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Assembly, but it was not until 1985 that it
became a full-fledged agency of the United
Nations. The Organization, which has
168 member states, helps less-developed
nations establish new industries or
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