

32. Mr. SIMMON (United States of America) noted that the only way of ascertaining whether the views in question had majority support was to have a vote on the matter.

33. Mr. ASANTE (Ghana) said he would have no objection to a vote.

34. Mr. SHATSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) pointed out that when the matter of the overall United Nations budget had been discussed in the Committee, most members had not approved of the idea of a further discussion of UNIDO's budget at a plenary meeting but had wished to examine the question of UNIDO's Programme within the framework of the Regular Budget, having particular regard to the detailed distribution of funds available.

35. The PRESIDENT invited members of the Board to indicate by show of hands whether or not they associated themselves with the views expressed in paragraph 11 and 12.

36. The Ghanaian proposal was adopted by 28 votes to 8, with 7 abstentions.

37. Mr. FORTHOUME (Belgium) pointed out that, during the discussions at the Committee stage, it had been insisted that paragraph 55a should be retained in full. A definitive French text had been agreed upon at the time, in which the word "idée" was to be replaced by the word "conception"; however, that change did not appear in the final text before the Board. He therefore requested the Secretariat to bring the French text into line with the English text agreed upon.
38. Mr. SHLITSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stated that his delegation had made a series of proposals in the committee which had been supported by members of the Committee and adopted for the report. He noted, however, that many of the changes agreed upon were not reflected in the text of document ID/B/C.1/3 and that the earlier wording had remained. He cited two instances in which the Russian text differed from the accepted English text, and also pointed out that the Committee's decision to change the words "experts from the United States" in the last sentence of paragraph 18 (ID/B/C.1/3/Add.2) to "nationals of the United States" had not been carried out in preparing the final report.
39. He also drew attention to paragraph 79 of the report, the second sentence of which indicated that the Technological Co-operation Division duplicated the activity of the Industrial Policies and Programming Division. In the Committee it had been agreed that the names of the Divisions should be reversed, since it was the Industrial Policies and Programming Division which was duplicating the activities of the Technological Co-operation Division. He called for amendment of the text on that point.
40. The PRESIDENT assured representatives that all the necessary corrections would be made to the text in each language. In the absence of any further objections or comments he would take it that the Board approved the report of Committee I as amended.
41. It was so decided.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

42. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to decide on the time and place of the next session. He informed the Board of the Secretariat's view that the matter should be left open but that the date of the session should be provisionally planned for about 8 or 10 April 1969.
43. Miss ROESAD (Indonesia) thought that, if the matter were left open, it might amount to tacit agreement that the next Board session would be held in April. Since a Working Group had just been established and was to meet at least two weeks before the next session of the Board, and since the Board would probably wish to have the budget estimates approved by the Secretary-General before it at the time, she felt that it would be better for the next session to be held in the last two weeks of May, after a two-week session of the Working Group. Failing that, the Working Group could meet in the second and third weeks of May and the Board convene immediately thereafter.
44. Mr. PARRY (Canada) recalled that there were three possible dates: April-May, June or August. He pointed out that if the Board continued to meet in April-May the only financial implications available would be the Executive Director's estimates as submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. If, however, the Board met in June, it would have the Secretary-General's estimates for UNIDO as presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of the Economic and Social Council.
45. If the Board were to meet in June, it could discuss the matter of UNIDO's Programme in the light of the financial resources to be made available, and could take account of the requirements of the various Divisions of UNIDO, of the regional economic commissions and of the Beirut Office.
46. If the next session were held in August, the Board would be following the pattern of the Trade and Development Board but he warned that August was an inconvenient month for convening an international congress. In sum, his delegation favoured a June session, since the UNIDO Board could then submit its report for consideration by the ACABQ which continued its session into the

month of July. The Report could also be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its summer session and the results of the deliberations of that body transmitted direct to the General Assembly.

47. Mr. RADEMAKER (Netherlands) said the idea of holding the next session in April was not acceptable to his delegation, which favoured late May or early June instead.

48. Mr. TELL (Jordan) considered that it would be more appropriate to postpone discussion of the date of the next session until the Board had dealt with the matter of the budget estimates it would in future require for its consideration of UNIDO's work programme.

49. Mr. BEECROFT (Nigeria) approved of the suggestion made by the representative of Jordan.

50. Mr. WARSAMA (Somalia) agreed that the point was very pertinent and proposed that, before taking a decision on the date and place of the next session, the Board should consider the question of budget estimates.

51. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 1.30.





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