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ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS
ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (part II)

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1. In paragraph 11 of its report to the General Assembly (A/6508) the Second Committee informed the Assembly that it would submit a supplementary report concerning the site of the future headquarters of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development. To this end, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the details of the facilities required for the effective functioning of the organization and set 5 December 1966 as the deadline for the submission of possible further offers and additional information in the light of the Secretary-General's report.
2. The following Governments submitted offers to locate the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in their countries: Austria (A/6468), France (A/6531), Greece (A/6473), India (A/6368), Kenya (A/6369), Peru (A/6415), Trinidad and Tobago (A/6489) and Turkey (A/6474). In addition, the Governments of Switzerland and of the United States of America indicated that Geneva and New York, being host cities for the Headquarters of the United Nations, should automatically be considered as possible sites (A/6504 and A/6548, respectively).
3. The Governments of India, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago later withdrew their offers to be host countries (A/6368/Add.1, A/6415/Add.1 and A/6489/Add.1, respectively).

4. The report of the Secretary-General on the facilities required in connexion with the location of the secretariat of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development was circulated in document A/C.2/232.

5. On the basis of the Secretary-General's report, the following Governments submitted additional information concerning the facilities offered for the headquarters site: Austria (A/6468/Add.1), France (A/6531/Add.1), Greece (A/6473/Add.1), Kenya (A/6369/Add.1 and 2) and Turkey (A/6474/Add.1).

6. At the 1097th meeting, the Committee voted on a motion by the United Arab Republic that the decision concerning the site of the future headquarters of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development should be taken at the twenty-first session of the General Assembly. The motion, on which a roll-call vote was requested by the United Arab Republic, was adopted by 64 votes to 10, with 11 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Greece, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Sweden, Thailand.

7. A statement by the Secretary-General of the financial and administrative implications in connexion with the location of the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at the proposed sites was circulated in document A/C.2/L.935.

8. At the 1101st meeting, the Committee decided without objection that the site of the future headquarters of the organization should be decided by secret ballot.

9. At the 1102nd meeting, the Committee heard a statement by the Legal Adviser concerning the application of the rules of procedure of the Main Committees of the General Assembly.

10. At the 1103rd meeting, the representative of Lebanon introduced a proposal (A/C.2/L.948) concerning the voting procedure to be followed in selecting the site of the future headquarters of the organization. The proposal read as follows:

"The Second Committee,

"Noting its decision to decide by secret ballot on the question of the site of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

"Adopts the following procedure in implementation of that decision:

- "I. There shall be a first secret ballot among the seven sites offered. The site obtaining the least number of votes shall not be an eligible candidate in the next round of voting.
- "II. There shall be a second secret ballot among the six remaining sites. The two sites obtaining the least number of votes shall not be eligible candidates in the next round of voting.
- "III. There shall be a third secret ballot among the remaining four sites. The two sites obtaining the least number of votes shall not be eligible candidates in the next round of voting.
- "IV. If, during any of the three above-mentioned secret ballots, a site obtains an absolute majority, that site shall be recommended by the Committee to the General Assembly as the site of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
- "V. If the three above-mentioned ballots prove to be inconclusive, a fourth secret ballot on the basis of an absolute majority shall take place, which shall be restricted to the two remaining sites.
- "VI. If neither of the two sites obtains an absolute majority, a fifth and sixth secret ballot shall take place on the same basis of an absolute majority.
- "VII. If the sixth secret ballot is inconclusive, the Committee shall proceed to a seventh secret ballot restricted to the two remaining sites. The site obtaining the majority of votes of those present and voting shall be announced as the site to be recommended by the

Committee to the General Assembly for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. If, however, there is a tie vote on the seventh ballot, the Committee shall continue balloting until it shall reach a decision between the two remaining sites on the basis of a simple majority.

"VIII. If, at any stage of the proceedings, there is a tie vote between the candidates obtaining the least number of votes, restricted ballots - for the purpose of deciding which of them shall be selected for the next ballot - shall be taken. The sites obtaining the largest number of votes shall be retained for the following ballot."

11. The Committee approved the proposal of the representative of Lebanon.

12. At the 1104th meeting, the Committee selected, from among the seven offers, the site of the future headquarters of the organization, according to the procedure outlined in paragraph 10 above. The voting was as follows:

(a) The result of the first ballot was as follows:

Paris	30 votes
Nairobi	26 votes
Vienna	24 votes
New York	19 votes
Istanbul	12 votes
Geneva	3 votes
Athens	2 votes

Athens was therefore eliminated as a possible site.

(b) The result of the second ballot was as follows:

Paris	35 votes
Vienna	31 votes
Nairobi	27 votes
New York	15 votes
Istanbul	8 votes
Geneva	2 votes

Geneva and Istanbul were therefore eliminated as possible sites.

(c) The result of the third ballot was as follows:

Vienna	48 votes
Paris	36 votes
Nairobi	33 votes
New York	2 votes

Nairobi and New York were therefore eliminated as possible sites.

(d) The result of the fourth ballot was as follows:

Vienna	72 votes
Paris	47 votes

Vienna was selected as the site of the future headquarters of the organization.

13. At the 1105th meeting, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of Argentina, El Salvador, Mexico, the Philippines and Sudan, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.950) which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting with appreciation the offers made by several Governments for the location of the site of the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

"Believing that the establishment as soon as possible of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization headquarters will expedite the work and purpose of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

"1. Decides to locate the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) at Vienna, Austria;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary negotiations and consultations with the Austrian Government with a view to securing appropriate arrangements and suitable conditions for the establishment and effective functioning of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization secretariat at its headquarters and submit a report to the Industrial Development Board at its first session on the results of these negotiations for its approval."

14. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided that only operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.950) would constitute the contents of a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee for adoption by the General Assembly and that the purport of the draft resolution would be incorporated in the present report (see paragraph 15 below).

DECISION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

15. The Second Committee decided to note with appreciation the offers made by the several Governments for the location of the site of the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. It believed that the installation of the organization in its headquarters as soon as possible would expedite its work. It was the understanding in the Committee that the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary negotiations and consultations with the host Government with a view to securing appropriate arrangements and suitable conditions for the establishment and effective functioning of the organization and that he would submit a report to the Industrial Development Board, at its first session, on the results of these negotiations for its approval.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

The General Assembly

Decides to locate the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at Vienna, Austria.
