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REQUEST FOR SUBVENTION BY THE PAN-AFRICAN
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



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SECRETARY-GENERAL
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
ADDIS ABABA

Subject: "Request for Subvention"

The General Secretariat of the Pan-African Women Organization (PAWO) has the honour to respectfully request for a subvention from the Organization of African Unity (OAU) during the 1986 Financial Year to help the Organization finance some of its programme of activities.

We would like, Your Excellency, to avail ourselves of this opportunity to express, on behalf of PAWO Member Organizations and through your eminent person, our profound gratitude to all African Governments for the keen interest which the OAU has always shown to PAWO and its activities.

The solicitude and great concern with which you have always considered our request, clearly demonstrates your high sense of responsibility and your awareness of the fact that the activity of PAWO is complementary to that of the OAU.

In fact, far from being a feminine movement with idealistic objectives, PAWO's activity has always been in line with that of the African peoples, and has militated in favour of actions that correspond to the objectives of the entire African Society.

In other words, so far as our Organization is concerned, the promotion of the African woman has never been considered as an isolated objective but rather as a major campaign for the promotion of Africa in general.

It is equally important to recall the nature of relations between OAU and PAWO. Such excellent relation is a clear testimony of the privileged places accorded to Women's meetings in Africa and their popularity at the level of each African Government by virtue of the very important role such Women Organizations play within the general framework of the political liberation and the emancipation of the African peoples.

The activity report, attached hereto for your information, testifies to the many projects of our Organization. To date, however, results have not been commensurate with the efforts deployed, especially with regard to the legitimate aspirations of our peoples.

If our Organization was able to manifest itself, in such a positive manner, at both African and International levels, it is thanks to the assistance received from the OAU inspite of the many difficulties now besetting the Organization.

As you are well aware, PAWO derives its own funds solely from contributions from 10 out of the 51 OAU Member States, and as such, is not able to finance the various projects described in its Programme of Activities.

Now, in view of the difficult and even more dramatic situation prevailing on our continent, and fully conscious of the imperative need to strengthen our action and join forces with those of other Pan-African Movements, there is need to meet, with united strength and solidarity, the present situation that calls for the massive and urgent mobilization of the entire African Community.

The pertinent recommendations of the 20th OAU Summit have been hailed by PAWO at its Council Meeting held in Algiers, from 8 to 11 December 1984. Subsequently, the final Declaration adopted by the Council underscored the need for PAWO and its Member Organizations to increase their contribution towards the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action, the text of which was distributed to all participants.

The establishment, by the OAU, of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for countries affected by Drought and Famine received acclamation from PAWO's Council, which in turn, proclaimed 11 December (day on which it added its deliberations) African Women Solidarity Day with Drought and Famine Victims. It called on all women workers to donate a day's salary to the OAU Fund. This appeal has been circulated to all Member Organizations while a Special Account, (the number of which has also been circulated) has been opened.

Although this is a modest contribution on our part, it nonetheless demonstrates, in a more concrete manner, PAWO's total commitment to the Resolutions of the OAU.

At this time in the history of our continent, our political action and propaganda at the international level is becoming increasingly urgent than ever before. We are duty bound to explain the African situation, especially that of brothers, sisters and children in South Africa in the face of the misdeeds of Apartheid, the most abominable of the racist regimes.

Our Organization has a busy schedule for the coming month.

The year 1985 is characterized by an important event which require greater commitment from PAWO. The United Nations World Women Conference will be held in Nairobi in July 1985. PAWO is doubly concerned by the objectives of the forthcoming Conference: first, as a Feminine Movement and then as an African Organization of Women. Since the Conference is being held in Africa for the first time, it is imperative that Africa sends a large and dynamic

delegation to the Conference so that it may address itself to the major problems of the African Woman and even of the African peoples.

A Seminar on the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action will be held during the first quarter of 1986.

Within the framework of the close collaboration already existing between OAU and PAWO, our Organization will participate in the following meetings of the OAU:

- Council of Ministers, Budget Session, February 1985,
- Meeting of the Social Affairs Committee (April 1985),
- 21st OAU Summit,
- PAWO participation in the PYM Congress in Arusha in March 1985,
- Participation in the Solidarity Conference with the Women of Namibia and South Africa in Arusha 1985,
- JAU Symposium on Economic Community 1985,
- Preparation and holding of PAWO Congress in Luanda which would require a mobilization of the important structures of PAWO.

You will agree, Your Excellency, that all these activities cannot be undertaken without a minimum of the necessary funds.

We dare hope that in view of the present critical period in which PAWO finds itself, coupled with the many commitments which form part of the United Nations Women's Decade and the fact that the Organization must continue with its mission as well as implement its programme of activities, you will examine with considered attention this request of ours and thereby grant our Organization a Substantial Subvention.

While pledging our firm commitment to work alongside the OAU for the promotion of African Unity and the advancement of the African peoples, please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

for: 'PAWO' GENERAL SECRETARIAT
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

PAN-AFRICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

PAWO

Ref. No. 117/OPF/PAWO/SG/FR/85

Algiers, 1 July 1985

EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN-
AFRICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
FROM JANUARY 1984 TO MAY 1985

The activities of the Pan-African Women's Organization for the period from January 1984 to May 1985 were based on recommendations made by the meeting of the General Secretariat held in October 1983 in Algiers.

It should be pointed out that drawing inspiration from the broad outlines of the Programme of Action, particular emphasis was laid on, among others, the preparation of the holding of United Nations Conference on Women in July 1985.

II. POLITICAL FIELD

The political rights of women are an imperative pre-requisite for any ideal of the advancement of peoples: The PAWO includes its activities within the historical framework of the Freedom Struggle of the peoples of Africa for the recovery of their inalienable rights to self-determination and national independence.

The PAWO assists and supports the Liberation Movements in Africa. Thus through the Information Centre of Luanda which it established in 1980 and regularly visited by the General Secretariat, it contributes an almost standing assistance to the ANC and SWAPO in their national liberation struggle..

Participation of a PAWO delegation in a Conference on the Namibia problem from 2 to 6 April 1984 in Arusha, Tanzania.

- International League of Women for Peace: Women and Disarmament from 6 to 8 March 1984 in Geneva.

- O.S.P.A.A. Congress - Solidarity with all struggling Movements - important PAWO delegation, Algiers May 1984.

- OATUU Council, Algiers May 1984.

- Meeting of the Executive Committee of the PYM, Algiers, September 1984.

- Anti-Apartheid Solidarity Conference, Arusha, April 1985.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC FIELD

Political independence is effective only when it is guaranteed and protected by economic sovereignty. Within this framework, the PAWO supports all African initiatives tending to control drought and desertification of our lands and hunger which is alarmingly rife in some of our regions. Following the extraordinary OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Lagos where the foundations were laid for an African development policy, the 20th OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in November 1984 stressed the need to hold an Economic Summit Conference which will enable the Heads of State and Government map out a genuine strategy for Africa. Both the recommendations of the Lagos Plan of Action and the 20th Summit Conference involved the entire African Community and particularly the PAWO.

RELATIONS WITH THE OAU AND THE ECA

Drawing inspiration from the basic principles contained in its statutes and Rules of Procedures, the PAWO, which has an OAU Observer Status, has relations of close cooperation with the OAU. Thus it participated, at the invitation of the OAU and the ECA, in the:

- Seventh Ordinary Session of the Labour Commission of the Labour Ministers from 16 to 21 April 1984 in Addis Ababa.
- Council of Ministers on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters from 25 February to 4 March 1985 in Addis Ababa.
- Visit to the OAU within the framework of preparation for the World Conference of Nairobi from 18 to 20 April 1985.
- ECA - 14, 15 and 16 May 1984 in Addis Ababa - Meeting of the African Regional Coordinating Committee.
- ECA: Joint OAU-ECA Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into Development from 3 to 7 September 1984, Arusha, Tanzania.
- Sixth Meeting of the African Regional Coordination Committee Addis Ababa from 15 to 17 April 1985.
- MULPOC (North) Meeting: 6, 7 and 8 April 1985 in Tangiers.

RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL UNIONS OF PAWO MEMBER COUNTRIES

- February 1984 Bamako: Congress of National Women's Union of Mali.
- Symposium organized by the National Women's Union of Congo from 6 to 14 March in Brazzaville.

- Visit to the Women's Union of Zaire from 15 to 17 March 1985 in Kinshasa.

- SADR Women Congress from 22 to 24 March 1985.

- Contact with R.E.W.A. (Ethiopian Women's Union) in Addis Ababa 19 April 1985.

During those organic tours, the PAWO was pleased with the efforts made by those Women's Organizations to ensure an effective integration of women into the development of their countries and noted with comfort the support they obtained from their Governments.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

- Iraqi Women's Federation from 5 to 9 March 1985 in Baghdad.

- Moscow: Invitation from the Soviet Women's Committee from 24 to 30 September 1984.

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE PAWO

During the period under review, the PAWO held the meeting of its Council from 8 to 11 December 1984 in Algiers.

We recall that the Council is composed of representatives of National Women's Organizations of all independent African countries members of the OAU and Women's Sections of Liberation Movements.

The Council made it possible to take stock of the initiatives taken by African women within the framework of their permanent sensitization mission with a view to joining their efforts for an effective integration into the political, socio-economic development process of the Continent.

Hunger, the war situation, colonial domination, racism, apartheid, phenomena developed by imperialism remain the basic concerns of the Continent, which requires an increased mobilization of women for the complete eradication of those scourges.

Furthermore, that Council was the ultimate opportunity for African women to coordinate their stand on the different agenda items of the United Nations World Conference.

We recall that within the framework of that United Nations Decade, the PAWO participated in:

- Regional Inter-Governmental Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference requested to consider and evaluate equalities, Arusha 3 to 8 September 1984.

- October 1984 - International Centre of Vienna: Meeting of NGOs for participation in Nairobi.

- Preparatory Conference - United Nations Decade for Women - Vienna 4 to 14 March 1985.

- Nairobi from 20 to 25 April 1985: Consideration with the Preparatory Committee of practical modalities for the participation of African women in the United Nations Decade for Women.

- We recall that within the framework of this United Nations Decade, the PAWO participated in:

- International League for Peace from 6 to 8 March 1985 - NGOs Department - Geneva.

PAN-AFRICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PAWO

PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

FINANCIAL YEAR 1985-86

On the basis of the orientation of the Council of the Pan-African Women's Organization held in Algiers from 8 to 12 December 1984, and drawing inspiration from the recommendations of the Lagos Plan of Action and those of the United Nations Decade for Women, supplemented by the important decisions of the OAU particularly the vital decisions of the 20th Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the most urgent problems faced by the African continent such as famine after drought, national liberation struggles, the crucial refugee problem, the PAWO General Secretariat foresees the following programme for the Financial Year 1985-1986:

Within that framework the PAWO will have to:

- pay particular attention to the problems relating to the economic, social, political and cultural situation of African women.

- participate concretely in all the initiatives taken by the OAU, UNO and the Specialized Agencies.

- strengthen its sensitization and information activities with the Member Organizations on all actions taken by the OAU, the UNO jointly with the PAWO for the advancement of African women.

- strengthen coordination with Member National Organizations in order to tighten their unity, encourage the exchange of experience and make dynamic their contribution to the development process of African countries.

- address particularly the precarious situation faced by women in rural areas and contribute, in cooperation with the Organizations concerned, to the realization of the specific programmes aimed at the advancement of rural women.

- send a mission to visit refugee camps in different regions of Africa and drought-stricken regions in order to understand the tragic situation faced by women and children and find the ways and means to help them.

- brood over the situation of African children and give special assistance and support to refugee children or those living in regions under colonial domination and under conditions of exploitation.

- strengthen its active solidarity with women struggling for their freedom in Southern Africa and with women living in difficult, conflict and exile conditions.

- organize support events for them.

- participate actively in the United Nations World Women's Conference to be held in Nairobi in July 1985. Transmit all the decisions and recommendations to the national organizations. Follow up their implementation.

- actively prepare jointly with the Angolan Women's Organization the Sixth PAWO Congress to be held in Luanda during the first semester of 1986.

- organize within that framework 5 sub-regional preparatory meetings at the level of the PAWO Sub-regional offices.

- participate in all OAU meetings: Budgetary Sessions, Councils of Ministers, Assemblies of Heads of State and Government.

- cooperate closely with the ECA machineries.

- participate in the activities of the NGOs Conference, particularly in the Special Committees in charge of the Status of Women, decolonization and anti-racist activities.

- give material support to the Information Centre, assisting National Liberation Movements of Southern Africa, opened by the PAWO in Luanda within the framework of the International Anti-Apartheid Year.

- ensure the continuation of publication of the magazine "Femme d'Afrique", the PAWO Press organ.

- ensure the smooth running of the permanent Secretariat at Headquarters and the regional Secretariats located in:

- Angola
- Ivory Coast
- Cameroun
- Tanzania
- Libya

ESTIMATED BUDGET
FINANCIAL YEAR 1985

A. INCOME

I. CONTRIBUTIONS: 5,000.00 AD x 49	245,000.00 AD
II. POSSIBLE GIFTS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	250,000.00 AD
III. OAU SUBVENTION	125,000.00 AD
IV. SUBVENTION FROM ALGERIAN FLN PARTY	48,000.00 AD
V. EXCEPTIONAL SUBVENTION	<u>273,000.00 AD</u>
	941,500.00 AD
That is US\$	181,057.69

B. EXPENDITURE

I. <u>RUNNING OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT</u>	
1. Allowances for permanent officials (2400 x 12) + (1800 x 4 x 12)	115,200.00 AD
2. Miscellaneous Allowances (Typists - Drivers - Cleaners)	15,000.00 AD
3. Miscellaneous Supplies	15,000.00 AD
II. <u>ADDITIONAL EXPENSES</u>	
1. P & T	50,000.00 AD
2. Water, Electricity, Gas	5,000.00 AD
III. <u>VARIOUS EVENTS AND CEREMONIES</u>	
1. Seminars, Meetings, Congresses	100,000.00 AD
2. Receptions	15,000.00 AD
3. Gifts	10,000.00 AD

4. Transportation	100,000.00 AD
5. Missions	50,000.00 AD
IV. <u>EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE</u>	
Additional Equipment	220,000.00 AD
V. PRESS AND INFORMATION (PRINTING-PUBLICATION)	50,000.00 AD
VI. REGIONAL SECRETARIATS	300,000.00 AD
VII. LIBERATION MOVEMENTS	200,000.00 AD
	941,500.00 AD
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