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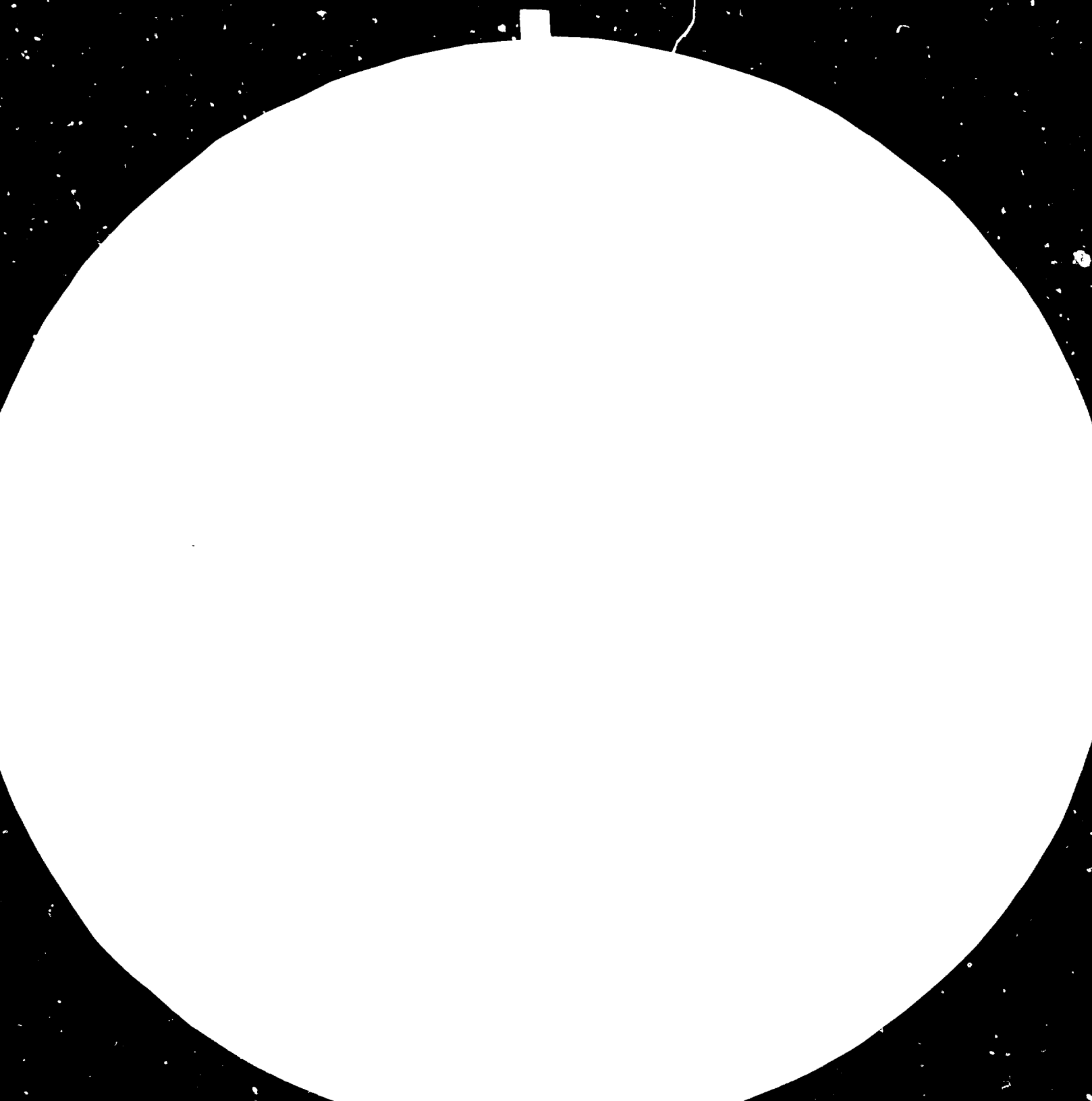
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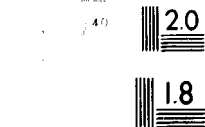
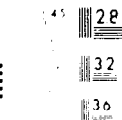
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Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The following information is provided in response to the request of Group B for clarification of certain aspects of the programme for the Decade.

Subregional programmes

The Lagos Plan of Action calls for the creation in each country of a national industrial base designed to meet its own requirements strengthened by complementary activities at subregional and regional levels. As a result of deliberations at four subregional meetings in intra-African industrial co-operation held in late 1983 and early 1984 under the auspices of ECA, OAU and UNIDO, an initial integrated industrial promotion programme was prepared covering the following subregions: Eastern and Southern Africa, West Africa, Central Africa and North Africa. The projects contained in this programme were endorsed by the African Ministers of Industry at their seventh conference, held in Addis Ababa, March 1984. This programme is presented in document ID/CONF.5/CRP.1 dated 29 June 1984.

Follow-up action relating to these subregional programmes has been initiated with the major subregional organizations Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Southern African Co-ordination Conference (SADCC), Union Douanière des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (UDEAC), Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa (PTA), Communauté des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEAO), Mano River Union (MRU) in order to proceed with follow-up action on some selected

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priority projects contained in the subregional programmes. Similar initiatives are envisaged with the Arab Industrial Development Organization (AIDO). It is envisaged that these follow-up actions will be undertaken by UNIDO, in co-operation with the African Development Bank (ADB) and the relevant subregional development banks, in order to assist the countries concerned in preparing a complete portfolio or file for submission to investment institutions and financing organizations.

#### UNIDO technical co-operation proposals

Resolution 3 (VII) of the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry requested the Executive Director of UNIDO to prepare and present to UNIDO IV a UNIDO Secretariat Programme of assistance to African countries, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies in the implementation of the programmes for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa. In its resolution 57 (XVIII), the Industrial Development Board also requested the Executive Director to make recommendations for the implementation by UNIDO of the programme for the Decade (1985-1990).

Accordingly, the Secretariat has submitted to the Fourth General Conference documents ID/CONF.5/CRP.1, ID/CONF.5/CRP.2 and ID/CONF.5/33. Document ID/CONF.5/33 contains proposals by the secretariat for UNIDO technical co-operation activities during the implementation phase of the IDDA. This programme is backed up with more detailed information in document ID/CONF.5/CRP.1 "Initial Integrated Industrial Promotion Programme at the Subregional Level" and document ID/CONF.5/CRP.2 "Compendium of Project Proposals". As indicated in the introduction to document ID/CONF.5/33, the proposed programme consisting of different projects has been prepared on the basis of official requests received from individual African countries and intergovernmental organizations, the subregional integrated industrial promotion programmes endorsed by the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry and concepts developed by UNIDO based on its extensive experience in providing technical assistance to developing countries. Many projects have been taken into consideration, prepared or formulated during the preparation of the third UNDP country programming cycle (1982-1986). Some are already included in the country or regional programmes. All represent, in our opinion, priority areas of activity for the next five years. It is therefore to be emphasized that the programme is not exhaustive and the estimated costs of the projects contained therein are only indicative.

If the programme approach proposed in document ID/CONF.5/33 is endorsed by the Conference, the UNIDO secretariat would proceed with the formulation, appraisal and approval of individual projects on the basis of official government requests and in close consultation with governmental and intergovernmental financing organizations, in accordance with its normal procedures. The implementation of these activities would be carried out under the overall policy guidance of the Industrial Development Board.

#### Comprehensive programme for the implementation phase of the Decade

The proposals presented in document ID/CONF.5/33 are not considered to be a comprehensive programme for the implementation phase of the Decade. As requested by the African Ministers of Industry, such a programme is being elaborated by African Member States with the assistance of the secretariats of ECA, OAU and UNIDO. It will be submitted to the Follow-up Committee on Industrialization in Africa for its consideration.

#### Activities during preparatory phase

As indicated in the Third Progress Report by the secretariats of ECA and UNIDO to the Industrial Development Board and confirmed by the statements made by the African delegations to the Seventh Conference of African Ministers of Industry and to UNIDO IV, significant steps have been taken by the African countries themselves towards the implementation of the priority activities identified for the preparatory phase of the programme. These include the incorporation of the concepts and priorities of the IDDA in national industrial development plans and programmes, the readjustment of existing industrial plans and the initiation, in some countries, of the elaboration of industrial master plans, the establishment of national co-ordinating committees on operational focal points for the IDDA, the identification of multinational projects for implementation at the subregional level, the strengthening of mechanisms for more effective co-ordination and monitoring of industrial programmes and projects at the national and subregional levels and the promotion of the Decade, both within and outside Africa. It should, however, be recognized that in view of the diversity in the levels of industrialization among the countries in Africa, a few countries would still be embarking on activities earmarked for the preparatory phase beyond 1984 while some of them have gone far beyond the level of such activities. It is for this reason

that in the programme for the IDDA (ID/287), it was emphasized that the designation of the period 1982-1984 as the preparatory phase of the Decade should be considered as a flexible planning period rather than in absolute terms. By and large, however, in spite of delays in a number of countries, several African countries have either accomplished or initiated the activities envisaged for the preparatory phase.

