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**GENERAL INFORMATION
AND
SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
1975 – 1979**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND.

1. The Vienna Institute for Development is the realization of an idea of the late Jawaharlal Nehru, who once pointed out to Bruno Kreisky, then Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, that many organizations were involved in development aid and would pursue this task in the future, yet none to define and promote development as such.
2. He therefore felt that an international institute should be set up whose main concern would be the promotion of the idea of development. This institute should be beyond the influence of governments and its board members free to work and make decisions, irrespective of their official functions.
3. The Vienna Institute for Development came into being as a result of the Conference for Economic Cooperation and Partnership, which met in Salzburg and Vienna from 1 to 7 July 1962. The Institute took up its activities in the fall of 1964.
4. Since its inception, the Vienna Institute for Development has been an institution of North-South dialogue and cooperation. This is reflected in the composition of its decision-making organ, the Board, which is made up of eminent personalities from industrialized and developing countries, who jointly decide about the programme of the Institute.