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Morocco's Proposal to host the Centre for
Earth Sciences



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The Royal Embassy of Morocco presents its compliments to the Administrative General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to pass on to it, attached Note No. D.A.P./2 of 15 March 1971 from the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs dealing with the plan to set up training and research establishments in Africa.

The Royal Embassy of Morocco would be grateful if the Administrative General Secretariat would include the following point in the agenda of the forthcoming OAU Council of Ministers:

"Moroccan proposal to welcome the pilot Centre for Earth Sciences".

and to kindly communicate to all Member States of the Organization the reasons militating in favour of the Moroccan Kingdom's proposal.

The Royal Embassy of Morocco seizes this opportunity to reaffirm to the Administrative General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 12 April 1971

Rabat, 15 March 1971

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco presents its compliments to the Administrative Secretary-General of OAU/STRC and, following its note SC/EDC/2/3/71 of 11 January 1971, has the honour to return to him duly filled in, the form relating to the plan to set up training and research establishments in Africa.

Moreover, as regards the creation of the first pilot centre envisaged for the earth sciences, Morocco proposes that this centre's headquarters be set up in Morocco.

The fact is that Morocco constitutes a field for work that is particularly suited to the training of geophysical geologists, geochemists, hydrogeologists etc., bearing in mind the great diversity of its geological formations, both from the petrographic, and stratigraphic structure and the wealth of its mineral deposits which are very varied. Moreover, it possesses a geological infrastructure portrayed in numerous maps, notes and memoranda which will undoubtedly help in the practical training of new African qualified staff. Again, Morocco's nearness to both African and European countries could facilitate the movement of students and teachers.

If this choice were to be confirmed, it would be Rabat that would be most convenient for the setting up of this centre, seeing that it is already the headquarters of the geological Service, the mining operations and research Bureau, the Faculty of Sciences, the Mohamedia School of Engineers, the Rabat School of Mines, etc... All these organizations, which have a great deal of experience, form a good environment for this new centre.

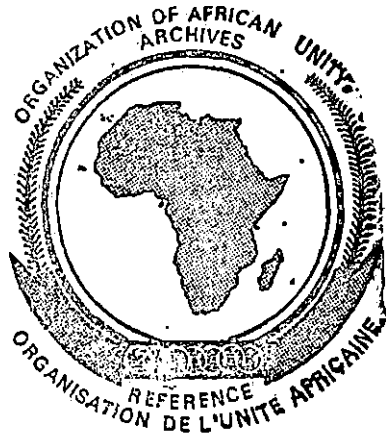
However, the services dependent on the Moroccan Ministry of Mines and Geology, whose funds are limited, can only bring the new centre limited but precious collaboration, notably in the form of specialized courses or laboratory studies by Moroccan engineers.

So the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco would be grateful to the Administrative Secretariat General if it would kindly include in the agenda of the forthcoming OAU Council of Ministers meeting:

"the Moroccan proposal to host the pilot centre for the earth sciences"

and to please communicate to all member-States the reasons given above militating in favour of this proposal.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco seizes this opportunity of renewing to the Administrative General Secretariat the assurances of its high consideration.



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