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# BIRPI

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ACTIVITIES OF BIRPI  
SINCE THE FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION (SEPTEMBER 1968)  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Supplementary Report of the Director of BIRPI

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

1. The Director of BIRPI has exchanged correspondence with the Secretary of the Industrial Development Board on the subject of voluntary contributions of States to UNIDO. Copies of the letter of the Secretary of the Industrial Development Board and of the Director of BIRPI's reply are attached to the present document for the information of the member States of the Paris Union.

2. The Committee is invited to take note of the present document.

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ANNEX

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Vienna, May 29, 1969

To the Director of BIRPI - Geneva

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 2(I), adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its first session, in which the Secretary-General of the United Nations is invited "to convene an annual pledging conference in accordance with section II, paragraph 23(a), of General Assembly resolution 2152(XXI)."

I also wish to refer to resolution 10(II) adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its second session, in which the Executive Director is requested "to take the necessary steps to promote through direct contacts with the governments of the developed and the developing countries their effective support by means of appropriate voluntary contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for its operational programmes in accordance with section II, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 2152(XXI)."

As you know, at the first UNIDO Pledging Conference which was held at United Nations Headquarters on 4 December 1968, forty-three Governments announced contributions for 1969 totalling the equivalent of US\$ 2,656,108. Since then, two other governments have informed the Secretary-General that they will be making voluntary contributions for 1969, and these additional pledges have raised the total of the contributions announced by Member States to the equivalent of US\$ 2,666,358. In addition, twenty other governments indicated at the Pledging Conference that while they were not at present in a position to announce contributions to UNIDO, mainly for financial reasons, they hoped to do so at a later date.



..... In its note dated 27 March 1969, a copy of which is attached, the Secretariat invited the governments of Member States to participate in the second Pledging Conference, which is to be held during the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly on a date announced by the Secretary-General later.

In order to create the most favourable conditions possible for the success of this Conference, I should like to ask you, on behalf of the Executive Director, to consider whether you could help, in such a manner as you see fit, to draw the attention of the competent authorities of the member countries of your organization to the importance which UNIDO attaches to this Conference as a valuable means of supplementary financing for its growing operational activities.

Yours truly,

Signed: Almamy Sylla  
Secretary  
Industrial Development Board

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Annex to the letter of UNIDO of May 29, 1969

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and has the honour to refer to resolution 2(I) adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its first session, which invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations "to convene an annual pledging conference in accordance with paragraph 23(a), of General Assembly resolution 2152(XXI)."

The Executive Director also refers to resolution 10 (II) adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its second session, requesting him "to take the necessary steps to promote through direct contacts with the governments of the developed and developing countries their effective support by means of appropriate voluntary contributions to UNIDO for its operational programmes in accordance with Section II, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 2152(XXI)."

The Executive Director expresses the hope that His Excellency's Government will take the above-mentioned decision into consideration and participate in the second pledging conference, which will be held during the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, at a date to be announced later by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

March 27, 1969

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Reply of the Director of BIRPI to the Secretary  
of the Industrial Development Board

Geneva, June 6, 1969

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 29, 1969, in which you, on behalf of the Executive Director of UNIDO, ask BIRPI to help in drawing the attention of the competent authorities of member countries of the international unions administered by BIRPI to the importance which UNIDO attaches to the Second Pledging Conference, which is to be held during the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The operational activities of UNIDO, which in some respects relate closely to work undertaken in BIRPI's technical assistance program, are clearly of importance to BIRPI. Careful consideration has therefore been given to the most effective way of complying with your request, taking into account what nature of communication to the governments of member countries is appropriate in the light of the fact that the formal competence of BIRPI is limited to questions of protection of intellectual property.

As a result of this consideration, we intend to include, for purposes of information, copies of your letter and of this reply among other documents which will be sent, next month, to the member countries of the International (Paris) Union for the Protection of Industrial Property in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee of that Union.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: G.H.C. Bodenhausen  
Director

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