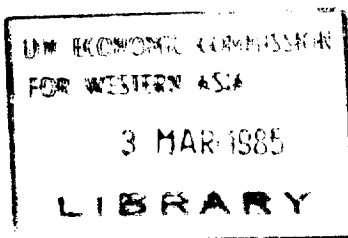




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THE COMMISSION'S PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO IV

Note by the Executive Secretary

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A. Background

1. In its resolution 37/212, the General Assembly approved the draft provisional agenda for the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (annex).

2. In line with the decision of the General Assembly, the UNIDO secretariat organized five high-level preparatory meetings on specific subjects to facilitate the definition of major issues to be dealt with at the Conference. Those meetings were:

(a) International Forum on Technological Advances and Development (10-15 April 1983, Tbilisi, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

(b) Industrial Development Strategies and Policies for Developing Countries (18-22 April 1983, Lima, Peru).

(c) Accelerated Development of Human Resources for Industrialization (30 May-3 June 1983, Yaounde, United Republic of Cameroon).

(d) Industrial Co-operation among Developing Countries (18-22 July 1983, Bangkok, Thailand).

(e) Energy and Industrialization (July 1983, France).

3. Those meetings focused on a review of achievements and constraints, options for short- and medium-term policies and programmes, and the role of UNIDO in providing assistance to the developing countries at their request. They provided important inputs to item (5) of the provisional agenda of the Conference. Inputs to other agenda items and sub-items were to be provided through additional UNIDO in-house efforts.

4. As a continuation of the active participation of the Economic Commission for Western Asia in the preparation and participation in UNIDO (III), held at New Delhi from 21 January to 9 February 1980, the Commission in its resolution 120(X) of 11 May 1983, requested the Executive Secretary to include a special item in the agenda of the eleventh session on the Commission's preparations for UNIDO (IV) which was then scheduled to be held at Nairobi in June 1984. The venue of the meeting was subsequently changed and it is now scheduled to be held at Vienna from 2-18 August 1984.

B. Preparations for UNIDO IV

5. In addition to the five high-level international preparatory meetings which were organized by UNIDO, regional meetings at the ministerial level are being held prior to UNIDO IV by ESCAP, ECLA, and ECA to prepare the various regions' stand at UNIDO IV. A meeting of the Group of 77 is planned to be held prior to the convening of UNIDO IV.

6. With respect to the ECWA region and the Arab countries, the Sixth Arab Industrialization Conference scheduled to be held at Damascus in May 1984 shall provide the forum for discussions on UNIDO IV.

7. In preparation for UNIDO IV, the Commission has prepared background papers outlining its position on issues that will be discussed as main agenda items of UNIDO IV. These papers (see addenda) are presented to the session for discussion.

Annex

FOURTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO

Draft provisional agenda adopted by the Industrial
Development Board at its sixteenth session

1. Opening of the Conference.

2. Organization of the Conference:

- (a) Election of the President;
- (b) Adoption of the agenda;
- (c) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
- (d) Election of officers other than the President;
- (e) Organization of committees;
- (f) Credentials of representatives to the Conference.

3. General debate.

4. Lima and New Delhi Declarations and Plans of Action:
retrospective and perspective.

- (a) Review of progress and constraints;
- (b) Perspectives for the achievement of the Lima target.

5. International co-operation, relevant national actions
including industrial policies, and UNIDO's contribution in
critical areas of industrial development 1985-2000.

- (a) Accelerated development of human resources for industrial development;
- (b) Strengthening of scientific and technological capacities for industrial development in developing countries;
- (c) Mobilizing of financial resources for industrial development;
- (d) Energy and industrialization, with special emphasis on development and application of energy resources and manufacture of equipment;
- (e) World industrial restructuring and redeployment;
- (f) Policies and measures for domestic industrial processing of raw materials in developing countries;
- (g) Industrial policies and measures to achieve rural development and self-sufficiency in food supplies in developing countries;
- (h) The least developed countries: implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action;
- (i) Strengthening economic co-operation among developing countries.

6. The Industrial Development Decade for Africa: review of progress, and proposals on ways and means to attain its objectives.
7. UNIDO's co-ordinating role in the United Nations system on industrial development.
8. Conclusions and recommendations.
9. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
10. Closure of the Conference.