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  - (c) Development Consultants Association
  - (d) Lake Chad Basin Commission
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EXPLANATORY NOTESItem 1 (a): Election of Officers:

Reference is made to rule 11 of the Rules of procedure of the Council of Ministers. The following representatives of Member States have already served as officers:-

|                          |                     |                  |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| First Ordinary Session   | - Chairman          | - Senegal        |
|                          | - Vice-Chairman     | - Dahomey        |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - Algeria        |
| Second Ordinary Session  | - Chairman          | - Nigeria        |
|                          | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Kenya          |
|                          | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - C.A. Republic  |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - U.A.R.         |
| Third Ordinary Session   | - Chairman          | - U.A.R.         |
|                          | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Malawi         |
|                          | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Ivory Coast    |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - Morocco        |
| Fourth Ordinary Session  | - Chairman          | - Kenya          |
|                          | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Niger          |
|                          | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Liberia        |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - Zambia         |
| Fifth Ordinary Session   | - Chairman          | - Ghana          |
|                          | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Somalia        |
|                          | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Cameroon       |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - Gambia         |
| Sixth Ordinary Session   | - Chairman          | - Ethiopia       |
|                          | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Sudan          |
|                          | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Sierra Leone   |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - Madagascar     |
| Seventh Ordinary Session | - Chairman          | - Congo (Kinsh.) |
|                          | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Togo           |
|                          | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Uganda         |
|                          | - Rapporteur        | - Libya          |

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| Eighth Ordinary Session     | - Chairman          | - Liberia        |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Chad           |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Tanzania       |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Burundi        |
| Ninth Ordinary Session      | - Chairman          | - Congo (Kinsh.) |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Tunisia        |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Mauritania     |
|                             | - 3rd Vice-Chairman | - Rwanda         |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Lesotho        |
| Tenth Ordinary Session      | - Chairman          | - Mali           |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Upper Volta    |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Botswana       |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Congo (Brazz.) |
| Eleventh Ordinary Session   | - Chairman          | - Algeria        |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Guinea         |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Zambia         |
|                             | - 3rd Vice-Chairman | - Gabon          |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Kenya          |
| Twelfth Ordinary Session    | - Chairman          | - Ethiopia       |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Uganda         |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Sudan          |
|                             | - 3rd Vice-Chairman | - Togo           |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Congo (Brazz.) |
| Thirteenth Ordinary Session | - Chairman          | - Cameroon       |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Mauritania     |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Gambia         |
|                             | - 3rd Vice-Chairman | - Libya          |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Tanzania       |
| Fourteenth Ordinary Session | - Chairman          | - Upper Volta    |
|                             | - 1st Vice-Chairman | - Gambia         |
|                             | - 2nd Vice-Chairman | - Somalia        |
|                             | - 3rd Vice-Chairman | - U.A.R.         |
|                             | - Rapporteur        | - Chad           |

Item 1 (b): Adoption of the Agenda:

Reference is made to rules 14 and 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers.

Item 1 (c): Organization of work:

The General Secretariat would again recommend that the procedure adopted at previous sessions whereby long night sessions were avoided should be continued if possible at this present session.

Item 2: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General:

Reference is made to rule 15(i) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers. The present report covers the period from February 1970 to September 1970.

Item 3: Report of the Advisory Committee on its re-examination of the documents dealing with salary levels and structure of the OAU:

It will be recalled that the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, having considered document CM/298/Rev.1, dealing with the salary levels and structure of the OAU, decided (Cf. CM/Dec.87(XIV) to request the Advisory Committee to re-examine all the documents prepared in the past two or three years, with a view to submitting concrete proposals to the Fifteenth Session of the Council of Ministers.

Item 4: Report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters on the question of anomalies in salaries paid to OAU staff:

By decision CM/Dec.87(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, the Advisory Committee and, in particular, its rapporteur, were entrusted with the task of adjusting inequalities in salary between members of the staff, and submitting their findings to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Council.

Item 5: Report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters on the proposal of the Foreign Minister of Tunisia at the Fourteenth Session of the Council of Ministers about payment to OAU Budgets on the Organization's actual expenditure:

By decision Dec.102.iii(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council, the Advisory Committee was requested to submit, to the next session, a report on the settlement of contributions on the basis of actual expenditure as suggested by Tunisia.

Item 6: Amendments to the Charter and to the Protocol of the Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration:

It will be recalled that during their Sixth Ordinary Session, the Heads of State and Government mandated the President of Dahomey to formally propose amendments to the Protocol of Mediation and to the Charter of the OAU, to the Seventh OAU Summit Meeting, (AHG/Dec.40(VI)). On the other hand, the Heads of State and Government had requested the Council of Ministers to take up this matter, during its 14th Session. During that Session, the Council of Ministers had an exchange of views on that issue, and requested the General Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Commission, to submit an up-to-date report to the 15th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers (Cf. CM/Dec.107.iv (XIV)).

Item 7: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the development of the situation in territories under colonial and racist domination:

This is the regular report of the Secretary-General on the latest development which occurred in the territories under colonial and racist domination.

Item 8: Report of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa:

This report is the report of the 17th Session of the Co-ordinating Committee for the liberation of Africa.

Item 9: Report of the Committee of Seven on the mandate, structure and composition of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa:

It will be recalled that, during their Sixth Ordinary Session, the Heads of State and Government appointed a Committee of Seven members to undertake a study on the structure, mandate and composition of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa. Under this item, the Committee will report on its work.

Item 10: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the Refugee Problem:

This report will deal with the activities of the Bureau for Placement and Education of the African Refugees.

Item 11: The question of recognizing GRAE as Government of Angola in exile:

During its 14th Session, the Council of Ministers decided that the Administrative General Secretariat should formulate, for the 15th Ordinary Session, a synoptic report on the advantages and disadvantages of recognizing GRAE (Cf. DM/Dec.111(XIV)). Under this item, the Administrative Secretary-General will submit its report on the problem.

Item 12: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the Third Ordinary Session of the Defence Commission:

The 14th Session of the Council of Ministers recommended the reconvening of the Defence Commission. Under this item, the 15th Session is seized with the report submitted by the Secretariat in connexion with the meeting of that Commission which could not be held for lack of quorum.

Item 13: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the activities of the African Group at the United Nations:

The Report in question covers the period from September 1969 to July 1970.

Item 14: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on African candidatures for International Organizations:

In accordance with Decision CM/Dec.105(XIV), the Council of Ministers meeting in its Fourteenth Ordinary Session, had decided that all requests for support of candidatures for African Seats on International Organizations should be communicated to the African Group in New York. The Report on this item presents to the Council, all the requests received at both the General Secretariat and the Executive Secretariat of the African Group (Doc. CM/346 (Add.1) + CM/346 (Add.1) Annex 1 + ECO.90 GEN/585.70 of 7 May 1970 + ECO.60 GEN/909.70 of 9 July 1970).

Item 15: Inter-African Co-operation in Legal Matters:

By decision CM/Dec.108(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council, consideration of this question was postponed to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session. Meanwhile, the Administrative Secretary-General was requested to prepare a questionnaire with a view to determining areas of co-operation and problems which would eventually form the basis of a convention on Inter-African Legal Co-operation.

Item 16: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the regular publication of an African Year-book of International Law:

By decision CM/Dec.109 (XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council, consideration of this matter was postponed to the Fifteenth Session. Meanwhile, the Administrative Secretary-General was invited to begin a study on the question of the regular publication of an African Year-book of International Law, with a view to submitting his report to the Fifteenth Ordinary Session.

Item 17: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on OAU activities in the Economic, Social, Transport and Communications fields:-

tr Since the Specialized Commission could not meet as scheduled from 13 to 18 July 1970 for lack of quorum, the Secretariat will present to the Council of Ministers the overall activities of OAU in the economic, social, transport and communications fields, which have been treated in a general Report. In view of the fact, that the Specialized Commission has not met since 1965, the General Secretariat deemed it useful to devote the present report to the role that the Commission, and for that matter, OAU should play in the fields of economic, social, transport and communications development and co-operation in Africa. In defining this new role, the changes in the structure and working methods of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will also be taken into consideration. In the light of the foregoing, the Council will be requested to recommend new directives in respect of the specific work of OAU in the economic, social, transport and communications fields. Nine special reports will enable the Council to consider each of the sub-items on the Agenda related to inter-African Co-operation in the economic, social, transport and communications fields.

Item 18: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on OAU activities in the Educational, Scientific, Cultural, Health and related fields:

A general report will be presented on the OAU activities in the field of education, science, culture, health and related areas. Separate reports will be given concerning the programme on Centres of Excellence, regional food reserves, the Inter-African Cereals Crops Conference, and the meeting of the Scientific Council for Africa indicating the activities in each case.

Item 19: Application for Observer Status:

By decision CM/Dec.110.ii(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council, consideration of the application by the Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Sciences in Africa was postponed until the Association was in a position to submit all the documents required.

As for the six other applications, four of them are new, and two, those of the Pan-African Youth Movement and the Society for African Culture have already been submitted to the Council at its Twelfth Session.

Items 20, 21 and 22:

The first of these items which was placed on the Agenda at the request of Kenya and the two others at the request of Senegal, were circulated to Member States with supporting documents, in Note No.ADM. 80/1 MG/1054.70 dated 5 August 1970.

Item 23: Consideration of the Provisional Agenda of the Seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government:

In accordance with Article 3(i) of the Rules of procedure of the Council of Ministers, the preparation of the provisional agenda of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government is the responsibility of the Council.

Item 24: Date and venue of the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers:

This item is self-explanatory.

Item 25: Any other business.

This item is self-explanatory.

EXPLANATORY NOTES  
TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE  
ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Item 1(a): Election of officers:

Reference is made to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government. The following Member States have already held office in the Bureau of the Assembly:-

First Ordinary Session: Chairman: United Arab Rep.  
Meeting Chairmen: Guinea  
Cameroon  
Dahomey  
Niger  
Tunisia  
Kenya  
Sudan  
Malawi

Second Ordinary Session: Chairman: Ghana  
Meeting Chairmen: Ethiopia  
Mali  
Liberia  
Congo (Kinsh.)  
Guinea  
Mauritania  
Congo (Brazz.)  
Tanzania

Third Ordinary Session: Chairman: Ethiopia  
Meeting Chairmen: Liberia  
Sierra Leone  
Upper Volta  
C.A. Republic  
Cameroon  
Gambia  
Somalia

Fourth Ordinary Session: Chairman: Congo Kinshasa  
Meeting Chairmen: Chad  
Zambia  
Liberia  
Rwanda  
Dahomey  
Ghana  
Mauritania  
Sudan

Fifth Ordinary Session: Chairman: Algeria  
Meeting Chairmen: Morocco  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
C.A. Republic  
Mali  
Rwanda  
Somalia  
Gambia

Sixth Ordinary Session: Chairman: Cameroon  
Meeting Chairmen: Niger  
Mauritania  
Tanzania  
Uganda  
C.A. Republic  
Nigeria  
Somalia  
Sudan

Item 1(b): Adoption of Agenda:

Reference is made to Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

Item 1(c): Organization of work:

It is proposed that the Assembly should conform to the hitherto adopted practice of not sitting in Committees. Furthermore, the Assembly could decide, to comply with the following working hours at its convenience:

Morning Session - from 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Afternoon Session - from 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

If the night sessions are deemed indispensable, the Assembly will accordingly fix the time and duration.

Item 2: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General:

Reference is made to Article VIII of the Charter.

Item 3: Recommendations of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers:

This item needs no comments.

Item 4: Recommendations of the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers:

This item needs no comments.

Item 5: Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration:

(a) Report of the President of the Commission:

Reference is made to Article XIX of the Charter and to the Protocol of the Commission.

(b) Proposed amendments to the Charter and to the Protocol of the Commission:

Reference is made to Decision AHG/Dec.40(VI) and more particularly, to operative paragraphs "b" and "c" of the said Decision.

(c) Election of members of the Commission:

Reference is made to Articles II, III, IV, V, VI and VII of the Protocol of the Commission.

Item 6: Recommendations of the Sixth Summit Conference of East and Central African States on the problems of decolonization and assistance to liberation movements:

Since the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly was informed of the recommendations of the Lusaka Summit (April 1969) and more particularly, of the Lusaka Manifesto, the General Secretariat has deemed it appropriate to bring to knowledge of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in its Seventh Session, the recommendations of the Khartoum Summit (January 1970) relating to problems of decolonization and assistance to the liberation movements.

Item 7: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on Assistance to Equatorial Guinea:

Reference is made to resolution AHG/Res.55/Rev.1(VI), adopted by the Assembly, at its Sixth Ordinary Session, and more particularly, to operative paragraphs 3 and 5 of the said resolution.

Item 8: Report of the Committee of Seven on the mandate, structure and composition of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa:

Reference is made to Decision AHG/Dec.41(VI) adopted by the Assembly at its Sixth Ordinary Session.

Item 9: Continued occupation of part of the territory of the United Arab Republic by foreign forces:

The request to place this item on the Agenda and the explanatory note in support of this item were forwarded to Member States in Note ADM.80/1 MG/1056.70 dated 7 August 1970.

Item 10: Date and venue of the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly:

Reference is made to Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Item 11: Any other business:

Reference is made to Rule 11, sub-paragraph (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

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