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Switzerland's Contribution to UNDP

Switzerland has been a member of the Board of Directors of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since its foundation in 1966. Consequently it is in a position to take part in the drafting of the development policy as well as the control of the administration of UNDP. Switzerland's contribution for 1974 was fixed, in October 1972, at 5.75 million dollars. Like most western countries, the Confederation has however had to adjust its contribution, raising it to 6.5 million dollars, in order to help UNDP solve the problems created for this organisation by recent currency fluctuations.—(SODT).

The Consumption of Electricity In Swiss Industry

During the hydrological year 1972-73 (i.e. from 1st October 1972 to 30th September 1973), Swiss industry as a whole consumed 11.07 billion kWh. The increase in industrial consumption compared with the previous period was 4.4%, while a rate of growth of 5.8% was noted for electricity consumption as a whole (without taking into account electrical boilers, pumping plant and losses in transport and distribution). The consumption of electricity by industry last year represented 39.1% of the overall consumption. This figure was slightly lower than that for the year 1971-72 (39.6%), and lower than ten years ago (41.8%). On the other hand, the share of the household, craftwork and agricultural group rose from 52.9% during the period 1971-72 to 53.8% in 1972-73. The railways, for their part, accounted for 7.1% of the total consumption of electricity, compared with 7.5% during the previous period. — (SODT).



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