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Note by the Secretary-General

ADDENDUM

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Members of the General Assembly the enclosed communication, dated 6 December 1966, from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations.

PERMANENT MISSION OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

6 December 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my note of 25 November 1966, respecting the French Government's offer to provide accommodation for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the Paris area.

In response to the wish expressed by the General Assembly when the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development was adopted, I have the honour, on the instructions of my Government, to send you herewith some additional information on the French Government's offer.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and the annex thereto circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Roger SEYDOUX  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France  
to the United Nations

The Secretary-General of the United Nations

## ANNEX

The French Government has offered to provide accommodation for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the Paris area (Paris or its suburbs), having in mind the following specific ideas:

1. The installation of the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization could be effected in two stages:

(a) Temporary accommodation, which would have to be sufficiently flexible to permit adaptation to the growth and diversification of the activities of UNIDO;

(b) Permanent accommodation, which would be effected after enough time had elapsed for:

- Advantage to be taken of new accommodation facilities which will become available through the implementation of the development plan for Paris and its suburbs;
- Work to proceed on the construction of the new buildings which UNIDO will need in order to keep pace with its growing requirements.

2. The French Government could consider temporary accommodation of the various services of UNIDO in the premises hitherto occupied by the Supreme Headquarters of Allied Forces in Europe at Louveciennes, which will become available on 1 April 1967.

This is an outstanding site adjoining the Western Motorway (autoroute de l'ouest), some ten minutes' drive from the Place de l'Etoile.

In addition to the infra-structure left behind by the present occupiers of the premises, UNIDO would have the benefit of the whole environment (communications, schools, housing facilities) which grew up around the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Forces in Europe.

The French Government would be prepared to convert or restore at its own expense, up to an amount commensurate, of course, with the temporary nature of the accommodation, a part of the 22,000 square metres of office space and of the 4,000 or so square metres of technical installations and miscellaneous premises already existing, in order to enable the services of UNIDO to function properly.

3. At this time, a number of preferred sites, which could ensure the permanent establishment of the headquarters of UNIDO on the perimeter of the Paris area, are under consideration (Louveciennes, Rond-Point de la Défense, Trappes).

The decisions as to the choice of the site and the facilities needed for the construction of the buildings would be taken after exchanges of views between the Secretariat and the French Government.

These facilities might vary according to the site chosen, but they would in any event be comparable to those granted in similar cases and might include, inter alia, the making available to UNIDO of land suited to whatever construction requirements the organization had in mind.

4. By reason of its proximity to the principal heavy or manufacturing industries of Europe, Paris would meet the wishes of those who consider it advantageous to establish the headquarters of UNIDO in a highly industrialized region.

Furthermore, Paris would have no difficulty in providing UNIDO with the infra-structure (skilled personnel, telecommunications, international transportation, housing and hotels, etc.) and the technical and cultural environment which would enable UNIDO to discharge its functions and fulfil its purposes with the best prospects of success and the greatest efficiency.

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