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The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to present to it a proposal by the Ministry of Interior of the Sudan concerning the establishment of African anti-crime Organization similar to other organizations such as INTERPOL and The Arab Organization of Social Defense Against Crime.

This proposal is consistent with the spirit of the Charter of the OAU, particularly article II which calls for the promotion of the unity and solidarity of the African States and coordination and intensification of their cooperation and efforts to achieve a better life for the people of Africa.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan requests the General Secretariat to communicate this proposal to all Member States and to include it in the Agenda of the Thirty-Third Session, of the Council of Ministers due to meet in Monrovia, Liberia in July 1979.

Attached hereto is the text of the proposal and the draft Constitution of the proposed Organization, for circulation to all Member States.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat, the assurances of its highest consideration.

To the General Secretariat of
the Organization of African Unity

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Preamble

Noting the development of closer relations and stronger ties among African States and the crystallization of their common interests, it is deemed necessary that an appropriate formula for preserving security be evolved, and that these states agree among themselves and within the framework of the OAU on the establishment of an organization which shall be known as the "African Anti-Crime Organization" for the realization of the following objectives:

- To study the causes of crime in Africa and devise adequate crime-control measures.
- To promote cooperation among Member States in Police activities aimed at the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals;
- To promote the exchange of information and expertise in the fields of criminology;
- To harmonize the efforts of Member States to curb peddling, trafficking and indulgence in drugs.
- To promote full cooperation among the African Anti-Crime Organization, INTERPOL and other similar international and regional organizations for the realization of these objectives.

The agreement may include such provisions as may ensure that - in all matters related to crime - the Organization shall function in conformity with the laws of Member States. Other provisions may cover membership of the Organization, its executive organs and financial resources the functions of its institutions and Secretariat, and all other organizational matters.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

APPELLATION

Article I

The Organization shall be established within the framework of the Organization of African Unity and shall be known as the "African Anti-Crime Organization".

OBJECTIVES

Article II

1. The objectives of the African Anti-Crime Organization shall be:
 - a) To study the causes of crime in the Continent of Africa and devise adequate crime control measures.
 - b) To promote cooperation among Member States in police activities aimed at prevention of crime and apprehension of criminals.
 - c) To promote the exchange of information and expertise in the field of criminology.

d. To harmonize the efforts of Member States, aimed at preventing the cultivation, production, manufacture, and peddling of and trafficking and indulgence in drugs.

2. The Organization shall not engage in any political, military, religious or racist activities.

3. The Organization shall function in full collaboration with INTERPOL and other similar international and regional organizations for the realization of its objectives.

MEMBERSHIP

Article III

1. Membership of the African Anti-Crime Organization shall consist of Member States of the Organization of African Unity which ratify the constitution within one year from the date it had been open for signature.

2. Later applications for membership shall be submitted through the competent government authority of the state concerned.

3. Admission shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Member States of the General Assembly of the African Anti-Crime Organisation.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

Article IV

The African Anti-Crime Organization shall comprise:

- a. The General Assembly
- b. The Executive Committee
- c. The Secretariat
- d. The Specialized Bureaux
- e. The Experts
- f. The National Bureaux

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article V

1. The General Assembly shall be the highest authority of the Organization and shall consist of the representatives of Member States of the Organization.
2. The General Assembly shall:
 - a. Carry out the tasks prescribed in the Constitution.
 - b. Lay down the basis and take the necessary measures for the realization of the objectives defined in the constitution and the rules and regulations;
 - c. Approve the programmes of work of the African Anti-Crime Organization and its commitments to other similar organizations;
 - d. Prescribe and adopt the rules of Procedure;
 - e. Describe upon financial matters;
 - f. Elect members of the Executive Committee.
3. All Member States shall endeavour to implement the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.

4. The General Assembly shall meet once every year in one of the Member States. It may also meet in extra-ordinary session at the request of the majority of Members of the Executive Committee.
5. Quorum shall be attained by the attendance of a majority of Member States, and resolutions and recommendations shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of members present.
6. The Secretary-General, experts and specialists shall attend the meetings but shall not have the right to vote.
7. Each Member State of the African Anti-Crime Organization shall have one vote.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article VI

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the African Anti-Crime Organization, three Vice-Chairmen and nine members.
2. The General Assembly shall elect the Chairman of the African Anti-Crime Organization and the Vice-Chairmen. The Chairman shall be elected by a two-thirds majority. In the case that such majority is not obtained in the second ballot, the Chairman shall be elected by simple majority.
3. The term of office of the chairman shall be four years and that of the Vice-Chairmen three years.

4. The Chairman shall summon a meeting of the Executive Committee at least once a year.
5. The Executive Committee shall:
 - a. Supervise the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly;
 - b. Draw up the agenda for meetings of the General Assembly;
 - c. Control the activities of the General Secretariat;
 - d. Carry out the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly.
6. The Chairman of the African Anti-Crime Organization shall:
 - a. Preside over and direct meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee;
 - b. Ensure that the activities of the African Anti-Crime Organization shall be consistent with its constitution and the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article VII

1. The General Secretariat shall be composed of the Secretary, assisted by an adequate number of administrative and technical staff and experts who shall be recruited according to the norms approved by the General Assembly.
2. The General Assembly shall, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, elect a Secretary-General for a renewable five-year term. He shall be highly qualified in police work.

3. The General Secretariat shall:

- a. Implement the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee;
- b. Constitute an information centre for crime-control;
- c. Ensure the effective administration of the African Anti-Crime Organization;
- d. Promote closer relations with other international and regional organizations and regional offices;
- e. Take charge of all publications and information activities;
- f. Take charge of secretarial work during meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee as well as any other meetings convened by the African Anti-Crime Organization.

4. The Secretary-General shall:

- a. Supervise the management of the various bureaux of the Organization, the staff and the budget administration in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and Executive Committee;
- b. Represent the Organization and enter into contract on its behalf on the authorization of the General Assembly;
- c. Recruit experts in consultation with the Executive Committee;
- d. Submit to the General Assembly an annual report on the activities of the African Anti-Crime Organization and other reports;

- e. Submit an annual report to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity on the activities of the African Anti-Crime Organization;
- f. Prepare the researches and reports required by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

SPECIALIZED BUREAUX

Article VIII

The General Assembly may establish specialized bureaux in the various fields, particularly those related to crime control, the criminal police, and narcotics.

EXPERTS

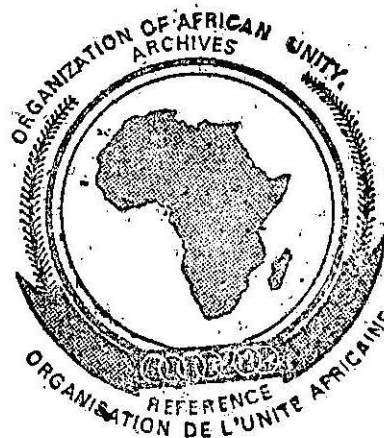
Article IX

1. The African Anti-Crime Organization may employ experts in the technical and scientific fields in a purely advisory capacity.
2. Experts shall be appointed for a three-year period.

NATIONAL BUREAUX

Article X

1. Every Member State shall establish a National Bureau for liaison with the African Anti-Crime Organization.
2. The National Bureaux shall:
 - a. Strive for the realization of the objectives of the Organization;



- b. Establish contacts with all domestic bodies within the state with a view to realizing the objectives of the Organization.
- c. Maintain contacts with all other National Bureaux with a view to realizing the objectives of the Organization.
- d. Maintain contacts with the Secretariat of the Organization.

THE BUDGET

Article XI

1. The financial resources of the Organization shall consist of the contributions of Member States and other institutions as well as the donations and aid approved by the Executive Committee.
2. The General Assembly shall determine the contribution of every Member State to the budget.
3. The Secretary-General shall submit the draft annual budget of the African Anti-Crime Organization to the General Assembly after its endorsement by the Executive Committee. The budget shall enter into force immediately upon its adoption. In the case of failure to submit the budget to the General Assembly, the Executive Committee may proceed with the preparation and implementation of the budget along the lines of the preceding one.

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