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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 61st meeting on 13 December 1978. An account of the Committee's discussions is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/33/SR.61).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/33/L.8 AND A/C.2/33/L.8/Rev.1

2. At that meeting, Mr. J. Kinsman (Canada), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, who had co-ordinated the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.8, which concerned the establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency introduced, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman, a draft resolution (A/C.2/33/L.81/Rev.1) entitled "Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency" to replace draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.8. The latter had been introduced at the 22nd meeting, on 1 November, by the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, and a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.2/33/L.42) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution had been circulated (see A/33/399, paras. 8-10).

3. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.8 was withdrawn by the sponsors after the introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/L.81/Rev.1.

4. Operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.81/Rev.1 which read as follows:

"2. Decides to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries in 1979 for a period of two weeks or, if necessary, three weeks, in order to finalize and adopt the constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency;"

was orally revised by the Vice-Chairman to read:

"2. Decides to convene a plenipotentiary conference at Vienna for a period of two weeks, or if necessary, three weeks, within the period 19 March to 12 April 1979, in order to finalize and adopt the constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency."

5. The representative of the Budget Division of the Secretariat made an oral statement on the administrative and budgetary implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/33/SR.61).

6. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8 below).

7. The representative of Poland, on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, made a statement on the draft resolution.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization
into a specialized agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also in this context the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, 1/ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization held in March 1975, particularly section V of the Plan of Action on the institutional arrangements thereof,

Further recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 3362 (S-VII) endorsed the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency and reiterated that endorsement in its resolutions 31/161 of 21 December 1976 and 32/167 of 19 December 1977,

1/ See A/10112, chap. IV.

Emphasizing that the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency would serve to reinforce the role and capacity of that organization in promoting the industrialization of developing countries as well as international industrial co-operation,

Regretting that, despite the progress made at the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency, held at United Nations Headquarters from 20 February to 10 March 1978, the Conference was unable to reach agreement, although the decision to convert the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency had been taken over three years ago,

Taking note of the report of the Conference 2/ as well as the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Conference, 3/

1. Reaffirms the urgent need to convert the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency so as to extend the scope and functions of the organization to paly the central co-ordinating role in the field of industrial development within the United Nations system, enhance its autonomy, increase its ability to render assistance to developing countries in the most efficient way and improve its operational efficiency and effectiveness;

2. Decides to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries at Vienna for a period of two weeks or, if necessary, three weeks, within the period 19 March to 12 April 1979, in order to finalize and adopt the constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the confernece in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 32/167.

2/ A/CONF.90/12.

3/ A/33/239.