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2. The execution of this programme requires not only the firm determination of its promoters but also and especially material and financial means needed for translating into reality the ideal which inspires African women. It is with a view to supplementing their very meagre financial resources that the African women, through their Conference, decided to submit their request to this Fourteenth Session of the Council of Ministers asking for the Organization of African Unity's financial support of U.S.\$100,000:- Some Governments of Member States whose nationals are officials of the general secretariat of the A.A.W.C. have already been contacted in this connexion since 10 November, 1969.

3. It is not for the OAU General Secretariat to harp on the role which African women can and should play in their national societies. The several declarations made by the African politician as well as the concrete actions such as the presence of women in the central committees of political parties or in governments are a sufficient proof of the awareness of the African politician of the value of women in terms of human resources today.
4. The work programme of A.A.W.C. as well as its constitution and rules of procedure are annexed to the present note and will enable the Council to take the appropriate decision. Nevertheless, it could be pointed out that in the some work programme of AAWC for the years 1969-1971, the objectives, if attained, will constitute an undeniable contribution to government efforts in a bid to improve the living conditions of their populations. The training of cadres through seminars, short courses, teaching and educating the masses, effective participation by women in the economic development of their countries both in the cities as well as in the rural areas, are subjects which today preoccupy African leaders. If the A.A.W.C. could, as it has set out, implement its programme in this regard in collaboration with the competent governmental departments, the task of the rulers would be greatly lightened.
5. However, everywhere in Africa, efforts are made to draw up training programmes the execution of which is entrusted either to international organizations or bilateral technical assistance. For their part, professional organizations try as much as possible to help their members; the efforts of all are thus complementary in this important field of human resources. New initiatives such as that of A.A.W.C. deserve support and encouragement not only morally but also and especially financially. Attention should be drawn to the urgent nature of the request of the A.A.W.C. as its work programme is practically in the process of being executed.

Any assistance which OAU could render would facilitate the execution of the said programme. It is therefore for the Council of Ministers to study carefully and in good faith the request of the African Women so that they can have a reply at the end of the deliberations of the present session.

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The Secretary-General of the
Organization of African Unity

Mr. Secretary-General and dear brother,

The All-African Women's Conference presents its compliments and has the honour to inform you of its intention to put before the next Council of Ministers of OAU a request for subvention for its programme for the emancipation of the African women.

As the Women's Organization of Senegal, Liberia, Tunisia and Madagascar are members of its General Secretariat, the All -African Women's Conference has deemed it its duty to request the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of those countries to present its request for subvention of its General Secretariat.

The All-African Women's Conference highly appreciates your interest in it. Indeed it has always had absolute support and invaluable encouragement from you personally and from your immediate colleagues and, through your actions, it was able to obtain OAU observer status. It reiterates its gratitude to you and it is convinced that today, as in the past, its request will be considered favourably.

Dear brother,

Since its establishment in Dar-es-Salaam in 1962, the Conference has organized five seminars on women's training on a variety of subjects (Maternal and Child Health, education and training of cadres).

We also organize vocational training courses. Unfortunately, since our 1968 congress, we have been unable, owing to lack of financial resources, to follow up the programme which has been drawn up. We are having difficulties in collecting our dues. Only the Women's Organizations in Togo, Central African Republic, Guinea and Algeria paid up their dues. The attainment of the noble goal we have set for ourselves is seriously compromised due to lack of funds.

We venture to hope that you will persuade, on our behalf, the Member States to grant us US.\$100,000.00. We forward herewith copies of our **work programme** constitution and rules of procedure. We will soon forward **to you** (regularly) a report on our activities.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to the objectives of OAU, and to express our gratitude.

Secretary-General of AAWC

Signed: Jeanne Martin Cisse

ALL AFRICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1969, 1970 AND 1971

Introduction

Nowadays the African women take an increasing part in the active life of society; they directly depend on the development peculiar to each country: economic, social, political and cultural development. Moreover they become aware of the important part which they have to play. They also know that they are far behind their brothers, the men, because of old-fashioned traditions and customs because of their illiteracy and lack of vocational training and qualifications. The important changes which derive from the latest political, economic, social and cultural circumstances, give rise to a new set of tasks which are to be carried out by our inter-African organization. In order to achieve our purposes, we must strengthen our ties and increase our fight against imperialist aggressions, against imperialism and neo-colonialism in view of acquiring and preserving the independences. The forward trend of the A.A.W.C. = All African Women's Conference = implies an active and realistic program based upon our actual abilities.

I. Main Purposes

We must do our utmost to unite all the women organizations in order to achieve our purposes which are well defined, and we must especially:

- send voluntary groups of women to the African states;
- prepare a schedule of the jobs to be carried out by the several members of our Secretariat so as to enable these groups of women to be ready to travel during the 1st term of 1970;
- ensure a wide distribution of the A.A.W.C. documents among the organizations of young people and the organizations of workers; and through the radio, the T.V., the newspapers as well as through conferences;
- train new cadres; organize symposia, training courses, "alphabetisation" classes; educate the children.

II. Symposia

a) We must prepare a symposium which will be held during the 2nd term of 1970. The topics could be chosen among the following: education, training of teachers for the "alphabetisation" classes actual participation of women in the economic development of their countries

- their parts in the towns
- their parts in the villages
- the development of resources
- the employed women
- the tasks of the organizations of women.

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- civic and political education
- rights and duties of women as members of a nation
- health protection for mothers and children
- delinquency among young people
- birth control
- extension of social services and of family services, their management and direction.

III. Training Courses

The A.A.W.C. will organize training courses which will take place at the end of 1970 and in the middle of 1971. The topics will be chosen among the following:

- training of cadres (sisters of the liberation movements)
- organization of training courses for villagers
- medical and paramedical professions - kindergartens -
- nurseries - baby-farmers -
- administrative employees (high-grade and middle grade employees)
- leaders of women organizations.

To achieve these purposes, the general secretariat will get in touch with:

- specialized organizations
- a number of private organizations
- government authorities
- national organizations of African Women
- trade-unions
- associations of young people
- the United Nations
- the "O.A.U."

IV. Activities

We must:

- hold the meeting of the council which will take place in Zambia on March 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1970;
- take part in the Khartum symposium which is jointly organized by the following organizations: UNESCO; "FDIF", Union of Sudanese Women, A.A.W.C.; this symposium is to be held from January 31 to February 9, 1970.
- create a permanent centre of vocational training
- take part in the symposium organized by the Council for World Peace about peace information - Cotonou, Dahomey - between 15th and 31st May 1970.
- take part in the symposium organized by the United Nations about the part of women in the economic development - Moscow - between 1st and 15th September, 1970 -
- if possible, attend the congress of the International Council of Women - Bangkok, from January 31 to February 12, 1970 -
- if possible, take part in the 4th Congress of the United Nations about crime-prevention and orphan-assistance - Tokyo - August 26, 1970 -
- organized a local meeting for the local secretariats

V. Conferences

We must attend the following conferences:

- December 13, 1969 - General Meeting of the German-African association -
- November 20 - 23, 1969 - International conference about Child-rights - Budapest -
- November 1969 - preparation of the 5th Council of A.A.W.C. which will take place in Zambia on March 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1979.
- Preparation of the organization of the International Day of Women (March 8th): Meeting, manifestations etc.
- Participation of national organizations in the several days of African women and in the anniversary day of "O.A.U." of the countries which are fighting for their liberation and of independent countries.

- (The Secretariat should remember in due time the above dates to the associated organization)
- Organization of a solidarity campaign in favour of the national African movements of liberation.
- Solidarity campaign in favour of Viet-Nam people -
- Solidarity campaign in favour of Palestinian people -
- (Each assistant secretary should establish a detailed programme of her committee)

Algiers, November 10, 1969

All African Women's Conference

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INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE:

The objectives of these internal regulations are:

- to provide the last details of the statutes of the A.A.W.C.
- to set up the terms of a better development of the Conference within the objectives defined in the political, social and economic resolutions.
- to set up the material organization of the General Secretariat to insure the safeguard and respect for the fundamental principles of the A.A.W.C.

ARTICLE 1

The relations between the Congress, the Council and the General Secretariat of the A.A.W.C. are defined by the statutes. In order to enable the reinforcement of coordination at the level of the General Secretariat and thus allow a better control, at any meeting of the council of the A.A.W.C. The deputy secretaries general and the regional secretaries will draw the balance of their activities.

At the Congress, the member-organizations of the A.A.W.C. will themselves present their report of activity towards the achievement of the objectives mentioned in chapter II, Article I of the statutes.

ARTICLE 2

A/ The offices of the General Secretariat are divided into five main commissions:

- 1- Political Commission
- 2- External Relations commission
- 3- Economic and social commission
- 4- Information Commission
- 5- Financial Commission

1) POLITICAL COMMISSION

- It is entrusted with maintaining the political line of the A.A.W.C. set up by the Congress.
- It encourages exchange of delegations between member organizations.
- It supports to the largest possible extent the African Liberation Movements.
- It increases its relations with the Youth Organizations, Trade Unions and the various political bodies with a view to strengthening African Unity.

2) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

It encourages exchange of delegations between the member organizations and other world women's organizations having the same objectives as the A.A.W.C.

It is in charge:

- a) of external relations with international and national other than African organizations.
- b) of the relations with the commission on women's condition and with the specialized bodies of the United Nations.

3) ECONOMICAL AND SOCIAL COMMISSION

This department is entrusted with the materialisation of the actions defined in the statutes chapter III, paragraph C,D.

4) INFORMATION COMMISSION

It is entrusted with the collecting and circulating the publication of a periodical information bulletin.

5) FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

It is under the responsibility of the treasurer general.

B/ The funds of the A.A.W.C. are made of:

- a) the subscription fees of member countries
- b) grants and donations
- c) the proceeds from festivities and from the sale of articles produced by the A.A.W.C.
- d) the proceeds from publications.

The amount of the subscription fees is set by the congress. It can be changed at the request of 2/3 of the members of the Congress. At present it amounts to 700,000 C.F.A. francs that is to say US Dollars 2,800 for 3 years.

The subscription fees are payable before July which is the end of the financial year of the A.A.W.C.

The financial department prepares the budget of the A.A.W.C. within the budgetary estimates adopted in the Congress and according to the proposals of the regional secretariates.

It must make everything in its power to collect the expected funds.

The control commission composed of three members elected by the council out of the secretariat members audits the accounts of A.A.C.W. during the congress. Only those of the countries which have paid regularly their fees can apply for membership in this commission.

C/ SECRETARIAT : It is composed of:

A permanent secretariat at the headquarters of the organization with:

a) A general secretariat composed of:

- 1 secretary general
- 4 deputy secretaries general
- 1 treasurer general
- 1 deputy treasurer general
- 2 auditors
- 4 regional secretaries

Its role is defined in statutes chapter VIII, article XI, section 1, 2 and 3.

b) An administrative Secretariat.

ARTICLE 3 : ROLE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIATE:

1. The secretary general.

She is personally entrusted with the safeguard and the respect of the fundamental principles of the movement in accordance with the statutes. The whole secretariat is placed under her moral authority.

2. The first deputy Secretary General is responsible for the Political Commission.

3. The Second Deputy Secretary General is responsible for the external relations commission.

4. The Third Deputy Secretary General is responsible for the Economic and Social Commission.

5. The 4th Deputy Secretary General is responsible for the Information Commission.

6. The treasurer general is responsible for the financial commission.

7. The Deputy Treasurer General : she assists the Treasurer General in her duties.

a) Administration of Funds.

b) Organization of the financial commission.

8. The first auditor controls the general budget of the Conference in the interval between 2 congresses.

9. The 2nd auditor controls the regional budget. She assists the 1st auditor in her various activities.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY organizes the regional secretariat of the A.A.W.C. under her responsibility following a geographical grid map duly established by the Congress.

She assures the coordination between the A.A.W.C. and national organizations under her responsibility.

10. The Regional Secretary for the East is in Charge both of the East and South national sections. She is responsible for the following national sections:

Malagasy	Zambia	South Africa
Tanzania	Ethiopia	Rhodesia
Kenya	Somalia	Mozambique
Malawi		South West Africa
Uganda		

11. The Regional Secretary for the West is responsible for the following national sections:

Mauritania	Ghana
Senegal	Nigeria
Mali	Niger
Guinea	Guinea Bissao and
Ivory Coast	Cape Verde Islands
Upper Volta	Liberia
Togo	Gambia
Dahomey	

12. The Regional Secretary for the North is responsible for the following national sections:

Morocco	Sudan
Algeria	
Tunisia	
Libya	
U.A.R.	

13. The Regional Secretary for the Center is responsible for the following national sections:

The Cameroons	Burundi
Tchad	Rwanda
Republic of Central Africa	
Congo-Brazzaville	
Congo- Kinshasa	
Angola	
Gabon	

ARTICLE 4 :

a) In case of absence or temporary incapability of the Secretary General and the Treasurer General, they are respectively replaced in their functions by :

- The 1st Deputy Secretary General and
- The Deputy Treasurer General until the next meeting of Council.

b) During the fulfillement of their duties the members of the Secretariat are liable before the ALL African Women's Conference and its executive bodies : the Council and the Congress.

ARTICLE 5 : MEETING

- The Secretariat of the A.A.W.C. will hold an ordinary session at the headquarters every six (6) months. It can be summoned for an extraordinary meeting when the need arises.

- The Council meets once a year in turn in each member-country. It ratifies the decision of the Secretariat and sees to the performances of the tasks ascribed by the Congress.

- The Congress meets every 3 years or on the written request of 2/3 of its members.

ARTICLE 6 : THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE A.A.C.W.

It takes over :

1) The expenses of the running and the management of the Secretariat.

2) The accommodation expenses of the Secretary General at the Headquarters.

3) The allowance for responsibilities set as a lump-sum at 2 000 francs per day paid to the responsible members of the General Secretariat during the sessions and in the case they have to be present at the headquarters, following the obligations within their duties.

4) The travel fares of the members of the A.A.W.C. on mission on behalf of the organization.

And when they are taken in charge, the sejour expenses will be at the rate of 2 000 francs per day. These rates can be modified by the Council per day according to the financial situation of the A.A.W.C.

ARTICLE 7 : SANCTIONS

The fees must be paid before July which is the end of the financial year of the A.A.W.C. At the end of this deadline a call to order by way of a registered letter shall be sent by the secretariat to those of the countries which had not paid their contribution. If in spite of this call to order, the member organizations do not meet their financial obligations, they would automatically be deprived from their right to vote.

ARTICLE 8 : HONORARY PRESIDENCY

The A.A.C.W. appeals to all the wives of African Heads of States requesting them to give the A.A.W.C. their support by accepting the office of Honorary President the A.A.W.C. offers them.

The Secretary General is entrusted with the establishment of necessary contacts to this effect.

STATUTES OF THE ALL AFRICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PREAMBLE

We, the African women,

Conscious of our responsibilities in front of the various common problems we are confronted with at present,

Convinced that the problems arise from the prejudices of ignorance and from the social, economic and political structures imposed by imperialism,

Persuaded that these problems can be solved through action, solidarity and faith in human values,

Acknowledge the resolution on decolonisation adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (1514) (XV) in December 1960,

Are decided to save our descendants from the threat of colonialism and its aftermaths which has been imposed on the African peoples, depriving them of their fundamental rights to live in the same way as any free human being,

Are determined to unite our efforts and to insert our action into the general action of the African peoples in order to fight ignorance and injustice, to rehabilitate the African Women, to raise the standard of living of the family and make Africa a Continent of prosperity, freedom and peace,

Proclaim, on behalf of all the African women, the constituting of the all African Women's Conference.

CHAPTER I

The style of the movement is the "ALL AFRICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE".

CHAPTER II

OBJECTIVES:

ARTICLE 1:

To create an international african organization to allow exchange of opinion and to undertake common actions in accordance with the below-defined principles and policy:

a) To accelerate the movement of emancipation of the African Women and promote their total rehabilitation so that they may take part in all the creative activities in the social political and economic fields in their countries.

b) To support the great trend of political economic, and social liberation of the African continent and contribute through a conscious, real and constant action, to the advancement of its peoples.

c) To promote through friendship, understanding and co-operation, an effective unity between the African States.

d) To set up relations of friendship and co-operation between the African women and the other women of the world with a view to promoting Progress, Justice and Peace in the world.

CHAPTER III

ACTIVITY

ARTICLE 2

a) The all African Women's Conference will hold its congress every three years.

b) An extraordinary meeting of the Conference may be summoned by decision of the Council or at the request of at least two thirds of its members.

A notification of it will be compulsorily given two months before the Conference.

c) The ALL AFRICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will encourage within its organization research work on the problems concerning African Women and will publish them each organisation will have to keep social, cultural and other activities within the framework of the programme of the All African Women's Conference.

d) The All African Women's Conference will promote and encourage exchange of various programmes between the African countries.

e) The conference will periodically publish an organ of information.

CHAPTER IV
ADHESION AND ADMISSION

ARTICLE 3

a) Will be members of the All African Women's Conference all the African women's organizations which apply to the General Secretariat. Having before it this application, the General Secretariat sends it to all member countries. The admission is decided at a simple majority of the member organisations. The decision of each organization is sent to the Secretary General who informs the organization concerned of the decision.

b) In the countries where the women's movements are unified, the country will be represented by the women's organization of that country.

c) In the countries where there still exist several women's organizations and movements, the co-ordinating committees of the national organization will be affiliated to the women's conference.

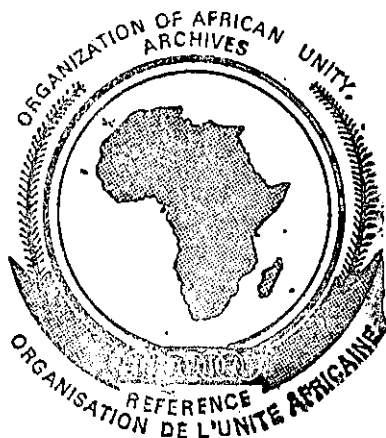
d) Where there is no co-ordinating committee, the Conference will recognize the national women's organization recognized by that country.

e) In each country struggling for its liberation, the Conference will recognize the women's representative organization whether the latter is inside the country or in exile.

CHAPTER V
BODIES

ARTICLE 4

A Congress, a Council, a Secretariat and specialized Commissions are created as the main bodies of the All African Women's Conference.



CHAPTER VI
THE CONGRESS

ARTICLE 5

The Congress is the final decision-making body of the organization. It meets every three years at a place and a date which must be fixed by the member delegates.

- a) The place of the holding of the Congress will have to change so that it could be held in each African country in turn.
- b) The statutes and the internal regulations of the All African Women's Conference are adopted during the Congress.
- c) The Congress is the real and legitimate source of authority and it is the final decision-making body in litigation.
- d) It receives and considers the Agenda established by the Secretariat. Any amendment to the Agenda will have to be submitted.

FUNCTIONS OF THE CONGRESS

ARTICLE 6

- a) The Congress considers and adopts the moral and financial report of the General Secretariat of the All African Women's Conference and those of the various Commissions.
- b) Elects by secret vote the members of the Secretariat, decides over the electoral commission and over the programme of the commission for the three following years.
- c) Decides on the activity programme that the bodies of the A.A.W.C. are entrusted with performing during the following years and on the means to adopt in order to achieve the goals of the All African Women's Conference.
- d) Examines and gives its approval to the broad lines of the budget established for the following 3 years.
- e) Decides on the place of the holding of the next Congress leaving it to the Secretariat to alter the date according to the calander of events in Africa and in the world.

f) Receives and considers the agenda established by the Secretariat. Any amendment to that agenda must be submitted in writing by the organization which proposes it to the Congress.

ARTICLE 7

At least six months before the opening of the Congress the Secretariat shall notify the members of the A.A.W.C. of the Agenda.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

ARTICLE 8

The All African Women's Conference must organize seminars colloquia, special study groups on specific topics during the internal between two Congress.

VOTE

ARTICLE 9

a) Each country has one vote except when sanctions are provided for by the Internal Regulations.

b) Except for amendments to the statutes which require two thirds of the votes, the decisions on affairs are taken at a simple majority.

CHAPTER VII

THE COUNCIL

ARTICLE 10

a) The Council is composed of the representatives of the members-States with one (1) member per country for a three years period.

b) The Council meets once a year. It may meet on a special session on the written request of two thirds of its members.

c) The Council has all power to act on behalf of the Conference in accordance with its goals and with the recommendations adopted during the Congress. It sees to the implementation of the decisions made by the Congress at the All African Women's Conference.

CHAPTER VIII
SECRETARIAT

ARTICLE 11

a) The Secretariat is permanent. Its headquarters are those of the All African Women's Conference. It is elected for 3 years during the Congress and its mandat can be renewed. The General Secretariat is composed of:

- 1 Secretary General;
- 4 Deputy Secretary General including entrusted with relations with Press;
- 1 Treasurer General;
- 1 Deputy Treasurer General;
- 2 Auditors;
- 4 Regional Secretaries: NORTH, WEST, CENTRE, SOUTH-EAST.

b) The Secretariat is responsible to the Congress and to the Council during the interval between 2 Congresses.

c) It is entrusted with:

1. The implementations of the recommendations made by the Congress and of the activity programme of the All African Women's Conference.
2. The centralization of the All African Women's Conference documents.
3. The collection and diffusion of information on the activity of African Women's Movement.

CHAPTER IX
COMMISSIONS

ARTICLE 12

Working Commissions under the responsibility of 4 Deputy Secretary general are set up at the Secretariat level.

ARTICLE 13

The Commissions are entrusted with the collection of documents and statistics in their respective fields with setting and submitting an activity programme dealing with national and international information regarding their own field, when requested.

CHAPTER X

FINANCES

ARTICLE 14

a) The budget of the All African Women's Conference prepared by the Secretariat, and submitted to the Council and then presented to the Congress for final adoption.

b) The Secretary General is the Director of the All African Women's Conference funds. The Treasurer General administers the funds and orders expenses.

c) The yearly funds of the All African Women's Conference are made of:

1. Subscription-fees;
2. Grants and donations;
3. The proceeds from festivities;
4. The proceeds from publications.

d) The amount of the subscription-fees of the member-organizations will be set by the Congress.

e) A commission of control composed of 3 members elected by the Council outside the Secretariat audits the All African Women's Conference accounts. Only those of the organizations which regularly pay their subscription-fees can be members of the commission.

CHAPTER XI

HEADQUARTERS

ARTICLE 15

The headquarters of the All African Women's Conference are set by the Congress. They can be changed only after a proposal of two thirds of the members.

CHAPTER XII
ALTERATIONS

ARTICLE 16

Any alteration in the statutes and in the internal regulations can only be made during the Congress.

CHAPTER XIII
DISSOLUTIONS

ARTICLE 17

The dissolution can only be decided by Congress and at the majority of two thirds of the present or represented members.

In case of dissolution, only the All African Women's Conference is entitled to decide over the way its property will be used and to deal with its previous commitments.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

00612 APCS/BG.1

Dakar, 17 January, 1970.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of OAU and has the honour to inform it that the All-African Women's Conference A.A.W.C. wishes to put before the Council of Ministers a request for US.\$100,000.00 subvention from OAU which is needed for the implementation of its programme for the emancipation of the African woman.

In this connexion, the Government of Senegal was approached by the A.A.W.C. for the purpose of presenting this request.

To enable the OAU General Secretariat to obtain necessary information, before the forthcoming Council of Ministers, on the scope of the proposed programme, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs forward a copy of it herewith.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the OAU General Secretariat the assurances of its high consideration.

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