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INTRODUCTION

1. It should be recalled that last year, the General Secretariat submitted a Preliminary Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the OAU Scale of Assessment and contributions from Member States to the Forty-first Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March 1985. The Ad Hoc Committee had met earlier on 21 and 22 February 1985 at the OAU Headquarters.
2. After examining that Preliminary Report and considering that there were only a few reactions from the Member States which contested the present Scale of Assessment and, in the absence of concrete proposals to guide the Ad Hoc Committee in revising future Scales of Assessment, the Forty-first Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers once again adopted a Resolution, (CM/Res. 952(XLI)) requesting Member States to provide, through the General Secretariat, the Ad Hoc Committee on the OAU Scale of Assessment with the relevant data needed. The Resolution, inter alia:
 3. 1. APPEALS to the Member States of the OAU to show more concern for the solvency of the OAU and the collective integrity of its members by regularly honouring their financial obligations to the Organization;
 2. URGENTLY APPEALS to the Member States which contest the Scale of Assessment, or any other State which so desires, to forward to the General Secretariat all concrete technical suggestions for the future review of the OAU Scale of Assessment;
 3. INVITES Member States to furnish the General Secretariat with exact information on their population, gross national product, national income, gross domestic product, per capita income, budgetary revenue and public expenditure, their balance of payments situation, their liquid assets and other relevant data;
 4. INVITES the Ad Hoc Committee to take into consideration Article 23 of the OAU Charter in the future evaluation of the Scale of Assessment;
 5. URGES the Secretary-General of the OAU to send quarterly reminders to Member States on the status of their contributions to the Organization and to continue with his personal contacts at the level of the Heads of State and Government to ensure that their countries' contributions have been paid.
4. On 31 October, 1985, a note No. FIN/BA/50/95-85 was addressed to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the OAU Member States. In that note, reference was made to Resolutions CM/Res. 927 (LII) and CM/Res. 952 (XLI) of the Fortieth and Forty-first Ordinary Sessions of the Council of Ministers relating to the review of the OAU Scale of Assessment.
5. In the above quoted Resolutions, the Council of Ministers requested Member States to furnish all relevant data to enable the Ad Hoc Committee on the OAU Scale of Assessment to meet from 16 to 20 December, 1985 at the OAU

Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to make meaningful proposals and establish criteria for a fair and equitable Scale of Assessment for contributions from Member States.

6. In the absence of any reactions from Member States, the General Secretariat once again made appeals to all Member States through telex messages sent to them on 19 December 1985 and requesting them to send to the General Secretariat all relevant concrete technical data required for the forthcoming revision of the OAU Scale of Assessment to enable the Committee to meet as requested by the Council of Ministers.

7. Since despite all these efforts, there was no response from the Member States, the Committee was unable to meet to prepare a new Scale to replace the present one which came into force on 1 June 1982 and which shall continue in force up to the end of its five years validity period (31 May 1987).

8. Given the catastrophic situation created by such phenomena as famine, drought, desertification and the current economic problems facing Africa, there is need to review the OAU Scale of Assessment of contributions from Member States every five years as is currently the practice.

9. It can be seen that the General Secretariat had made every effort to convene the Ad Hoc Committee on the OAU Scale of Assessment at the Headquarters from 16 to 20 December 1985. However, that was not possible especially as only four Member States, namely, Egypt, Malawi, Rwanda, and ~~SS~~~~Swaziland~~ had responded to its repeated appeals and sent the required statistical data while one Member State, Sahraoui Arab Democratic Republic, informed the Secretariat that in view of the devastating war going on between Morocco and SADR resulting in a destabilization of all the aspects of the life of the Sahraoui people and its economy it was unable to furnish such data. Regrettably the reply did not contain any other concrete alternative proposals.

10. Member States would have undoubtedly facilitated the task of the Secretariat greatly if the various economic data required by Resolution CM/Res. 952 (XLI) were made available as early as possible.

11. In an effort to comply with the above Resolution, the General Secretariat is once again in consultation with the Ad Hoc Committee composed of Angola, Cape Verde, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria and Tunisia (Chairman/Rapporteur) with a view to holding a meeting on the OAU Scale of Assessment from 10 to 14 March 1986 at the OAU Headquarters.

12. The General Secretariat has placed this item on the Agenda of the Forty-third Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers in order to inform it of the present difficulties in convening the OAU Scale of Assessment Committee and to ask for its instructions on the matter.

TO ALL MEMBER STATES

SG 2887 REFERENCE NOTE VERBALE FIN/BA/50/95-85 OF 31 OCTOBER, 1985 ON
SCALE OF ASSESSMENT OF OAU MEMBER STATES STOP PLEASE, URGENTLY FURNISH
ACCURATE STATISTICAL DATA OF YOUR COUNTRY ON POPULATION, GROSS NATIONAL
PRODUCT, NATIONAL INCOME, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, PER CAPITA INCOME, GROSS
NATIONAL PRODUCT, FISCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS,
LIQUID ASSETS, OTHER RELEVANT DATA AND TECHNICAL PROPOSALS AND COUNTER
PROPOSALS AS WELL AS CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED, IF NECESSARY, BY OAU AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT STOP SO FAR, ONLY RWANDA HAS SUPPLIED ABOVE
INFORMATION STOP HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of OAU Member States and referring to the Resolutions CM/Res. 927 (XL) and CM/Res. 952 (XLI) of the Fortieth and Forty First Sessions of the Council of Ministers relating to review of the OAU Scale of Assessment of Member States has the honour to request all Member States once again to furnish all relevant data needed in line with the Resolutions attached hereto.

The Secretariat would therefore appreciate to receive the submissions of Member States to enable the Ad-hoc Committee on Scale of Assessment and contributions which is scheduled to meet on 16 to 20 December 1985 at the OAU Headquarters, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia take such data into consideration and make meaningful proposals and establish criteria for a just and equitable scale of assessment for contributions from Member States.

The General Secretariat, therefore, appeals to all Member States as called for in the two resolutions of the Council of Ministers to do all in their power to furnish the statistical data requested for the Ad-hoc Committee's meeting.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of OAU Member States the assurances of its highest consideration. 

The Ministries of Foreign/
External Affairs of
OAU Member States

RESOLUTION ON OAU AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SCALE OF
ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fortieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 27 February to 5 March 1984,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the OAU on Financial Problems facing the OAU as a result of arrears of contributions outstanding against Member States as contained in Document CM/1233 (XL),

Bearing in mind the fact that certain Member States feel that the Scale of Assessment contained in Resolution CM/Res.903 (XXXVII) adopted by the Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15 to 21 June 1981 is unfavourable to them,

Aware of the magnitude of the financial responsibility of the OAU in general, and its obligations towards the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos in particular:

1. APPEALS to Member States of the OAU, to take greater interest in the solvency of the OAU and the collective integrity of its membership by honouring regularly their financial obligations to the Organization;
2. DECIDES to extend the terms of reference of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Scale of Assessment composed of Angola, Cape Verde, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria and Tunisia to be seized of the reviewing of the Scale of Assessment of contributions;
3. ENTRUSTS the Ad-Hoc Committee to also study the question of arrears of contributions by Member States with a view to finding ways and means of ensuring that Member States regularly honour their financial obligations to the Organization;
4. URGES Member States which contest the Scale of Assessment or any Member State that so desires to submit to the Ad-Hoc Committee through the Secretariat concrete alternative proposals or criteria for the assessment of contribution;
5. REQUESTS the Ad-Hoc Committee to submit a preliminary report to the Forty-second Session of the Council of Ministers and the final Report to the February Session of the Council in 1987.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE OAU AD-HOC
COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE SCALE
OF ASSESSMENT

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-first Ordinary Session in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March, 1985,

Having examined the report of the Chairman of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on the financial problem facing the OAU on account of unpaid contributions due from the Member States as contained in Document N° CM/1256 (XLI),

Considering the fact that some Member States feel that the Scale of Assessment as contained in Resolution CM/Res.903 (XXXVII) adopted by the Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Nairobi from 15 to 21 June 1981, is unfair to them,

Conscious of the importance of the financial responsibilities of the OAU in general and its obligation with regard to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos in particular ;

1. APPEALS to the Member States of the OAU to show more concern for the solvency of the OAU and the collective integrity of its members by regularly honouring their financial obligations to the Organisation;
2. URGENTLY APPEALS to the Member States which contest the Scale of Assessment, or any other state which so desires, to forward to the General Secretariat all concrete technical suggestions for the future review of the OAU Scale of Assessment;
3. INVITES Member States to furnish the General Secretariat with exact information on their population, gross national product, national income, gross domestic product per capita income, budgetary revenue and public expenditure, their balance of payments situation, their liquid assets and other relevant data;
Since these statistical data must be furnished annually,
4. INVITES the Ad-Hoc Committee to take into consideration Article 23 of the OAU Charter in the future evaluation of the Scale of Assessment;
5. URGES the Secretary-General a.i. of the OAU to send quarterly reminders to Member States on the status of their contributions to the Organization and to continue with his personal contacts at the level of the Heads of State and Government to ensure that their countries' contributions have been paid.



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