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REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

VENUE: AFRICA HALL - ADDIS ABABA - ETHIOPIA

DATES: SUNDAY 13th JUNE 1971

CHAIRMAN: THE GAMBIA: H.E. MR. B.O. SEMAGA-JANNEH,
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

RAPPORTEUR: NIGERIA: H.E. MR. E. OLU SANU,
NIGERIA AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA

Upon the recommendation of the Council of Ministers, the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters held its Thirteenth Ordinary Session at Africa Hall, Addis Ababa on Sunday, 13 June 1971.

The meeting attended by the representatives of Gambia (Chairman), Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Uganda, UAR and Zambia, was presided over by H.E. Mr. Semaga-Janneh, Gambia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and went on to explain that it had been convened mainly for the purpose of discussing the deletion of sub-paragraph 55 (2) of document CM/355 Rev.1.

CHAIRMANSHIP

The Committee referred to the fact that during its Twelfth session it had decided to delete this sub-paragraph and had issued a corrigendum to that effect. (See document CM/355 Rev.1/Corr.1). It expressed the view that it was a question of principle that was involved and not one of personality.

TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Committee then discussed the question of payment of the travel expenses of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters. During the debates, the Representative of the Gambia announced "that his country was willing to drop all claims in this respect". The Committee unanimously thanked the Gambia for its stand.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee expressed the view that members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial matters should be appointed in their personal capacity and on the basis of their qualifications in this particular field.

RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end of these discussions, the Committee decided to submit the following recommendations to the Council of Ministers:

- 1) that the Chairmanship of the Gambia should continue until the next budgetary session;
- 2) that upon the expiry in 1972, of the terms of office of the present members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters, the new Committee should appoint a chairman in accordance with the practice established within OAU Committees;
- 3) that the Council of Ministers should appoint the new members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters in their individual capacity in compliance with Part IX Article 4 of the Financial Rules and Regulations and that they should be experts in that field.

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