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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND THE DIVERSIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Committee considered the item at its 12th, 19th, 20th and 51st meetings, on 11, 21 and 24 October and 26 November 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.12 and 20). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (A/46/455-E/1991/141);
 - (b) Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77 (A/46/520);

(c) Letter dated 23 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General circulating the resolutions adopted by the 86th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Santiago, from 7 to 12 October 1991 (A/46/598);

4. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.12).

5. At the 20th meeting, on 24 October, the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.20).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/46/L.17 AND L.72

6. At the 19th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.17), entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolution 45/196 of 21 December 1990, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development cooperation,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, in particular paragraphs 2 and 4,

"1. Welcomes the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. Recognizes the need for a study to be undertaken, at a time to be agreed upon in the future, on the structure of world industrialization from the long-term perspective as a contribution to the overall assessment of needs for industrial development in developing countries;

"3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit the reports referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 45/196 in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

"4. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled 'Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries'."

7. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.72), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.72 without a vote (see para. 10).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.72, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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and modernization of productive activities in developing
countries

The General Assembly:

Reaffirming its resolution 45/196 of 21 December 1990, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development cooperation,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ in particular paragraphs 2 and 4 thereof,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Notes with interest the proposal of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for a study on the structure of world industrialization from the long-term perspective as a contribution to the overall assessment of and needs for industrial development in developing countries, and recommends that the Industrial Development Board should consider the proposal at its next session and report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit the reports referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 45/196 in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

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4. Decides that the item entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries" should, from the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, be considered on a biennial basis.
