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the case of each site offered the dates when all the necessary facilities would be available. Perhaps the Secretary-General could also give us his views on whether it would be easier to establish an efficient group of expert personnel in the industrial field at United Nations headquarters than at other sites offered. We have in mind the problem of recruiting skilled personnel and we assume that this question is relevant to our consideration. Bearing in mind that we have all agreed that UNIDO should be action-oriented, presumably it should establish close relations with, in particular, the World Bank group and the United Nations Development Programme. If the headquarters of UNIDO were to be somewhere other than at United Nations headquarters, would a liaison office be required in New York, and, if so, what would the financial and administrative implications of such a liaison office be? Finally, Mr. Chairman, in light of the comments of the Secretary-General which I have just read, what would be the operational and possible financial advantages of locating the headquarters of UNIDO in the headquarters of the United Nations so that it could draw on central administrative and financial services?

There are of course other questions which should be answered before any decision is taken concerning the headquarters of UNIDO. The questions I have just asked -- and for which I hope we shall have answers from the Secretary-General -- are only illustrative of many others that could be posed. We hope that information will be forthcoming to answer all such questions. My delegation hopes that when all the necessary information is available, the first session of the Industrial Development Board will be able to address itself to this important question. For these reasons, Mr. Chairman, we should like to propose formally that the Committee note on the question of whether to remit further consideration of the subject of the site of the headquarters of UNIDO to the first session of the Industrial Development Board for recommendation to the next session of the General Assembly.