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ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES TO  
THE O.A.U. BUDGET



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STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS DUE TO THE  
1965/67 - 1967/68 - 1968/69 - 1969/70 and 1970/71

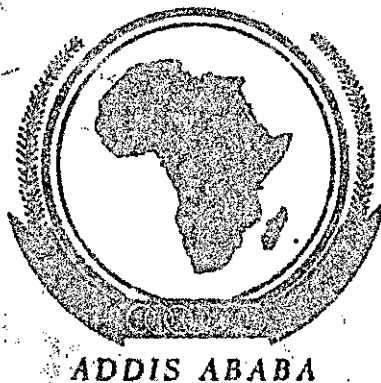
BUDGETS AS OF 11th DECEMBER, 1970

(ALL figures in US Dollars)

	Member Countries	Amount due to 1965/67	Amount due to 1967/68	Amount due to 1968/69	Amount due to 1969/70	Amount due to 1970/71	Total Amount due
1	Algeria	-	-	-	118,660.28	152,271.23	270,931.51
2	Botswana	-	-	6,510.43	-	13,333.73	19,844.16
3	Burundi	-	-	-	-	16,408.79	16,408.79
4	Cameroon	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Central African Republic	-	-	10,872.36	35,297.78	39,201.17	85,371.31
6	Chad	-	-	-	24,201.67	30,934.26	55,135.93
7	Congo-Brazzaville	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Congo Kinshasa	-	-	-	-	67,068.52	67,082.52
9	Dahomey	-	4,472.24	23,777.63	25,452.82	28,267.51	81,970.20
10	Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	54,935.58	54,935.58
11	Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	(53.93)	(53.93)
12	Gabon	-	-	-	109,503.06	131,470.60	240,973.66
13	Gambia	54,678.25	20,424.04	24,340.81	-	1,155.27	100,598.37
14	Ghana	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Guinea	-	-	-	-	8,509.48	8,509.48
16	Ivory Coast	-	-	-	24.31	106,959.33	106,983.64
17	Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Lesotho	-	-	-	-	17,867.20	17,867.20
19	Liberia	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Libya	-	-	-	-	197,339.72	197,339.72
21	Madagascar	-	-	-	-	35,715.28	35,715.28

Member Countries	Amount due to 1965/67	Amount due to 1967/68	Amount due to 1968/69	Amount due to 1969/70	Amount due to 1970/71	Total Amount due
22 Malawi	67,772.08	15,225.96	41,792.71	16,328.22	-	141,118.97
23 Mali	-	-	-	30,945.19	30,744.21	61,689.40
24 Mauritania	-	-	-	-	19,292.95	19,292.95
25 Mauritius	-	-	-	-	13,333.73	13,333.73
26 Morocco	-	-	-	-	158,579.52	158,579.52
27 Niger	-	-	-	-	31,950.36	31,950.36
28 Nigeria	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 Rwanda	-	-	-	-	16,533.83	16,533.83
30 Senegal	-	-	-	75,527.84	85,602.56	161,130.40
31 Sierra Leone	-	-	-	11,094.84	50,401.51	61,496.35
32 Somalia	-	-	-	18,249.19	20,267.27	38,516.46
33 Sudan	-	-	-	43,400.00	91,202.73	134,602.73
34 Swaziland	-	-	-	-	(31,714.93)	(31,714.93)
35 Tanzania	-	-	-	-	52,534.91	52,534.91
36 Togo	-	-	-	-	33,258.75	33,258.75
37 Tunisia	25,666.60	17,005.45	19,844.01	4,814.60	71,202.13	138,532.79
38 Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-
39 United Arab Republic	-	-	-	-	185,605.56	185,605.56
40 Upper Volta	-	-	-	149.09	24,534.07	24,683.16
41 Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	148,116.93	57,127.69	127,137.95	513,648.89	1,754,712.90	2,600,744.36

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ARREARS OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF  
O.A.U. MEMBER STATES

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EXCERPTS OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY  
AND FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE  
PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO O.A.U.  
BUDGET

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Annex I

The Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity presents his compliments to Their Excellencies the Foreign Ministers and referring to its cables FIN/20/2/70-71 dated 11th November, 1970 and its Note Verbale Ref.FIN/20/2/70-71/1445-70 dated 12th November, 1970, has the honour to remind Their Excellencies once again that the Board of External Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters which met respectively in Addis Ababa from 15th November to 7th December, 1970 and from 14th to 22nd December, 1970, having taken note with great concern, of the alarming percentage of the overdue outstanding contributions of the Member States, and particularly that certain Member States still owe substantial sums of budgets of 1965/67, have laid stress upon the necessity to draw the attention of the Member States concerned on the situation and had requested the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to write them consequently, to do everything possible to settle, with the minimum of delay, the outstanding contributions owed to the O.A.U. as per attached statement.

In view of the magnitude of the outstanding sum it is absolutely necessary to submit to the forthcoming Budgetary Session of the Council of Ministers the financial situation at the Head of the Agenda Items.

In conformity with Article XXIII of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity the Administrative Secretary-General counts on the fraternal co-operation of Their Excellencies to ensure that their respective Governments remit to the General Secretariat, at the earliest opportunity, the amounts due to the budget of the O.A.U. to enable the Organization to accomplish the tasks entrusted to it by the Member States.

Attached herewith please find as annexures comments of the Board of External Auditors and extracts of recommendations from the summary Records of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters.

Thanking them most sincerely for their kind co-operation, the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Their Excellencies the Foreign Ministers the assurances of his high and fraternal consideration.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF EXTERNAL BOARD OF AUDITORS FOR 1969/70A. REVENUES1. CONTRIBUTIONS:

The total contributions paid is as follows as at 31 May 1970.

- 1965/67 Budget	63,241.77 U.S.\$
- 1967/68 Budget	57,719.84 U.S.\$
- 1968/69 Budget	652,072.93 U.S.\$
- 1969/70 Budget	1,382,694.52 U.S.\$
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	2,155,729.06 U.S.\$

If payment made in 1970/71 are added to those of the financial year 1969/70, the total will be

52,424.19 U.S.\$
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2,208,153.25 U.S.\$

The amount of outstanding contributions as at 20 November, 1970, is as follows:-

- 1965/67 Budget	52,649.71 U.S.\$
- 1967/68 Budget	56,524.38 U.S.\$
- 1968/69 Budget	114,862.02 U.S.\$
- 1969/70 Budget	441,147.26 U.S.\$
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Total ...	664,183.37 U.S.\$

This situation calls for the following comments from us:

The actual paid up contributions for the financial year 1969/70 amounted to U.S.\$ 1,382,694.52 while the outstanding contributions for the same financial year amounted to U.S.\$ 441,147.26. These figures show quite an alarming percentage of contributions due but which have not been paid by the time specified.

The analysis is even more disquieting when, retrospectively, it appears that certain O.A.U. Member States still owe substantial sums for budgets which should by now be considered finally closed. The amounts already shown above are a proper illustration of our remarks:

- 1965/67	52,649.71 U.S.\$
- 1967/68	56,524.38 U.S.\$
- 1968/69	114,862.02 U.S.\$
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	124,036.11 U.S.\$

How could the Organization of African Unity effectively accomplish its tasks which are increasing from day to day if the rate of outstanding arrears of its Members continues to take an upward trend?



EXCERPTS OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED  
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The representative of SENEGAL pointed out that the Secretariat should do its utmost, outside of the Session of the Council of Ministers, to secure payment of contributions.

The CHAIRMAN gave the floor to the Secretariat.

The representative of the SECRETARIAT said he supposed the representative of Senegal wanted them to travel to Member States and appeal to them to pay their arrears of contributions to OAU budget. If the Committee suggested that, it would be most welcome.

The representative of SENEGAL is of the opinion that a delegation from the Secretariat should contact OAU Member States to collect contributions. He stated that this matter was becoming increasingly alarming and should require drastic solutions. I do affirm, he said, that the picture is dramatic: the OAU is in deficit. Positive efforts should be made to collect contributions.

The representative of UGANDA was against the idea that the Secretariat should go to Member States to extract money out of them, arguing that they would be spending more money. He also said there are cases and issues where Member States know their responsibilities; Member States must know that either they want the Organization to work or not.

The representative of SOMALIA supported the view of Senegal, saying that the efforts of this Committee would be futile, if the Committee helps those States to pay their contributions when they knew the Secretariat was suffering from the fact that many Member States do not really pay their contributions.

The representative of SOMALIA

He also said the Organization was in an appalling condition and that caused a lot of trouble to the Secretariat. The Secretariat wanted to develop and to work but it had not got the necessary means.

He suggested that the Advisory Committee had to help the Secretariat to find means of overcoming the situation. He suggested that the Committee should make strong recommendations and a definite appeal to Member States adding that the members of this Advisory Committee also suffered from this fact.

The representative of NIGERIA tried to offer a compromise solution between the positions of Senegal and Uganda. He quite agreed with Senegal that the Secretariat should make efforts to contact Member States at a personal level, but he also agreed with Uganda.

The Administrative Department of the Secretariat should ensure that it makes the best use of officials making tours in Africa every year. The Administrative Secretary-General should not issue tickets unless it is agreed that they will seek to collect contributions during such tours.

The CHAIRMAN suggested the Committee would make recommendations to the Council of Ministers that the Chairman of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government should appeal to his colleagues personally and in writing if possible, to this effect. This is an additional proposal.

The representative of SENEGAL agreed.

The representative of UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC preferred that the matter be clarified to the Council of Ministers in the report, explaining that there would be no budget at all as long as some Member States do not pay their contributions.

The representative of ZAMBIA supported the views of Nigeria and Uganda. He added that the Secretariat had made several contacts with the Member States and he would like to hear from the Secretariat the answers they had received.

The representative of the SECRETARIAT announced that OAU officials had repeatedly made personal appeals at highest level and that everytime the Secretary-General goes on missions in Africa, he travels with the state of contributions of the State he would visit, and makes contacts with the officials of these countries at the highest levels. But we do not expect him to come back with a positive answer or a positive promise simply because he has introduced a memorandum to the Head of the State. This memorandum will later be discussed with the Foreign Minister, and the process of making a decision on it takes time.

The representative of UGANDA said it seemed the problem has been well recognised and the Secretariat has done all it can in this respect.

He then suggested that if the matter is discussed at a higher level, the level of Heads of State, the Member States may be convinced to pay their contributions. He then emphasized that this should be done at the highest level.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether Uganda's proposal is adopted.

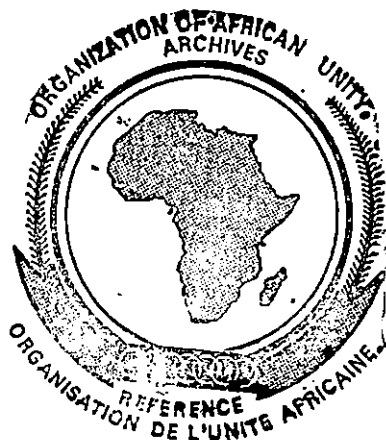
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STATEMENT BY THE GAMBIA



STATEMENT MADE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THE GAMBIA  
ON ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE O.A.U. - DECEMBER, 1970

It is rather embarrassing to the Gambia - being Chairman of this Advisory Committee, to observe that such a large amount of US.\$ 100,598.37 is placed against her name as arrears of contributions to the O.A.U. shown on the document before us EBM/5 (XI) whilst in fact the Gambia Government holds the belief that she has paid all the outstanding arrears of contributions up to date, excepting US.\$ 1,155.27.

2. The history, leading to the Gambia's belief, dates as far back as 1965, when at the meeting of the OAU Summit in Accra, the Gambia raised the issue of the unfair assessment levied on her of 1.89% and made her position clear of her inability to pay such assessment.

The august body then, it is understood, assured the Gambia not to worry and that she should be paying as much as she could until such a time the O.A.U. worked out a fair assessment of contributions when she would then pay her arrears based on the New Assessment.

3. The Gambia in keeping to these principles has been paying token contributions as her assessment to the O.A.U. since 1965, and when the OAU submitted a fair assessment of contributions in 1969 of all countries and approved by the Council of Ministers, in which the Gambia was assessed 0.76% she there and then, in keeping to the assurances of the Summit in 1965, paid up all her arrears based on the New Assessment approved by the Council of Ministers in 1969.

4. To summarise the situation existing since 1965 on Assessments, token contributions paid and settlement in full of all the Gambia's arrears I submit the following:

All figures in U.S. Dollars

	<u>Outstanding Arrears</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Old Assessment</u>	<u>Assessment Based on 0.76%</u>
(a)	1965/67	4,421,983.00	83,575.45 (1.89%)	33,607.07
(b)	1967/68	1,891,536.00	34,325.71 (1.82%)	14,375.67
(c)	1968/69	2,296,302.40	41,792.71 (1.82%)	19,451.90
(d)	1969/70	2,401,209.00	18,249.19 (0.76%)	18,249.19
				<hr/> 83,683.83

5. Token Contributions so far paid to Regular Budget of O.A.U.:

15th February 1966	..	..	..	4,362.40
19th February 1967	..	..	..	3,907.22
18th May 1968	..	..	..	3,347.19
31st December 1969 (full contribution)	..	..	..	18,249.19
1st January 1970	..	..	..	57,364.16
				<hr/> 87,230.09

6. The total contributions made by the Gambia based on the New Scale of Assessment from 1965/67 to 1969/70 came to US.\$ 87,230.09 which reflects an over-payment basing on New Scale of Assessment of 0.76% of US.\$ 3,546.26 up to end of Financial Year of 1969/70. (These figures have been verified by the O.A.U. Finance Section).

7. In August 1970, the Gambia paid £8,000 sterling towards her contribution of the Financial year 1970/71 i.e. US.\$ 19,112, leaving a balance of US.\$ 1,155.27, and if this balance of US.\$ 1,155.27 is taken off from our over-payment of US.\$ 3,546.26 shown in paragraph 6, then there is an overall over-payment of US.\$ 2,390.99 up to the end of the OAU Financial Year 1970/71.

8. Realising that it may be beyond the competence of this Advisory Committee to deal with this issue, I would request however that this document forms part of the OAU document Ref. FBM/5 (XI), as the Gambia may take up this matter at the Council of Ministers or the Summit of Heads of State and Government meeting in 1971, with a view to setting up the records right, thereby avoiding the embarrassing situation of repetition of arrears continuously of which the Gambia in all sincerity believes does not exist.

B. O. SEMEGA JANNEH  
CHAIRMAN

December, 1970.

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