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Letter dated 3 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

The People's Republic of Bulgaria ratifies the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization proceeding from the consensus confirmed in General Assembly resolution 39/231 concerning the conditions for the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency of the United Nations. My Government attaches particular importance to the consensus on equitable geographical representation in the allocation of posts in the secretariat, including the employment of one Deputy Director-General from the group of socialist countries. The People's Republic of Bulgaria is of the opinion that the strict and complete observance of this consensus would furnish the conditions for respecting the interests of all members of UNIDO on the basis of the principle of universality.

The activities of UNIDO on behalf of the industrial development of the developing countries should be aimed at promoting international co-operation in the field of industrial development and should be based on the principles and norms of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, the

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Declaration on establishing the New International Economic Order, the Lima and New Delhi Declarations on international co-operation in this field. The activities of UNIDO should pursue as a lasting goal the attainment of economic independence for the developing countries.

The Bulgarian Government is of the view that in order to achieve the above goals, international economic relations, including those in the industrial field, should be based on their radical restructuring through strengthening the state-owned and co-operative sectors of the economy and the creation of diversified industry in the developing countries which serves their national objectives as well as their plans for economic and social development.

The maintenance of international peace and security are a prerequisite for the accelerated industrial development of the developing countries and for fostering international co-operation. Through its decisions and practical activities, UNIDO should actively contribute to the strengthening of world peace and security, to the cessation of the arms race and the achievement of disarmament, as well as to the creation of conditions for the rechanneling of non-productive expenditures for the purposes of economic development and international co-operation in the industrial field.

UNIDO should vigorously oppose the use of economic measures and sanctions as a means of exerting political and economic pressures against sovereign States and should resist the attempts of the imperialist forces to preserve and expand their exploitation of the developing countries. For this purpose, of particular importance is the active co-operation of UNIDO in establishing an effective control over the activities of transnational corporations for limiting the negative consequences of their activities for the overall socio-economic development of the developing countries.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria is of the opinion that UNIDO should not allow the spending of resources under programmes and projects which might be used to facilitate the penetration by foreign private capital of the developing countries to the detriment of their national interests.

It is the view of the People's Republic of Bulgaria that the resources of UNIDO's regular budget should be expended in a rational and economic fashion, whereas the amount of the regular budget should be maintained at the predetermined level.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reaffirm the position of my Government, as expressed on 7 April 1979 in the statement made by the delegations of the socialist countries at the United Nations Conference on the Conversion of UNIDO into a Specialized Agency, with regard to the question of using the resources of UNIDO's regular budget for providing technical assistance.

As in the past, the People's Republic of Bulgaria will continue to give active support to the efforts of the developing countries for their industrialization, as well as to the activities of UNIDO in this field, aimed at the restructuring of international economic relations and international industrial co-operation on a just and democratic basis.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria hopes that in its practical work UNIDO would strive after realizing the foregoing considerations, as well as the considerations voiced by my Government during the consultations on the conversion of UNIDO into a specialized agency.

I kindly request you to regard this letter as the official notification of agreement of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for the entry into force of the Constitution of UNIDO in accordance with its article 25, paragraph 1.

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

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