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Letter dated 24 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the German Democratic Republic I have the honour to inform you of the following:

With regard to the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) into a specialized agency, the German Democratic Republic declares its intention to contribute constructively to the implementation of the objectives embodied in the Constitution of UNIDO concerning international co-operation in the field of industrial development. It expresses the expectation that the new organization's activities should be conducted on a universal basis and that all States should be enabled to co-operate on an equal footing. In this light, the German Democratic Republic considers it necessary that the consensus confirmed in General Assembly resolution 39/231 concerning the conditions for the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency, including the consensus on equitable geographical representation in the secretariat structure, in particular the employment of one Deputy Director-General from the group of socialist countries, will be completely and strictly honoured.

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** See Economic and Social Council decision 1985/101.

The German Democratic Republic regards it as an essential task for the new organization to perform its activities consistently in accordance with the recommendations and principles of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, of the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and of the Lima and New Delhi Declarations regarding international co-operation in the field of industrial development. Accelerated industrialization requires, as a matter of priority, such activities as will assist the developing countries in strengthening the public sector in industry, state planning and the implementation of progressive socio-economic transformations.

The German Democratic Republic holds the position that UNIDO should act against neo-colonialist exploitation and should work towards overcoming the disadvantaged situation of the developing countries in international economic relations. Of particular significance will be the active support of UNIDO in the establishment of effective control over the operations of transnational corporations in order to restrict their negative influence on the industrial development of developing countries.

It ought to be an essential obligation for UNIDO, the German Democratic Republic believes, to make appropriate efforts for fulfilling a task embodied in its Constitution: to contribute to international peace and security and the prosperity of all nations. Steps to this end in full conformity with General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 39/151 E and 39/10, would have a favourable impact on the general conditions for industrialization and international industrial co-operation. Only with the implementation of effective disarmament measures will it be possible to reallocate significant additional resources for economic and social purposes, including the industrialization of developing countries. The importance and topicality of this task were reaffirmed by the German Democratic Republic, together with the other member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, in the Declaration on the Maintenance of Peace and International Economic Co-operation of 16 June 1984.

From the point of view of the German Democratic Republic it is necessary that, in the conduct of its programme activities and budget operations, UNIDO faithfully observe the relevant provisions of its Constitution, notably in regard to the specific use of the regular and operational budgets, and take care that the regular budget resources at a stable level are used effectively and economically.

The German Democratic Republic expects that the foregoing considerations of principle, already expressed in the consultations on the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency, will be duly taken into account in the activities of UNIDO.

I kindly ask you to regard this letter as the official notification of agreement of the German Democratic Republic for the entry into force of the UNIDO Constitution in accordance with its article 25, paragraph 1.

At the same time, I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Economic and Social Council, under item 12 of the provisional agenda of its second regular session of 1985, and of the General Assembly, under items 12 and 84 of the preliminary list.

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