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Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 35 entitled "United Nations Industrial Development Organization: report of the Industrial Development Board".
2. The Committee considered this item at its 1204th, 1206th, 1212th, 1214th, 1216th, 1219th and 1221st meetings, held between 29 October and 14 November 1968. At the 1204th meeting, the Committee heard an introductory statement by Mr. I.H. Abdel-Rahman, Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.<sup>1/</sup>
3. In considering the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/7271), the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its second session,<sup>2/</sup> and the relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>3/</sup> The Committee's attention was also drawn to a note by the Secretary-General (A/7252/Add.1) entitled "Operational activities for development: activities undertaken by the Secretary-General".
4. At the 1212th meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the delegations of Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, Ghana,

<sup>1/</sup> See A/C.2/SR.1204.

<sup>2/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/7215).

<sup>3/</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (A/7203), chapter IX.

Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1009 and Corr.1), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the provisions relating to the purpose and functions of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966,

"Bearing in mind that the developing countries attach high priority to their industrial development within the framework of their national economic plans and programmes,

"Conscious of the significant contribution the United Nations Industrial Development Organization can make in achieving the widest possible international co-operation in assisting the developing countries to accelerate their industrial development,

"Recognizing the key role that industrial development will have to play in the fulfilment of the objectives of the next United Nations Development Decade,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its second session;

"2. Invites Governments to provide additional support to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization by making available through voluntary contributions, in accordance with section II, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), adequate resources for an expanded programme for field activities under flexible procedures;

"3. Requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to accelerate the preparatory work within its competence for the next Development Decade and to co-operate actively in the concerted efforts being undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system to elaborate the International Development Strategy for the 1970's;

"4. Endorses Industrial Development Board resolution II (II) on the regular programme of technical co-operation;

"5. Considers that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be entrusted with the responsibility of executing a larger number of projects related to industrial development under the two components of the United Nations Development Programme."

5. At the 1216th meeting, the sponsors revised the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1009/Rev.1), as follows:

(a) A new paragraph was inserted between operative paragraphs 1 and 2, which read:

"2. Requests the Industrial Development Board to include in its future reports a summary of the activities of the Organization for the past year;"

(b) The following words were added at the end of operative paragraph 4 (now operative paragraph 5):

"wherein the Board recommended the sum of \$1.5 million as the planning level of the regular programme of technical assistance for industrial development in 1969 and 1970;"

(c) At the suggestion of the representative of Austria, the following words were added at the end of operative paragraph 5 (now operative paragraph 6):

"taking into consideration the increasing flow of requests for such projects."

6. Sierra Leone and Southern Yemen became co-sponsors of the revised draft resolution.

7. At the 1219th meeting, the representative of the United States of America proposed the following amendments (A/C.2/L.1016) to the revised draft resolution:

(a) The following words would be added at the end of operative paragraph 1:  
"and in particular its resolution 11 (II) on the regular programme of technical assistance for industrial development;"

(b) Operative paragraph 5 would be replaced by the following text:

"5. Recommends that the Industrial Development Board and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme consider the desirability of converting Special Industrial Services (SIS) to a revolving fund with sufficient flexibility to meet the United Nations Industrial Development Organization programme needs, the funds to be reimbursed from the United Nations Development Programme allocations to approved projects for which the United Nations Development Industrial Organization becomes the executing agency."

8. At the 1221st meeting, Burundi and Madagascar joined as co-sponsors of the revised draft resolution.

9. The amendments of the United States were withdrawn at the 1221st meeting.

10. The Committee then voted on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1009/Rev.1), as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1, on which a separate vote was requested by Bulgaria, was approved by 67 votes to none, with no abstentions;

(b) Operative paragraph 2, on which a separate vote was requested by Bulgaria, was approved by 73 votes to none, with no abstentions;

(c) Operative paragraph 3, on which a separate vote was requested by Bulgaria, was approved by 59 votes to none, with 15 abstentions;

(d) Operative paragraph 4, on which a separate vote was requested by Bulgaria, was approved by 73 votes to none, with no abstentions;

(e) Operative paragraph 5, on which a separate vote was requested by Bulgaria, was approved by 49 votes to 17, with 10 abstentions;

(f) Operative paragraph 6, on which a separate vote was requested by Bulgaria, was approved by 75 votes to none, with 1 abstention;

(g) The revised draft resolution, as a whole, was approved by 59 votes to none, with 20 abstentions (see paragraph 15 below, draft resolution I).

11. A number of delegations spoke in explanation of their vote, and these are reflected in the summary records.<sup>4/</sup>

12. At its 1221st meeting, the Committee decided to endorse the decision taken by the Industrial Development Board at its second session<sup>5/</sup> to include Mauritius and Southern Yemen in list A of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI). In view of their recent admission to the United Nations, the Committee also decided to include Equatorial Guinea and Swaziland in list A (see paragraph 15 below, draft resolution II). It was noted that Barbados, which became a Member of the United Nations on 9 December 1966, had been included in list C when the General Assembly elected the members of the Board in 1966 and in 1967.

13. At the 1212th meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of his own and a number of other delegations, presented a draft text (A/C.2/L.1013) for inclusion in the present report. The text read as follows:

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<sup>4/</sup> See A/C.2/SR.1219 and 1221.

<sup>5/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/7215), chapter VIII.

"The Committee was of the opinion that the Industrial Development Board should consider at its third session, in the light of the experience gained, the need for the continuation of its Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination. If <sup>it</sup> feels that the Working Group should continue, the Board should examine the desirability of convening it simultaneously with the sessions of the Board."

#### DECISION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

14. The text was revised at the 1221st meeting, and the Committee then decided, without objection, to include the following text in the present report:

*of the members*  
"A majority of the Second Committee was of the opinion that the Industrial Development Board should consider at its third session, in the light of the experience gained, the need for the continuation of its Working Group on Programme and Co-ordination. Many expressed the view that if the Committee felt that the Working Group should continue, the Board should examine the desirability of convening the Working Group simultaneously with the sessions of the Board."

*Board?*

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

15. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

##### United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions relating to the purpose and functions of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966,

Bearing in mind that the developing countries attach high priority to their industrial development within the framework of their national economic plans and programmes,

Conscious of the significant contribution the United Nations Industrial Development Organization can make in achieving the widest possible international co-operation in assisting the developing countries to accelerate their industrial development,

Recognizing the key role that industrial development will have to play in the fulfilment of the objectives of the next United Nations Development Decade,

1. Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its second session;<sup>6/</sup>

2. Requests the Industrial Development Board to include in its future reports a summary of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the previous year;

3. Invites Governments to provide additional support to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization by making available through voluntary contributions, in accordance with section II, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), adequate resources for an expanded programme for field activities under flexible procedures;

4. Requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to accelerate the preparatory work within its competence for the next United Nations Development Decade and to co-operate actively in the concerted efforts being undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system to elaborate the international development strategy for the 1970's;

5. Endorses Industrial Development Board resolution 11 (II) of 14 May 1968, wherein the Board recommended the sum of \$1.5 million as the planning level of the regular programme of technical assistance for industrial development in 1969 and 1970;

6. Considers that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be entrusted with the responsibility of executing a larger number of projects related to industrial development under the two components of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into consideration the increasing flow of requests for such projects.

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6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/7215).

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership  
in the Industrial Development Board

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II, paragraph 4, of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 on the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

1. Endorses the decision taken by the Industrial Development Board at its second session<sup>7/</sup> to include Mauritius and Southern Yemen in list A of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI);

2. Decides, in view of their recent admission to the United Nations, also to include Equatorial Guinea and Swaziland in list A of the annex.

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<sup>7/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/7215), chapter VIII.