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UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/L.1238

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 155 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 1492nd meeting held on 14 November 1972, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1238.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to convene a second general conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to be held in Vienna at the highest possible level of governmental representation, for a period of two weeks in the early months of 1975, in accordance with the provisions outlined by the Industrial Development Board in its resolution 33 (VI).
3. According to operative paragraph 3, the General Assembly would request the Industrial Development Board and its Permanent Committee to carry out the functions of an intergovernmental preparatory committee for the second general conference of UNIDO and to discharge these functions as appropriate during their sessions scheduled before the convening of the conference.
4. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would direct the Industrial Development Board and its Permanent Committee to undertake, in connexion with the functions entrusted to them in paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the following:

(a) Preparation of the provisional agenda for the second general conference of UNIDO and its submission to the General Assembly for its approval;

(b) Review and approval of the preparatory arrangements for the holding of the second general conference of UNIDO including the preparation of adequate documentation which should cover, in a concise and comprehensive way, the major subjects to be discussed at the conference;

(c) Discussion and formulation of draft proposals and recommendations for consideration by the second general conference in connexion with the various items on its agenda.

5. Further, according to operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Industrial Development Board and the Executive Director of UNIDO to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, on the progress of the preparatory work for the second general conference of UNIDO.

6. Should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1238, the conference will be convened at Vienna during the early months of 1975. For the purpose of estimating the costs of convening the conference at Vienna for a period of two weeks, it has been assumed that (a) a total of six plenary meetings would be held (in addition two Committees would meet twice daily during the session on those days on which plenary meetings are not scheduled); (b) approximately 750 pages of pre-session documentation and 200 pages of post-session documentation would be required in the four languages; (c) preparatory work for the conference would be undertaken in 1973, in particular the preparation of analytic studies relating to industrial development within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

7. On the basis of the foregoing assumptions, it is estimated that the costs of convening the conference in 1975 would amount to \$459,000 (\$74,000 in 1973, \$207,000 in 1974 and \$178,000 in 1975), summarized as follows:

<u>1973</u>		<u>US dollars</u>
<u>Preparatory work</u>		
24 man-months of professional staff	60,000	
24 man-months of general service staff	12,000	
Travel of staff	<u>2,000</u>	
	Total 1973	<u>74,000</u>
<u>1974</u>		
<u>Preparatory work</u>		
<u>Staff work:</u>		
36 man-months of professional staff	82,500	
24 man-months of general service staff	10,500	
Consultants	20,000	
Travel	<u>4,000</u>	117,000
Pre-session documentation (750 pages)		<u>90,000</u>
	Total 1974	<u>207,000</u>

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1975US dollarsStaff work:

3 man-months of professional staff	7,500	
3 man-months of general service staff	1,500	
Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

Session costs:

16 interpreters for 2 weeks	33,000	
Summary records, reports and other in-session documentation:		
370 translator days	39,000	
145 reviser days	17,500	
350 typist days	14,500	
Reproduction	<u>2,500</u>	73,500
Temporary assistance, ushers, messengers, etc.	15,000	
Overtime and night differential	14,000	
Reimbursement to the Austrian authorities for the use of Hofburg facilities	<u>7,000</u>	142,500
Hospitality		1,500

Post-conference costs:

Report (200 pages)		<u>24,000</u>
Total 1975		<u>178,000</u>
Total cost		<u><u>459,000</u></u>

8. However, should the general conference meet immediately before or after the session of the Industrial Development Board, the total costs of the conference could be reduced by an estimated amount of \$15,000, representing savings on the travel of temporary conference staff.

9. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1238, an additional appropriation of \$74,000 would be required under section 16 of the 1973 budget estimates. The requirements for the subsequent years, amounting to \$385,000, will be included in the Secretary-General's 1974/75 Biennial Work Programme and Budget.
