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### SUMMARY RECORD OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH MEETING

Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna  
on Friday, 2 June, at 9.5 p.m.

President: Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines)  
Reporteur: Mr. HANISA (Libyan Arab Republic)

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Programme of Special Industrial Services (ID/B/L.139)

1. Mr. STIBRAVY (United States of America) said that the draft resolution before the Board was the result of an intensive effort by many delegations to produce a text which, while not fully reflecting the views of all members, would provide sufficient common ground for a consensus. His delegation was prepared to support its adoption as a consensus resolution, in view of the importance of maintaining an SIS programme which would provide UNIDO, and UNDP for that matter, with a flexible instrument permitting rapid response to urgent, unforeseen needs in the industrial sector not susceptible of programming through the ordinary procedures. This character of the programme should not be lost sight of. For that reason the United States delegation had difficulty in associating itself with the recommendation in operative paragraph 2, which seemed to set as an objective a given level of expenditure prior to knowing what requests for assistance would be received. In any case the level of expenditure was not necessarily the best yardstick for measuring the efficacy of an aid programme. Accordingly, if the draft resolution was put to the vote, his delegation would abstain from voting on operative paragraph 2.
2. Mr. LEDUC (France) and Mr. LUITSZ (Netherlands) expressed agreement with the comments of the United States representative and said that, if the draft resolution was put to the vote, their delegations would likewise abstain from voting on operative paragraph 2.
3. Mr. PUTTEVILS (Belgium) welcomed the agreement reached by the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNIDO on the subject of the SIS programme. Operative paragraph 2, however, seemed to go beyond the implications of the agreed guideline in operative paragraph 1 (f), which referred to "desirable growth". His delegation also had certain other reservations about the draft resolution but, knowing that the Group of 77 attached much importance to it, was prepared to support it as a whole.
4. Draft resolution ID/B/L.139 was adopted.
5. Mr. BROWNING (United Kingdom), explaining his delegation's position on the resolution, said that it was anxious that UNDP should devote its attention to improving the quality of the projects in all its programmes. It recognized the value of the SIS programme, however, and welcomed the agreement between the Administrator of UNDP and

the Executive Director of UNIDO on the guidelines contained in the resolution. It had been impressed by the forcible way in which the Group of 77 had urged the need for increased expenditure on the SIS programme in 1972, and hoped that the UNDP Governing Council would support the recommendation to that effect. With that in mind, his delegation supported the resolution as a whole.

6. Mr. PROBST (Switzerland) said that he shared the previous speaker's views regarding the SIS programme. His delegation had been able to agree to the wording of operative paragraph 2 bearing in mind operative paragraph 1 (f), which contained the guidelines for SIS financing, and with the understanding that its vote would not prejudice its freedom of action when financial decisions concerning the SIS programme were taken in the UNDP Governing Council.

7. Mr. BITTENCOURT (Brazil) said that, although his delegation, in a spirit of conciliation and compromise, had agreed to the present wording of operative paragraph 2, it had reservations about that wording. Operative paragraph 2, as it stood, merely ensured that the expenditure level of SIS, in 1972, would not be below the 1971 level, whereas his delegation was anxious to ensure that the assistance provided under the SIS programme did not remain frozen at a level below the reasonable and even the minimum needs of the developing countries, according to their justifiable demands. It was also worried about the damage that the freezing of SIS resources would do to the pattern of growth of UNIDO's work.

8. Mr. JÖDAHL (Sweden) said that his delegation, on behalf of the Nordic countries, welcomed the agreement reached by the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNIDO on guidelines for the SIS programme, and the endorsement of that agreement in the resolution. He supported the principles implicit in the statement of the United Kingdom representative. With respect to operative paragraph 2, he wished to state that his delegation attached great importance to the guidelines, particularly that reproduced in operative paragraph 1 (g) of the resolution. Moreover, it was his understanding that the Board, in making this recommendation, bore in mind that it was the responsibility of the UNDP Governing Council to decide on the allocation of UNDP's resources.

9. Miss STEIG (Federal Republic of Germany) said that her delegation fully associated itself with the statements of the United Kingdom, Swiss and Swedish delegations.

10. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation supported the resolution without reservation.

11. Mr. AGUNG (Indonesia), speaking as Chairman of the Group of 77, thanked the representatives of all the geographical groups for their co-operation in the drafting of the resolution.

12. Mr. ADBELAZIZ (Algeria) expressed support for the statements of the Indonesian and Brazilian representatives. His delegation had serious reservations about operative paragraph 2.

13. Mr. ARAGON (Argentina) and Mr. Denis BARREIRO (Uruguay), supported by Mr. ZEILINGER (Costa Rica), said that they welcomed the resolution but likewise had reservations about the level of expenditure proposed for 1972.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH SESSION (ID/B/L.126, L.127, L.131, L.132, L.133, L.137 and L.138) (continued)

14. Mr. HAWISA (Libyan Arab Republic), Rapporteur, introduced the draft report of the sixth session of the Board. It comprised an introduction and nine chapters and incorporated all the amendments submitted by the various geographical groups.

15. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Board should consider the report chapter by chapter.

#### Introduction

16. The introduction was adopted.

#### Chapter I

17. Mr. HAWISA (Libyan Arab Republic), Rapporteur, said that in paragraph 12 the word "membership" in the first sentence should be replaced by the word "participation" and the words "be members" in the third sentence should be replaced by the word "participate". In paragraph 16 the word "Chairman" should be replaced by the word "President".

18. Chapter I, as thus amended, was adopted.

Chapter II

19. Chapter II was adopted.

Chapter III

20. Mr. HAWISA (Libyan Arab Republic), Rapporteur, said that paragraphs 30 and 31 should be read as one paragraph.

21. Mr. LEDUC (France) proposed that the word "neutral" in paragraph 31 should be replaced by the word "independent".

22. It was so decided.

23. Mr. LEDUC (France), supported by Mr. TRAORE (Mali) and Mr. ILBOUDU (The Upper Volta), observed that the present wording of paragraph 34 conflicted with rule 66 of the Board's rules of procedure, which provided that, upon the request of any member of the Board, any document should be made available in any or all of the official languages.

24. Mr. JACKSON (United Kingdom) said he did not think that any agreement had in fact been reached. He suggested that the second sentence of paragraph 34 might be amended to read "It was suggested that this information should be made available...".

25. Mr. PUTTEVILS (Belgium) expressed support for the French representative's comments on paragraph 34, and drew attention to the last sentence of paragraph 37 of document ID/B/SR.123, which in his view more accurately reflected the outcome of the discussion on the subject. He proposed that the last sentence of paragraph 34 of the draft should be deleted.

26. Mr. ARKADIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported that proposal.

27. Mr. LEDUC (France) proposed that the last sentence of paragraph 34 of the draft should be replaced by a sentence based on the last sentence of paragraph 37 of document ID/B/SR.123.

28. It was so decided.

Chapter IV

29. Mr. HAWISA (Libyan Arab Republic), Rapporteur, said that in the fifth sentence of paragraph 10 the phrase "supported by others" should be inserted after the words "This delegation" and the words "supported by several others" deleted from the sixth sentence of that paragraph.

30. Chapter IV, as amended, was adopted.

Chapter V

31. Chapter V was adopted.

Chapter VI

32. Mr. HANISA (Libyan Arab Republic), Rapporteur, noted that the figure "97" in the first sentence of paragraph 23 should be replaced by "101".

33. Mr. ABDEL-RAHMAN (Executive Director), referring to paragraph 20, observed that the discussion of the Secretary-General's recommendations by the General Assembly might well take place before the first session of the newly established Permanent Committee. He therefore suggested the insertion of a new penultimate sentence in that paragraph, to read: "The Board requests the Secretary-General and the General Assembly, in examining the new proposals, to give due consideration to the special features of the programming of the activities of UNIDO".

34. It was so decided.

35. The PRESIDENT said it was extremely important that, in discussing the new programming, planning and budgeting procedures proposed by the Secretary-General, the Fifth Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) should be fully cognizant of UNIDO's unique character as an operational agency. Consequently, the Board's exchange of views on the Secretary-General's recommendations should be fully recorded in the report. Paragraph 25 was not, in fact, an accurate record of his summing-up of the discussion; in the final sentence of that paragraph, the words "Board and the Secretariat" should be replaced by "Executive Director" and the succeeding phrase replaced by a new sentence to read: "The Executive Director was requested to inform the Secretary-General of the steps being undertaken by the Board and the Secretariat, in order to give the matter most careful study and consideration."

36. It was so decided.

37. Chapter VI, as amended, was adopted.

Chapter VII

38. Chapter VII was adopted.



Chapter VIII

39. Chapter VIII was adopted.

Chapter IX

40. Chapter IX was adopted.

41. Mr. HAWISA (Libyan Arab Republic), Rapporteur, recalled that it has been decided, in regard to the remaining chapters of the Board's report, that brief summaries of the discussions on the items concerned should be prepared together with a record of decisions taken and a reference to the relevant summary records.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

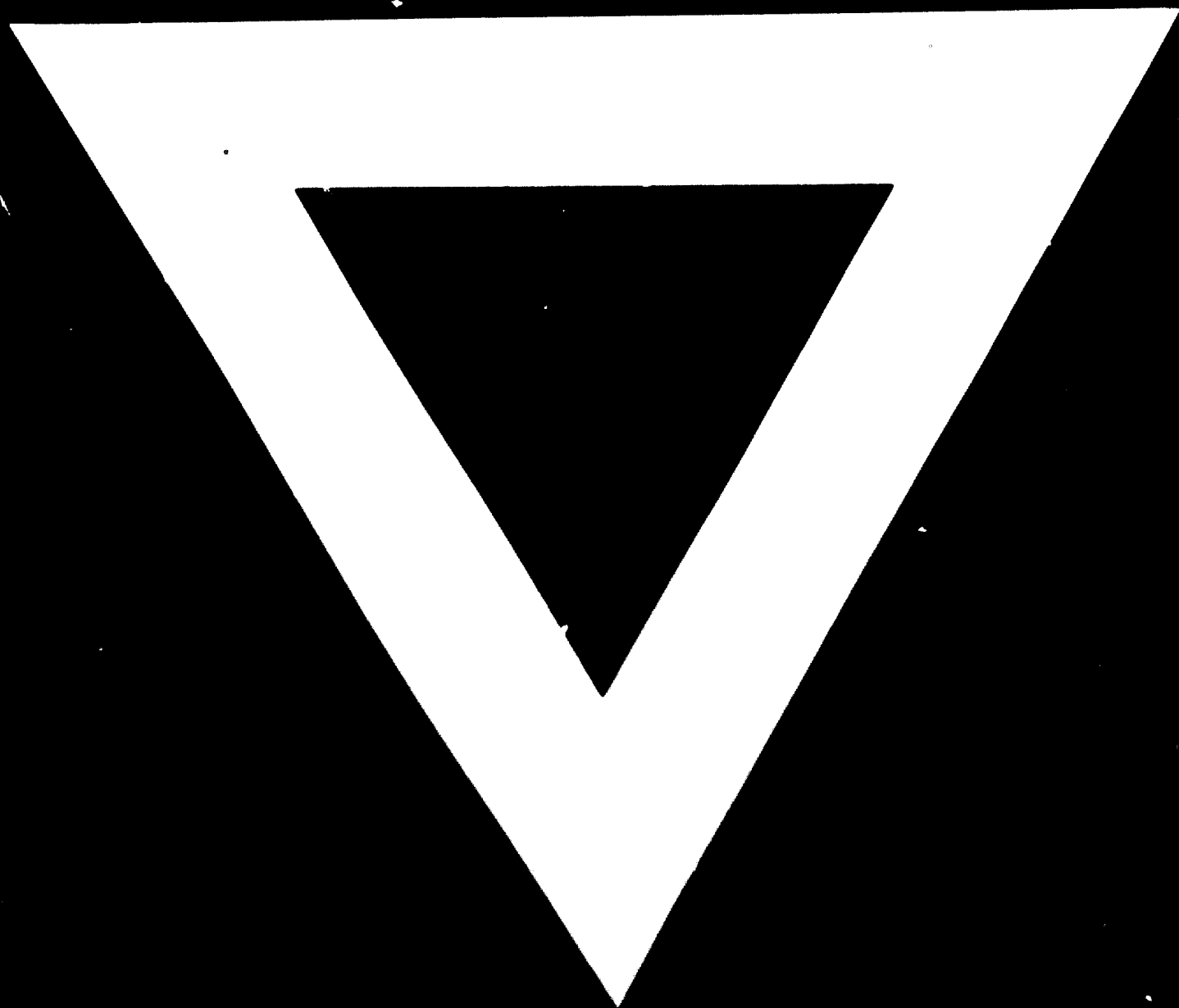
42. Mr. ILBOUDO (The Upper Volta) appealed to the Secretariat to make amended resolutions and other documents available to the heads of delegations as soon as possible after the end of the session, in order to help them in preparing reports for their Governments.

**CLOSURE OF THE SESSION**

43. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the PRESIDENT declared closed the sixth session of the Industrial Development Board.

The meeting rose at 11.5 p.m.





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