

Editorial Note

In the first issue of *Africa Development* we published three articles on the general theme of the New International Economic Order. This was our contribution to the debate and discussion that took place in Nairobi during the meeting of UNCTAD IV. Professor Samir Amin, Director of IDEP (African Institute for Economic Development and Planning) who contributed one of the articles in the first issue, attended the UNCTAD meeting in Nairobi. In a brief article in this issue, he summarizes his observations on the topics debated and on the unsatisfactory (from the Third World point of view) outcome of the meeting. He states clearly the kind of conclusions being drawn by Third World countries and which hopefully will be discussed at the Colombo meeting of heads of states of the non-aligned countries in August.

In this issue we also have four articles dealing with some of the most important problems of African development. The deterioration of environment and the food problem of the Sahel, a detailed study of import substitution policy in Senegal, the clearly wrong and costly policy of blindly using capital intensive technology in industrialization in Ethiopia, and on the sensitive issue of political integration in Africa. All the articles are based on solid research and we hope that they will contribute to serious discussion on these different but important aspects of development in Africa.

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