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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Members of the General Assembly the enclosed communication, dated 1 December 1966, from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations.

PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with reference to the Secretary-General's report on the facilities required in connexion with the location of the secretariat of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (UNIDO), contained in document A/C.2/232, has the honour to state the following:

It will be recalled that on 14 October 1966, the Government of Turkey made a formal offer to locate the permanent headquarters of the organization at Istanbul, and at that time gave detailed information about the amenities afforded by the city of Istanbul and the host-countries facilities to be provided by the Government of Turkey (A/6474).

However, now that the requirements of UNIDO have been spelled out in the report of the Secretary-General referred to above, the Permanent Representative of Turkey has the honour to furnish the pertinent and complementary information in the annex to this note, this time in the light of the report of the Secretary-General and the annex, thereto.

The Permanent Representative of Turkey requests the Secretary-General to circulate this note and the annex thereto as an official document of the General Assembly and avails himself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 1 December 1966

ANNEX TO THE NOTE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY

Permanent quarters

The Government of Turkey is offering to make available to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) the Palace of Çiragan to provide all the conference facilities required by the Organization. The Palace will be restored and equipped by the Government of Turkey to suit the exact requirements of the organization.

The Government of Turkey will also construct a building to house the secretariat of the organization on a site with an area of over 20,000 square metres adjoining the Çiragan Palace. The building will be constructed to meet the exact specifications of the organization and will, therefore, provide adequate space for all the offices and auxiliary services mentioned in pages 4 and 5 of document A/C.2/232. The site is of adequate size to provide ample parking facilities and room for future expansion.

The restoration of the Palace of Çiragan and the construction of the secretariat building will be completed two years after the specifications have been received by the Government of Turkey.

The location of the Çiragan Palace and the adjoining site for the Secretariat are shown in the attached map of Istanbul (appendix A).^{1/}

Temporary quarters

Pending the completion of the permanent buildings of the organization, the Government of Turkey will place at the disposal of UNIDO the conference facilities of the Municipal Palace of the city of Istanbul (appendix B).

In addition to the main meeting hall seating 289 persons, the Municipal Palace contains a large reception room with a capacity of 500 to 550 people. This room will be converted into a large conference hall, furnished accordingly and equipped with the appropriate facilities.

^{1/} The maps, pictures and blueprints referred to in the text as appendixes A, B, C and D will be on display in the Second Committee Conference Room when the item is considered by the Committee.

The existing meeting hall with a seating capacity of 289 will be used as a medium-sized conference room.

A further four conference rooms, each seating fifty persons, will be available at the Municipal Palace for the use of the organization. If necessary, the seating arrangement in these rooms can be altered in order to accommodate up to sixty persons in each room.

In addition to the meeting rooms, twenty offices with a total area of 320 square metres will be set aside at the Municipal Palace for the management of meetings.

Originally, the Government of Turkey had offered five large buildings at the borough of Ataköy to house the secretariat, but in the light of the requirements specified in document A/C.2/232, it is proposed to raise the number of buildings set aside for this purpose to seven. All seven buildings are adjacent to one another and have a total usable floor area of 6,615 square metres. They are equipped with elevators and during the course of alterations, they will be interconnexed (appendixes C and D (1) and (2)).

The necessary alterations to convert the buildings into offices for the secretariat will be undertaken by the Government of Turkey and completed in a period of four months.

As stated in our previous communication, the distance by car from the temporary secretariat to the temporary conference building can be covered in under ten minutes.

Financial arrangements concerning premises and equipment

Both the permanent and temporary quarters of the organization will be placed at the disposal of UNIDO free of charge. All construction costs in this connexion will be borne by the Government of Turkey.

In addition, the Government of Turkey will pay for the following facilities and equipment:

- (a) utilities,
- (b) major maintenance and structural repairs of all buildings,
- (c) minor maintenance of all buildings,
- (d) furniture and furnishings of conference rooms,

- (e) simultaneous interpretation installations (five languages) and sound recording in all conferences rooms,
- (f) telephone installations in all buildings.

Staff

There are ample possibilities in Turkey and in countries of the region for recruiting staff, such as interpreters, translators, secretaries, etc.

Telecommunications

The United Nations could operate its own network of telecommunications on UNIDO premises if it so desires.

Hotel and housing facilities

Istanbul is the main tourist centre of Turkey, and, as such, has ample hotel accommodation. It will be recalled that detailed figures were provided in our previous communication. Furthermore, there is a large number of hotels in the course of construction.

As regards housing, Istanbul offers a wide range of housing to meet all the requirements of the internationally recruited staff.

Medical facilities

At present, there are over 4,000 practising physicians in Istanbul and fifty-eight hospitals with a total of 11,560 hospital beds.

Education (schools and universities)

There are a sufficient number of institutions providing education at all levels in the English, French, German and Italian languages. A breakdown of these institutions is shown below.

- Institutions with English as the language of instruction: 5
- Institutions with French as the language of instruction: 7
- Institutions with German as the language of instruction: 3
- Institutions with Italian as the language of instruction: 4

In addition to the above, there is one English-language institution, namely Robert College, which provides university-level education.

Other amenities (cultural and recreational facilities)

Istanbul has a large number of cinemas, theatres, night clubs, museums, and ample facilities for both summer and winter sports in and around the city.

Availability of library and research facilities

Istanbul is the cultural centre of Turkey. The 500-year-old University of Istanbul, the Technical University Istanbul, Robert College and numerous other institutions of higher education are located in this city. The libraries of these institutions as well as the Public Library of Istanbul are stocked with a large number of books both in Turkish and in the chief working languages of the United Nations. The Industrial Development Bank of Turkey has a library specializing in general and industrial development. In addition, there is a Nuclear Research Centre at Küçük Cekmece, a suburb of Istanbul, and numerous educational institutions and industrial enterprises with research facilities are located in the region of Istanbul.

Local and international transport facilities

Istanbul is well served by frequent air, sea and rail services to all parts of the world. It is also connected by modern highways with the countries both of Europe and of Asia.

Press and news agency facilities

The principal news agencies and newspapers of the world have permanent correspondents residing in Istanbul.

Every facility is provided by the Turkish authorities to the members of the press corps in the performance of their duties and they are allowed special reduced rates for use of telegraph and telephone services.

Cost of living

According to the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the United Nations the cost of living index at Ankara, Turkey, is 81 (New York City : 100). The cost of living at Istanbul is not appreciably different from that of Ankara. In this

connexion, it should be mentioned that the cost of housing and food at Istanbul is among the lowest in Europe.

Privileges and immunities

The Government of Turkey will grant to the organization such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfillment of its purposes, and similarly grant to the representatives of members of the organization and to officials of the organization such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the unhindered exercise of their functions in connexion with the organization.

The Government of Turkey is prepared to conclude a Headquarters Agreement for UNIDO with the United Nations for this purpose.
