

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE
DUTY OF SELECTING THE O. A. U. EMBLEM

Honourable Delegates,

It will be recalled that in its report Ref.No.CM/73 concerning the O.A.U. Emblem the General-Secretariat reported that nine states had been selected to constitute the Committee that would select the O.A.U. Emblem.

The states that had been selected were:-

Ethiopia
Congo (Brazzaville)
Ghana
Guinea
Liberia
Nigeria
Tunisia
U.A.R.
Zambia.

It will also be recalled that 1,482 entries had been received from African Artists in the competition for the O.A.U. Emblem.

2. The Committee which had been convened in Accra, Ghana, on the 10th October, 19 65, was not able to meet until the 14th of October due to the non-arrival of seven of the expected participants. By the original date only two representatives from Ethiopia and Ghana were present. In view of the need to settle this matter quickly the delegations from the remaining countries were kindly requested to designate representatives to serve on this Committee, and on the 14th as mentioned above, additional representatives from Congo Brazzaville, Liberia, Tunisia, U.A.R. and Zambia were present. The representative of Ghana was not present. The Committee which elected the representative of U.A.R. as its Chairman, was therefore convened with six representatives and held its first meeting from 10.45 a.m. The second meeting was held on the same day from 3.00 p.m. and the work of the Committee was completed

during this session.

3. In its first meeting the Committee decided on its procedure; first it would review all the entries received; secondly it would eliminate those that appeared not to be acceptable; thirdly from those remaining, it would shortlist only a few from which it would select its first preference. In selecting its first preference the Committee decided on a system of awarding points in the following manner:- Suppose twelve entries were shortlisted, then each member would be requested to award 12 points for his first choice, 11 points for his second choice and so on, with his 12th choice receiving one point.

4. After deciding on the above procedure the members of the Committee began their work. During the first elimination, 65 entries were selected. During the short-listing process 8 entries were selected and from these 8 the final preference of the Committee was chosen as indicated in the table below:

| <u>Ref. No.</u> | <u>Marks awarded</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 563 | 36 |
| 236) | |
| 238) | 31 |
| 240 | 27 |
| 484 | 24 |
| 228 | 23 |
| 61) | |
| 554) | 22 |



As can be seen from the above table the Committee's preference was entry No.563. An exhibition of the 8 entries that were shortlisted has been mounted in the Entrance to the Conference Hall for Honourable Delegates to see and to vote the Final Choice.

5. When considering some of the suitable additions that could make the preferred entry more complete, the Committee decided to have the name: "ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY" inscribed on the Emblem in English, French and Arabic. The Members of the Committee hereby submit their report to the Council of Ministers.

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