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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION AND THE THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.31

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of paragraph 13 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.31 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to ensure that the necessary arrangements, including the requisite financial provisions, are made for the conclusion of national, regional and interregional preparations for the Third General Conference (New Delhi, 21 January-8 February 1980), including arrangements for interregional and other meetings in the later stage of the preparatory process for the Conference.
2. Under the terms of paragraph 14 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives of the least developed countries, including the requisite financial provisions for the travel expenses and per diem of two representatives from each of these countries.
3. With regard to the arrangements for the conclusion of national, regional and interregional preparations for the Third General Conference, it will be recalled that an appropriation in the amount of \$246,500 was approved for that purpose by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the basis of a related proposal by the Secretary-General in his proposed programme budget for 1978-1979. ^{1/} This appropriation has been used, *inter alia*, to cover the cost of travel of staff in connexion with the organization of regional and subregional meetings, including regional meetings in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 6, vol. II, para. 12.24.

4. It is now proposed that an interregional preparatory meeting be held in mid-December 1979. Preparations are under way for the holding of that meeting in a Latin American country. The additional costs, for which no provision has been made under section 12: United Nations Industrial Development Organization of the 1978-1979 budget, have been estimated on the following basis:

(a) The meeting would be of one week's duration;

(b) Interpretation services would be required in four languages (English, French, Spanish and Arabic);

(c) Five secretariat staff would need to attend;

(d) All conference costs other than interpretation would be met by the host country.

5. On the basis of the foregoing, the expenditure with respect to the holding of this preparatory meeting is estimated as follows:

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Interpretation (English, French, Spanish, Arabic) <u>2/</u>	30,000
Travel of staff <u>3/</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u><u>40,000</u></u>

Account has been taken of that additional expenditure in section 12 of the final performance report on the programme budget for 1978-1979 which is to be reviewed by the General Assembly at its current session.

6. With regard to the implementation of paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the cost of travel expenses and per diem is estimated at \$177,600, as follows:

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Travel	
\$1,700 x 30 x 2	102,000
Subsistence	
\$45 x 28 x 30 x 2	<u>75,600</u>
Total	<u><u>177,600</u></u>

2/ Including salaries, travel and subsistence.

3/ Including subsistence.

7. Should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution, an additional appropriation of \$177,600 would be requested in section 17: United Nations Industrial Development Organization of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 under the heading "travel of representatives to meetings".
