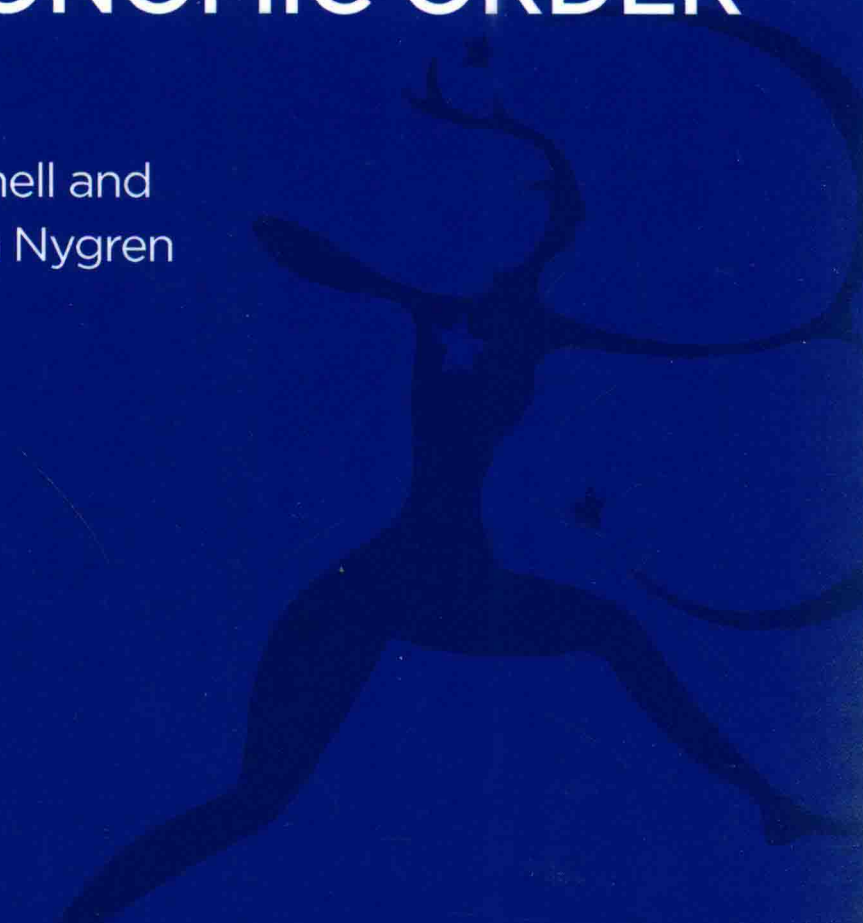


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PREFACE

This book is part of an attempt by the Swedish Secretariat for Futures Studies to stimulate the debate on the NIEO. It is written by Lars Anell (chaps. 2, 4 and 5) and Birgitta Nygren (chap. 3). Lars Anell was on leave of absence from his post as head of the Planning Department in the Foreign Ministry's Office for International Development Cooperation. Birgitta Nygren was earlier engaged in the Federation of Swedish Industries and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO.

The introductory chapter of the report gives an overview of some of the points of departure and central questions to be dealt with.

The first chapters contain a relatively detailed account of the background to the demands of developing countries for a new international economic order. A survey of the economic development up to the Second World War and of the colonial heritage of the developing countries is followed by an account of the way in which the postwar world order came into being. Chapter 3 provides an account of the cooperation between the developing countries and the background to the resolutions passed at, among others, the Sixth and Seventh Special Sessions of the UN General Assembly. The texts of the declaration and the programme of action for the establishment of a New International Economic Order (NIEO) adopted by the UN General Assembly in May 1974 are reproduced in Appendix 1.

The rest of the book is of an analytical and commentary nature. Chapter 4 contains a critical analysis of some of the central NIEO demands. Chapter 5 is primarily an attempt to outline a new perspective on the NIEO programme, to indicate

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some of the points of departure for an equitable world order and to suggest some possible ways in which the developing countries could secure for themselves a larger share of the world's resources. A major theme of the report is that important changes in the world order take place irrespective of the recommendations adopted at international conferences.

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