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### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. In a communication dated 25 November 1991, the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization informed the Secretary-General that the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, at its fourth session held at Vienna from 18 to 22 November 1991, adopted resolution GC.4/Res.8 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. The text of the resolution is contained in the annex to the present note.
2. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the General Conference recommended the adoption of the programme for the Second Decade to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its regular session for 1992, and if possible, to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.
3. Documentation concerning the programme for the Second Decade has been made available to the Secretariat in English only in limited quantities.

ANNEX

Resolution adopted by the General Conference of the  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization  
at its fourth session

GC.4/Res.8. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.3/Res.10 and United Nations General Assembly resolution 44/237 that proclaimed 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA),

Taking note of the report of the Director-General on the Second IDDA (IDB.8/23-GC.4/10 and Add.1),

Taking note in particular of the recommendations of the tenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry contained in its resolution 1(X) on the adoption of the programme for the Second IDDA,

Recalling resolution 1991/81 of the Economic and Social Council on the Second IDDA,

Bearing in mind that the first IDDA had not fully attained the expected results,

Recognizing the low level of industrial development in Africa and in view of the important role of UNIDO in the process of industrialization of developing countries,

1. Decides to adopt the programme for the second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000) covering the national, subregional and regional components contained in document CAMI.10:ICE/1991/6/Vol.1 and Vol.2 and to declare it to be a top priority programme of UNIDO;

2. Decides to allocate the sum of \$8.6 million for the Second IDDA in the programme and budgets for the biennium 1992-1993;

3. Recommends the adoption of the programme to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session for 1992, and if possible, to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

4. Requests the Director-General to adjust the work programme of the Organization in order to provide greater support to African countries and organizations in their efforts to implement the programme for the Second IDDA;

5. Requests the Director-General to ensure, in the implementation of the medium-term plan, 1992-1997, and in the drafting of all future plans for consideration by the policy-making organs of UNIDO during the Decade, that account be taken of both the Second IDDA and Africa's efforts to promote subregional and regional economic integration and cooperation and to enhance the capacity of UNIDO to assist African countries upon request in the following activities:

- (a) Industrial planning and setting up of institutional support;
- (b) Project identification, preparation, implementation and monitoring;
- (c) Preparation, evaluation and negotiation of specifications, bids and contracts;
- (d) Production, marketing and distribution in relation to key consumer, intermediate and capital goods, especially in the subregional and regional context;
- (e) Procurement and adaptation of technology, plant management and consultancy services;

6. Requests the Director-General, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to give high priority to the mobilization of external financial resources for the execution of programmes for the Second IDDA; further requests the Director-General to organize investment promotion meetings, solidarity meetings and Consultations on industrial financing with particular reference to the programme for the Second IDDA and to accord priority to African countries in the implementation of programmes and operations relating to industrial promotion;

7. Requests the Director-General, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of ECA and the Secretary-General of OAU, to intensify efforts aimed at providing African intergovernmental organizations with the necessary assistance in strengthening the role of the industrial sector in the implementation of the second IDDA at the subregional level;

8. Requests the Director-General to involve existing African regional institutes and organizations in the implementation and monitoring of the programme for the Second IDDA;

9. Calls on the Director-General to ensure that the activities of the Second IDDA are harmonized with those of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade for Africa;

10. Appeals to African countries and to African intergovernmental organizations, particularly financial institutions, to take the necessary measures to ensure the successful implementation of the programme for the Second IDDA and to give priority to the mobilization of their own financial resources for the implementation and monitoring of the programme;

11. Also appeals to the international community, particularly bilateral and multilateral funding institutions, to increase significantly their contributions to the industrial sector in African countries, so as to ensure successful and sustained implementation of the programme;

12. Urges international financial institutions, particularly the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank, to ensure full support to the Second IDDA programme and effective implementation of the programme at the national and subregional levels;

13. Calls upon institutions of the private sector, at all levels, to accord high priority to the programme for the Second IDDA, considering that their full participation would lead to greater economic integration;

14. Further appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to allocate, under its fifth cycle (1992-1996), adequate resources for supporting the activities of the regional and country programmes for Africa;

15. Requests the Director-General, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of ECA and the Secretary-General of OAU, to undertake follow-up actions for promoting national, subregional and regional activities in support of the programme and jointly submit a report on the implementation of the programme to the General Conference at its fifth session through the Industrial Development Board.

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