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THE SECRETARY GENERAL RECEIVES A MESSAGE OF
THANKS FROM THE INDIAN PREMIER:

Arab League Secretary General El Sayed Abdel Khalek Hassouna has received a message of thanks from Mrs. Indira Gandhi of India in reply to his cable of congratulations on the occasion of her reelection Prime Minister.

The message reads as follows:

"I greatly appreciate your kind message of greetings and good wishes on my re-election as Prime Minister of India. It shall be my earnest endeavour to further strengthen and promote the traditional cooperation, understanding and good will between the Arab and the Indian people which the Government and the people of India greatly value."

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR STANDARDIZATION
MEETS UNDER ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL:

The Administrative Authority of the first Arab Conference for Standardization met at the Arab League Premises yesterday under El Sayed Aref Zaher, the League's Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs.

The administrative and financial statutes, the budget of the conference and the contribution of the Kuwaiti Government were discussed at the meeting.

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Two sub-committees were formed. One of them is to work out a detailed budget regarding the convocation of the conference in Kuwait. The other is entrusted with the preparation of researches besides contacting the competent authorities and the research workers to present their technical and scientific papers within the framework of the conference's agenda.

Meanwhile, the Administrative Authority will meet again next Wednesday to review the sub-committees reports.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR ARAB COUNTRIES.

Possibilities for the establishment of an Industrial Development Centre for Arab Countries will be explored at a meeting to be convened at the Headquarters of the Arab League General Secretariat for this purpose on May 10. Invitations to the meeting have been forwarded to the League's member states.

Arab experts for economic planning and industrial co-ordination will be taking part in the meeting which is being held in implementation of relevant recommendations adopted by the Industrial Development Conference held in Kuwait from March 1st. to 10, 1966.

The object behind the establishment of this centre is to promote industrialisation in Arab countries, develop their industries and coordinate their efforts in this connection.

The projected centre is to undertake the consolidation of researches and studies relating to industrial conditions in Arab countries and means of developing them. It will also give advice and technical assistance to Arab countries in the field of industrial development and coordinate their efforts through the exchange of information and experiences and the unification of specifications and terms pertaining to industries. The functions of the centre also

include the arrangement and coordination of programmes of research, studies and training on an Arab regional basis and contribution to their execution.

The Arab League General Secretariat has communicated to the member states a number of relevant proposals to serve as a basis for the study to be conducted by the Arab experts and specialists attending the meeting.

Meanwhile, the liaison officers for the Conference on Industrial Development in the Arab countries will report on the outcome of the meeting to the International Seminar on Industrial development to be held in Athens and to the next session of the Economic Council.

LIAISON OFFICERS MEETING.

Liaison Officers for the Conference on Industrial Development in the Arab countries will be meeting at the League's Premises on May 20 to deal with a five-point agenda including, among other things, the efforts of each Arab state in following up the recommendations of the conference which had met in Kuwait in March 1966. Invitations to the meeting have been forwarded by the League's General Secretariat.

The meeting will discuss the measures adopted by each country concerning arrangements for the World Seminar on Industrial Development to be held in Athens next November as well as the topics on the Seminar's agenda.

The set up of an Industrial Development Centre for Arab countries along with the specialised meetings for specific industries as defined in the final report of the Industrial Development Conference, will also be touched upon at the meeting.
