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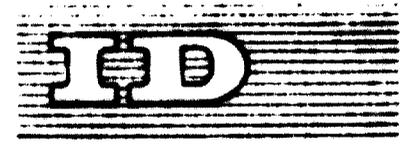
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President:

Mr. ASANTE (Ghana)

Rapporteur:

Mr. HARS (Hungary)

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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.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION (ID/B/L.101/Add.1, ID/B/L.102, ID/B/L.103 and Add.1, ID/B/L.104, ID/B/L.105 and ID/B/L.106) (continued)

SIS programme (ID/B/L.101/Add.1)

Paragraphs 1-4

1. Paragraphs 1-4 were adopted.

Paragraph 5

2. Mr. BESOR (United Kingdom) proposed that paragraph 5 should be amended to read: "One delegation expressed concern about the increasingly wide range of projects financed by SIS and about whether it was proper to use funds from the SIS programme for disaster relief, especially in the future when another part of the programme of UNDP was to be set aside for that purpose. It recognized, however, that the SIS programme had an important part to play in helping Governments of developing countries to deal with urgent problems as long as it was not expanded to the point where it distracted Governments from making adequate provision in their country programmes for industrialisation."

3. It was so decided.

4. Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 6

5. Paragraph 6 was adopted.

Paragraph 7

6. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) proposed that the words "for national disaster relief" should be deleted from paragraph 7.

7. It was so decided.

8. Paragraph 7, as amended, was adopted.

9. Document ID/B/L.101/Add.1, as amended, was adopted.

Consideration of item 4 of the agenda (ID/B/L.102)

Paragraphs 1-4

10. Paragraphs 1-4 were adopted.

Paragraph 5

11. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, said that the Asian Group, wished to replace the word "diversification" in the fourth line by "diffusion". He proposed that the amendment be accepted.

12. It was so decided.

13. Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted.

Proposed new paragraph

14. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) proposed that the following new paragraph should be inserted after paragraph 5: "Two delegations called attention to the fact that the question of the financial resources to be made available for implementation of UNIDO's work programme would have to be considered by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly."

15. It was so decided.

16. The new paragraph proposed by the representative of the United States of America was adopted.

Paragraph 6

17. Paragraph 6 was adopted.

Proposed new paragraph

18. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom) proposed that the following new paragraph should be inserted after paragraph 6: "The Board approved the programme of work for 1972 and the updating of the programme of work for 1971, as submitted in documents ID/B/80 and Addenda 1-5, and requested the secretariat in implementing this programme, within the resources available and to be made available for the respective years, to take into consideration the observations expressed in the Working Group and in the Board as recorded in the report."

19. It was so decided.

20. The new paragraph proposed by the representative of the United Kingdom was adopted.

Paragraphs 7-8

21. Paragraphs 7-8 were adopted.

22. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, said that the Asian Group wished to make the following amendments to paragraph 9: delete the word "and" in the fourth line and insert a semi-colon after "rural industrialization", after which the phrase "co-operative industrial estates and co-operatives for self-employed technical men" should be added. He proposed that the Asian Group's amendments be accepted.

23. It was so decided.

24. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that, after the word "said" in the fifth line, the paragraph should be amended to read: "that the problems and solutions relating to co-operatives should not be strictly compartmentalised according to the existing organizational structure of UNIDO but should be looked at and tackled as an organic whole. There should be a concentration at national and international levels on select schemes which should be given all possible assistance."

25. It was so decided.

26. Paragraph 9, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 10

27. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) proposed that the phrase "role of computers in trade associations" should be deleted and replaced by "implications of the use of computers and computer techniques for the level of employment and the possibility of adapting computer technology for use in the developing countries".

28. It was so decided.

29. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed the addition of the following sentences at the end of the paragraph: "The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) gave an account of the first findings of the study being conducted by his Organization at the request of the United Nations. The study concerned, in particular, the protection of computer programmes."

30. It was so decided.

31. Paragraph 10, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 11

32. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that at the end of the paragraph the words "to this programme" should be replaced by "to this and other UNIDO-executed programmes".

33. It was so decided.

34. Paragraph 11, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 12

35. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, suggested that, in the thirteenth line, the paragraph reference should appear as a footnote and be replaced in the body of the text by "the report of the Working Group".

36. Mr. ENSOR (United Kingdom) proposed that the phrase to appear in the body of the text be "as now embodied in the report of the Board" with a footnote indicating the number of the relevant paragraph in the Board's report.

37. It was so decided.

38. Paragraph 12, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 13

39. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that the following sentence be added at the end of the paragraph: "In this connexion, UNDP attached particular importance to projects jointly executed by several agencies, such as, for instance, in the field of international trade, the project executed by UNIDO, UNCTAD, GATT and ITC."

40. It was so decided.

41. Paragraph 13, as amended, was adopted.

Proposed new paragraph.

42. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that the following paragraph, which had been suggested by the Asian Group, should be inserted after paragraph 13: "As regards the Special Industrial Services Programme, he said that UNDP realized the importance of the programme and was fully aware that the extreme flexibility and rapidity necessary in the provision of these services must in no event be interfered with or obstructed by procedures artificially imposed by UNDP. The cost of such services was not particularly high and relatively modest financing was needed, but in no case should limitations arising from the factor of resources restrain UNIDO or the other organizations concerned in the execution of their programmes of Special Industrial Services. In so far as indicated planning figures might impose an obstacle in certain cases, the Administrator of UNDP would have recourse to the programme's reserve funds, as in the past, for the financing of Special Industrial Services."

43. It was so decided.

44. The proposed new paragraph was adopted.

Paragraphs 14-18

45. Paragraphs 14-18 were adopted.

46. Document ID/B/L.102, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

Consideration of item 5 of the agenda (ID/B/L.104)

Paragraph 1

47. Paragraph 1 was adopted.

Paragraph 2

48. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that, at the beginning of the fifth line, "United Nations" should be replaced by Economic and Social Council".

49. It was so decided.

50. Paragraph 2, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 3-4

51. Paragraphs 3-4 were adopted.

Paragraph 5

52. Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) proposed that, after "UNIDO's field activities" in the first sentence, the following phrase should be added: "which were not conducive to maximum operational efficiency".

53. It was so decided.

54. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) proposed that the words "by that delegation" should be added after "suggested" in the second sentence.

55. It was so decided.

56. Paragraph 5, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 6

57. Mr. LUNDE (Norway) proposed that, at the beginning of the second sentence, "One delegation" should be replaced by "Several delegations".

58. It was so decided.

59. Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 7-8

60. Paragraphs 7-8 were adopted.

Paragraph 9

61. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) proposed that the words "by some delegations" be added after "It was pointed out" at the beginning of the second sentence.

62. It was so decided.

63. Mr. CARLEVARI (Argentina) pointed out that the reference to "developing countries and the countries of the Third World" at the end of the third sentence was not clear in the Spanish text.

64. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, said that the Spanish text would be corrected.
65. Mr. REMOVILLE (France) proposed that the last part of the fourth sentence, after "UNESCO", should be amended to read: "more especially in the scientific field as regards the establishment of institutional links between research organizations of the developed and developing countries, in which UNESCO showed interest".
66. It was so decided.
67. Paragraph 9, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 10-11

68. Paragraphs 10-11 were adopted.

Paragraph 12

69. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that an amendment by the African Group to substitute, in the first sentence, "Several delegations" for "One delegation" should be accepted.
70. It was so decided.

71. Mr. VENKATARAMANI (India) proposed that the following sentence be added at the end of the paragraph: "This delegation also suggested that evaluation in the field of technical assistance must lead to a whole series of inter-dependent activities so that all technical assistance projects would together make an impact on industrial growth."

72. It was so decided.

73. Paragraph 12, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 13-16

74. Paragraphs 13-16 were adopted.

Paragraph 17

75. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director), in response to a question by Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America), proposed that the phrase in the first line "UNIDO had no authority" be replaced by "UNIDO had the mandate but not the authority", and that the words "calling on" be inserted between "without" and "any" in the penultimate line.
76. It was so decided.

77. Paragraph 17, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 18

78. Paragraph 18 was adopted.

Paragraph 19

79. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) proposed that the word "other" be inserted before "inputs" in the sixth line.

80. It was so decided.

81. Paragraph 19, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 20

82. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director) proposed that the word "industrial" before "resources" in the second sentence be deleted and that the words "in its co-ordination activities" be added at the end of the paragraph.

83. It was so decided.

84. Paragraph 20, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 21

85. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that the last sentence be amended to read: "He further stated that ECA and the Organization of African Unity would convene the Conference of Ministers of Industry every two years to evaluate industrial development programmes and policies and to draw up guidelines for action needed to be undertaken by countries singly and collectively in order to speed up industrialization in the region."

86. It was so decided.

87. Paragraph 21, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 22

88. Mr. HARS (Hungary), Rapporteur, proposed that the following sentence be added at the end of the paragraph: "With regard to the transfer of technology, the representative of UNCTAD referred to resolution 74 (X) of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board and to resolution 2726 (XXV) of the General Assembly, which defined UNCTAD's role in that field."

89. It was so decided.

90. Paragraph 22, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 23-24

91. Paragraphs 23-24 were adopted.

92. Document ID/B/L.104, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

Statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Special International Conference of UNIDO to the Industrial Development Board (ID/B/L.105)

93. Document ID/B/L.105 was adopted.

Consideration of item 8 (a) of the agenda and of item 10 (date and place of the sixth session) (ID/B/L.106)

94. Document ID/B/L.106 was adopted.

Consideration of item 8 (b) of the agenda (ID/B/L.103 and Add.1)

95. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to resume its consideration of the part of the report relating to item 8 (b) of the agenda.

96. Mr. VEGA (Philippines) said that following informal consultations held for the purpose of arriving at a generally acceptable decision on the item, the Chairman of the Contact Group of the Group of 77 had requested him to submit the following draft decision to the Board:

"The Board decided to adjourn its fifth session and to resume, for a single meeting, towards the end of the Special Conference.

"The purpose of this resumed meeting would be to consider, as a priority, what consequent action would be necessary to pursue the conclusions and/or recommendations of the Special Conference as regards the elaboration of a long-range strategy for UNIDO."

An attempt had been made to accommodate all the views expressed and to allay the concern that the Board might be prejudging any action to be taken by the Special International Conference. He trusted that the formulation would command the broadest possible support.

97. Mr. CASILLI d'ARIGNA (Italy) requested some clarification of the text just read out. Firstly, the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Conference could not meaningfully be discussed by the Board before the Conference had completed its work. He therefore felt that the Board should resume its session after the Special Conference. Secondly, he was rather puzzled by the expression "as a priority". Was it merely an indication of urgency, or did it mean that the long-range strategy would be taken up before other items on the agenda of the resumed session? If that was the case, what other agenda items were envisaged?

98. Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that the text just read out represented the maximum possible concession which could be made to various delegations' views, and his delegation would support it fully.

99. Mr. SZITA (Hungary) said that his delegation would be willing to support the formulation read out by the representative of the Philippines; it saw no objection to the Board's meeting either towards the end of, or after the Special Conference.

100. Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) said that in principle his delegation had no objection to the idea of a short resumed session. However, it shared the concern expressed by the representative of Italy regarding the text submitted, which seemed to extend the terms of reference of the proposed resumed session far beyond what was actually intended and was, as a result, causing unnecessary confusion. An effort should be made to narrow down the purpose of the resumed session which, as he understood it, was to discuss purely institutional matters. He therefore proposed the following text for the Board's consideration:

"The Board decided to adjourn its fifth session and to resume, for a single meeting, after the end of the Special Conference.

"The purpose of this resumed meeting would be to consider arrangements with a view to the elaboration of a long-range strategy for the activities of UNIDO following the conclusions of the Special Conference."

101. Mr. ALENCAR (Brazil) expressed his delegation's support for the draft decision
102. Mr. VEGA (Philippines) said he would be willing to replace the word "towards" by "after" in the first paragraph of the text he had read out. Replying to the representative of Italy, he explained that the expression "as a priority" had been used because there was a possibility that the Special Conference might also wish the Board to take up the other two items on its agenda. It seemed unwise to exclude a consideration of those two items a priori, even though the Board might feel at present that it should concentrate on the long-range strategy for UNIDO's activities.
103. Mr. CASILLI d'ARAGONA (Italy) thanked the representative of the Philippines for accepting the first change he had suggested, but said he was still not satisfied with the wording of the second paragraph of the text.
104. Mr. ALENCAR (Brazil) moved the adjournment of the meeting in accordance with rule 42 of the Board's rules of procedure, in order to allow for informal consultations.
105. It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 11.15 p.m. and resumed at 11.40 p.m.

106. Mr. CASILLI d'ARAGONA (Italy) submitted the following draft decision for the Board's consideration:

"The Board decided to adjourn its fifth session and to resume, for a single meeting, after the end of the Special Conference.

"The purpose of this resumed meeting would be to consider, as a priority, what consequent action would be necessary to pursue the conclusions and/or recommendations of the Special Conference for the long-range strategy for the activities of UNIDO".

107. Mr. ALENCAR (Brazil) and Mr. EL-JEAMN (Kuwait) said they would be willing to accept that formulation.

108. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) said that in spite of the obvious efforts made to come to a general understanding on the matter, his delegation's reservations concerning the proposed resumed session of the Board had not been overcome and therefore it could not be supported. It had difficulties in endorsing such a procedure because it felt that the General Assembly should be given an opportunity, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2638 (XXV), to discuss the report of the Special International Conference before any part of it was taken up by the Industrial Development Board. While not necessarily anticipating a substantial modification of the Conference's conclusions or recommendations by the General Assembly, he noted that it might be necessary for action being taken by the various organs of the United Nations and in particular ECOSOC, relating to such matters as the implementation of the strategy of the Second United Nations Development Decade to be taken into account. He therefore felt that the Board would do better to hold a resumed session after the consideration of the Special Conference's report by the Second Committee of the General Assembly, when it would have the benefit of the General Assembly's observations on the matter. He regretted that that suggestion, which he had raised previously, had not been fully taken into account.

109. He stated, in conclusion, that if the proposal for a resumed Board session immediately following the Special Conference were put to a vote, his delegation would be obliged to abstain, for the reasons he had just stated.

110. Mr. SHARLAND (United Kingdom) said his delegation would be able to support the draft decision read out by the representative of Italy, on the understanding that the words "as a priority" were merely regarded as an indication of urgency.
111. Mrs. STERG (Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr. SAN SEBASTIAN (Spain) associated themselves with those views.
112. Mr. MÜLLER (Austria) said that his delegation would be willing to endorse the Italian formulation provided it was understood that the proposed resumed session of the Board could not take place if the Special Conference was extended after 8 June, since there would be no facilities available for such a meeting.
113. Mr. LEDUC (France) associated himself with the statements made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany and Spain, and expressed the hope that the Board would not have referred to it matters which were outside its competence.
114. The PRESIDENT said that if there were no objections, he would take it that the Board agreed to accept the draft decision, subject to the observations made by various delegations. The Board might request the Rapporteur to complete the relevant section of the report, it being understood that delegations' observations and reservations would be recorded carefully and checked with them.
115. It was so decided.
116. The PRESIDENT declared closed the first part of the fifth session of the Board.

The meeting rose at 12.5 a.m.





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