

GENERAL AND COMMENTS

1. On our seat in the plenary session hall, I found an invitation note to meet the Austrian Anti-Apartheid Committee representative, Dr Saurer, with whom thereafter developed good personal and political relations. He donated the Movement a book (in German) on Austio-South African Political, military and trade relations. Per request of the author, I handed it over to the International Dept. deputy head, cde Sidney.
2. From our pigeon-hole we also recieved an invitation by Cde Puig, a Cuban who works as a co-ordinator of the UNIDO-ANC Mazimbu mechanical workshop project. He gave me documentation on the progress of the project. Documents show that 153,000 dollars was in April 1984 approved by UNIDO for this project. An expert is now awaiting a call by ANC to get to Mazimbu for on-the-spot check up and arrangements for equipment reception.

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APPENDIX II

Statement of the A.N.C.(South Africa) Delegate.

Observer Delegation to UNIDO IV.

Mr Chairman,

Since I am taking the floor for the first time in this Committee, allow me to extend our felicitations to your unanimous election by the conference together with your Bureau to guide its proceedings.

Mr Chairman,

The African National Congress Observer Delegation to UNIDO IV wishes to thank you for giving me the opportunity to also say a few words on this key problem question of the Industrialisation of the African continent.

We take the floor to associate ourselves with the opening eloquent remarks of His Excellency the Nigerian Ambassador in this committee, aimed specifically to give the Industrialisation Decade for Africa a take-off push, at long last. For that purpose we feel obliged to also thank the joint efforts of the ECA, OAU and UNIDO Secretariat who have expertly documented a prescription to achieve the urgent goal of our

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industrialisation within a specified period of a decade.

Mr Chairman,

Fellow delegates,

we all know that the African continent has for centuries been subjected to colonial exploitation and expropriation of its rich material resources in the form of raw materials. We have thus inherited a task, to drastically change that situation of a Dark Continent to one of manufacturing industries capable of giving our long-suffering people social progress, dignity and high levels of living standards that will forever do away with the legacy of disease, hunger, poverty and ignorance. This is the express priority desire of every African government, State and its peoples plus progressive mankind.

The constraints towards such a goal have been clearly defined in the ECA, OAU and UNIDO documentation on this subject as those of lack of financial resources and skilled manpower to implement the Industrialisation Plan of Action.

Our delegation, Mr Chairman, believes that with the concerted South-South, North-South willpower we are appealing for, the accelerated industrialisation plan for our continent can be implemented. We only urge that the approach to the implementation of the plan should be based on pure humanitarian obligations and have no political or profit strings and sacrifices attached to it.

A positive start in this policy-direction has already been drawn up in the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) which rejects political implications of industrialisation through the blood-stained hands of the South African racist regime. We are here appealing for world-wide support for the industrialisation of our continent, but not through sacrificing our very first gains of political independence and thereby introduce neo-colonialism through a back door.

We also feel that towards such goals this UNIDO conference would go a long way if it would appoint a permanent coordinator to be based in Addis Ababa, with a task to further strengthen the close working ties with the ECA and OAU on this Plan of Action.

Lastly, Mr Chairman, we once more urge each industrialised country to give out a generous disinterested financial hand and a skilled-manpower training programme to support our 10-year industrialisation plan - a plan that is bound to go a long way to transform the politico-economic status and social progress of the vast millions of the peoples of our continent.

On our part as the African National Congress, Mr Chairman, with the continued assistance of UNIDO, the OAU and all progressive mankind, we pledge to make our direct contribution to this common cause through the intensification of our national liberation struggle that is presently crushing the inhuman Apartheid system in our country; and on its ruins construct a democratic political system and government and thus release the industrialisation advantages of our country not only for the benefit of all its citizens irrespective of race, but also to the benefit of all the peoples of Africa through the OAU and SADC.

Mr Chairman, I thank you.

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Appendix III

DRAFT RESOLUTION

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA RECOGNISED BY THE OAU.

Recalling paragraph II of General Assembly Resolution 37/32 of 23rd November 1982 and paragraph 20 of General Assembly Resolution 27/169A of 9 December 1982 on assistance to the National Liberation Movements of South Africa.

Mindful of the UNIDO Board discussions in its 360 and 363 meetings of 14 and 19 May, 1984 contained in the relevant summary records ID/B/SR 360 and 363.

Mindful of the Report of the UNIDO Executive Director on Technical Assistance to the South African National Liberation Movements recognised by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) - (ID/B/321)

Mindful of the low level of resources of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during the period 1982-1984

which led to the exclusion of some of the projects formulated by UNIDO for assistance to the South African National Liberation Movements from the priority list of UNDP-funded projects for that period.

Decided That UNIDO, in cooperation with ANC and PAC as well as with OAU, should sustain and intensify its efforts in this task.

Urged

1. The Governing Council of UNDP to ensure the provision of necessary funds for the implementation of the relevant UNIDO projects.
2. All Member States, the United Nations System, and Governmental and Non-Governmental organisations to provide generous assistance, through the South African Liberation Movements, for the social and economic development of the oppressed majority of South Africa.
3. The Executive Director to submit a further progress report on this subject to its nineteenth session.

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5 November, 1984.

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