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Nicaragua was elected Sept. 30 by Latin American delegates to one of the vice presidencies of the third working meeting on agricultural mechanization of the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The UNIDO meeting commenced Sept. 29 in Belgrade, and is organized in two large working groups. Latin American delegates had previously rejected a proposal by Chilean delegates that Chile occupy the vice presidency position on behalf of the region. One of the working groups is charged with examining proposals for inter-regional cooperation in the agricultural machinery industry, with special emphasis on linkages among small- and medium-scale enterprises. The second group is concentrating on strategies for integrated agricultural development and to analysis of African irrigation systems. In a Sept. 29 address, UNIDO director general Domingo Siazon said that developing countries account for only 7% of world machinery production, referring to this division of labor as "pernicious." The UNIDO meeting, attended by 163 delegates from 63 nations, will continue until Oct. 2.

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