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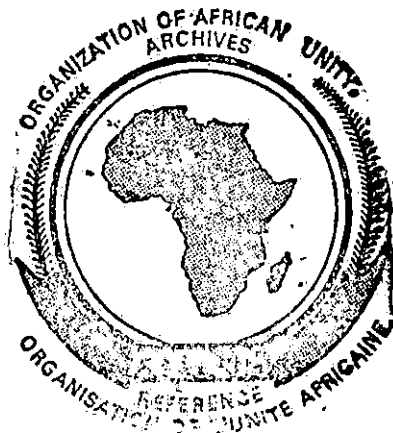
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PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL
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INTRODUCTION

It would be recalled that the Organization of African Unity and the International Telecommunications Union have had close co-operation in various activities in Africa. The two Organizations besides consulting each other in matters affecting the development of telecommunications in Africa have jointly sponsored meetings directed towards the acceleration of such developments.

In view of this it has been proposed that a formal agreement should be concluded to strengthen the existing good relations. The following draft agreement which follows the traditional forms of agreements such as with the ILO and has been thoroughly considered by both Organizations is now presented for considerations and approval by the Council of Ministers of the OAU.

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PREAMBLE

Whereas the purposes of the International Telecommunication Union are:

- (a) to maintain and extend international co-operation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;
- (b) to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, so far as possible, generally available to the public;
- (c) to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends.

Whereas the purposes for which the Organization of African Unity has been established to include the co-ordination and intensification of the co-operation and efforts of its Member States to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa and to promote international co-operation, having due regard to the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Whereas the United Nations Economic and Social Council, in its Resolution 1450 (XLVII) recommended to the Specialized Institutions and International Institutions concerned to conclude, like the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, co-operation agreements or other special arrangements with the Organization of African Unity so as to give concrete assistance to the liberation movements in order to ensure the full and rapid implementation of paragraph 3 of the General Assembly Resolution 2426 (XXIII);

The International Telecommunication Union and the Organization of African Unity,

Desirous of contributing, within the general framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the International Telecommunication Convention and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, to the effective accomplishment in Africa of these objectives which they have in common, in the light of their respective world-wide and regional responsibilities,

Have agreed upon the following:

ARTICLE I

Mutual Consultation

1. The International Telecommunication Union and the Organization of African Unity will consult regularly on matters of common interest for the purpose of furthering the effective accomplishment of their common objectives in the African States.
2. The International Telecommunication Union will inform the Organization of African Unity of any plans for the development of its technical activities in the field of telecommunication within the territories of Members of the

Organization of African Unity and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the Organization of African Unity for the purpose of establishing an effective co-ordination between the two Organizations.

3. The Organization of African Unity will inform the International Telecommunication Union of any plans for the development of its technical activities in the field of telecommunication and will consider any observations concerning such plans which may be communicated to it by the International Telecommunication Union for the purpose of establishing an effective co-ordination between the two Organizations.

ARTICLE II

Reciprocal Representation

1. For the purpose of furthering the effective accomplishment of the objectives which the two Organizations have in common in the Member States of the Organization of African Unity, the International Telecommunication Union will invite the Organization of African Unity to be represented at conferences and meetings within or particularly concerning the African countries, members of the Organization of African Unity.

2. The Organization of African Unity will likewise invite the International Telecommunication Union to be represented at the meetings of its Economic, Social Transport and Communications Commission as well as to all other technical and scientific meetings convened under the auspices of the Organisation of African Unity at which subjects for discussion include matters within the competence of the International Telecommunication Union.

ARTICLE III

Exchange of Information

1. The International Telecommunication Union and the Organization of African Unity will combine their efforts for the purpose of obtaining the best use of statistical and legislative information and to ensure the most effective utilization of their resources in the collection, analysis, publication and diffusion of such information with a view to reducing the burdens on the governments and other organizations from which such information is collected.

2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the fullest and promptest exchange of information and documents of common interest will be made between the International Telecommunication Union and the Organization of African Unity.

3. The International Telecommunication Union will be kept informed by the Organization of African Unity of developments in the work of the latter which are of interest to the International Telecommunications Union.

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ARTICLE IV

Technical Co-operation

1. Whenever desirable for the development of their activities in fields of mutual concern, the International Telecommunication Union and the Organization of African Unity may each seek the other's technical co-operation where it is specially equipped to assist in the development of such activities.

2. Each Organization will strive, as far as possible, to meet any such request for technical co-operation in a manner to be agreed upon in such cases as may arise.

ARTICLE V

Other Provisions

The Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union and the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity will make appropriate arrangements to ensure close collaboration and liaison between the staffs of the two Organizations in matters of common interest.

ARTICLE VI

Entry into Force and Amendments

1. The present Agreement will provisionally enter into force from the date on which it is signed by the authorized representatives of the International Telecommunication Union and the Organization of African Unity.

2. In pursuance of the provisions of Article 9, paragraph 13 (b) of the International Telecommunication Convention, the present Agreement will be submitted to the next Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union for consideration.

3. The present Agreement may be modified with the consent of the two parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union duly authorised by the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union and the Administrative Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity duly authorized by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity sign the present Agreement.

(Signature)

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