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



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FOURTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL
MATTERS

The Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters opened at Africa Hall on Monday, 11 December 1972, at 4.30 p.m. The meeting ended on Monday 18 December 1972. The following member countries of the Committee were represented:

Egypt	Sierra Leone	Ethiopia
Nigeria (Rapporteur)	Zaire	Somalia
Cameroun	Tanzania and	Guinea
Senegal	Uganda	
Zambia	Sudan	

H.E. Ambassador Hassan Sirry Esmat, of Egypt, was in the Chair. Algeria was not represented.

2. Representatives of Morocco, Kenya, Tunisia and Ghana attended as observers. The Board of External Auditors was represented by Mr. Karamoko Sanogo of Upper Volta who introduced and explained the Audit Reports.

Item I. Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee

3. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members to the Meeting. In particular he welcomed to the Committee H.E. Ambassador P.M. Ngonda of Zambia and H.E. Ambassador Shirley Y. Gbujama of Sierra Leone who were attending the meeting of the full Committee for the first time. The Chairman also demanded from the Administrative Secretary-General, on behalf of the Arabic speaking Member States, to ensure that documents and interpretation services in the Arabic language were provided for all the meetings of the Advisory Committee.

Item 2: Statement by the Administrative Secretary-General

4. The Administrative Secretary-General also made a brief statement of welcome to the Committee. In it he explained that any delays in the preparation of documents for consideration by the Committee were caused by too heavy a concentration of programmes of activity at this time of the year. He was going to review the programme of activities with a view of separating them out over the full year. He assured the Committee that he was determined to correct all the discrepancies revealed by the Auditors reports on some Regional Offices. In presenting the Budget the Secretary-General stated that he was proposing very modest increase at this stage, pending re-organisation of services and the reports of experts that had just been appointed to carry out Job Evaluation and study of the system of OAU financial management. He also proposed creation of a few new posts which were considered very necessary for proper functioning of the General Secretariat. In conclusion the Secretary-General assured the Chairman of the Committee that he was going to make Budgetary proposals to enable him set up interpretation and documents preparation services for the Arabic language.

5. The Committee demanded early simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages used in OAU meetings.

Item 3 (a): Adoption of the Agenda - FBM/3/Rev.1 (XIV)

6. The Committee then adopted the following Agenda for their 14th Meeting.

1. Opening statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
2. Statement by the Administrative Secretary-General.
3. (a) Adoption of the Agenda - FBM/3/Rev.1 (XIV)
(b) Organization of work.
4. Date of the Twentieth Session of the Council of Ministers.

5. Consideration of the Financial Report for the Financial Year 1971/72
6. Consideration of the Report of the Board of External Auditors on OAU accounts for Financial Year 1971/72 and the comments of the General Secretariat on the Report.
7. Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for the Fiscal Year 1973/74.
8. Consideration of the Statement of Contributions to the 1972/73 Budget.
9. Any other business.

Item 3 (4): Organization of Work

7. The Committee decided to adopt the following programme of Sessions:-

Morning Session

Afternoon Session

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Committee then agreed that in order to enable the Members to go through the documents, especially those produced in the French language which had been late, the meeting should be adjourned and resume at 4 p.m. on Wednesday 13 December 1972.

Item 4: Date of the Twentieth Session of the Council of Ministers

8. The Committee agreed that the Advisory Committee should meet again from February 1 to February 3, 1973, to consider any items that might be submitted by the Administrative Secretary-General.

9. The Committee also discussed the timing of the 20th Session of the Council of Ministers and noted that the current Chairman of the Council had already suggested that the Twentieth Council Meeting should start on February 5 and end on February 10, 1973.

Item 5: Consideration of the Financial Report for the Financial Year 1971/72

10. During the discussion of the Report the following general remarks were made by members of the Committee.

- a) A credit balance of US \$442,327.24 recorded in the Report as end of the year unspent appropriations. It was, however, noted that this consisted of arrears of contributions still to be collected from Member States and should not be regarded as "Savings".
- b) Although arrears of US \$49,172.57 were recorded against Zaire as at 31 May 1972, all these contributions had been cleared by 30 June 1972.

Item 6: Consideration of the Report of the Board of External Auditors on OAU Accounts for the Financial Year 1971/72 and the Comments of the General Secretariat on the Report

11. The Committee decided to consider the reports on the Headquarters and on each regional and sub-regional office separately.

Report on the Headquarters Accounts

12. The following general points were made during the discussion of the Auditors' Report on the Headquarters Accounts:-

- a) The Auditors should have emphasised that the unspent balance of the appropriations as at 31 May 1972, were arrears still to be collected from Member States.

- b) An expert had just been appointed to study the system of financial management and it was hoped that he would make appropriate recommendations in the light of the Auditor's Reports.
- c) Member States who had the mandate to nominate auditors were requested to actually appoint persons who were qualified auditors since the Organization is responsible for the travel expenses and per diem of such persons.
- d) OAU expenditure in general should in future be re-orientated to productive programmes.
- e) The improvements in contributions and financial administration noted by the Auditors were encouraging.
- f) The new administration should be given opportunity to grasp the preoccupations and concerns of the Committee regarding many aspects of the OAU administrative activities.

13. After full discussion of the Auditors' Report on the Headquarters accounts the Committee made the following recommendations:-

- a) The External Auditors and the Finance Section should in future obtain and give, respectively, all the facts regarding every audit query as stipulated by the Financial Rules. The facts used by the Auditors in querying the management of the Petty Cash accounts had not been complete.
- b) Expenditure: The over-expenditure high-lighted by the Auditors should, as a matter of statutory routine, be brought forward for authorization by the resident members of the Advisory Committee.
- c) Home Leave Cash in lieu of Tickets: The Committee recommended that the practice of granting cash in lieu of entitlements should cease with the 1973/74 budget, because

it could be subject to abuse. The Secretariat, however, promised to end the practice on 1 January 1973, with the exception of staff who were political refugees as recommended by the Committee. Staff granted this privilege during 1971/72 whose names appear in the Report must produce satisfactory evidence to the Secretary-General that they and their dependents actually travelled on home leave or reimburse the cash granted.

- d) Medical Scheme: The Committee recommended that the medical scheme should be reviewed, with a view to obtaining medical cover under the Insurance Scheme. It was noted that it was difficult to control claimed expenditure under the Scheme.

- e) Payment of Salary in Advance for the Home Leave Period

The Committee recommended that this practice should continue because of the difficulty at this stage of administering the Scheme recommended by the Board as explained by the Secretariat. It should, however, be limited to the actual leave entitlement of each officer.

- f) Borrowing of goods and drinks from OAU Stores: The practice of lending to the staff items from the stores should cease.

- g) Issue of Fuel to the Secretary-General and His Assistants:

After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that the monthly issue of OAU fuel should be based on the new allocation proposed by the Secretariat bearing in mind the actual consumption per month of the new vehicles purchased. The Secretariat was advised to ensure that the amount provided in the budget for the purchase of fuel should not be exceeded. The Committee recommended that the officers entitled to free fuel are responsible persons and as such they should be judicious in the use of petrol for their vehicles.

h) Programme of Work and Per-diem of the External Auditors:

The Committee recommended that, with a view to reducing costs, the External Auditors should review their proposed programme of work with the Secretariat.

With regard to the per-diem increase requested by the Auditors, a paper should be prepared by the Auditors in consultation with the Secretariat.

- i. Financial Advances: The Committee recommended that a standardized system of financial advances of all kinds should be worked out and implemented by the Headquarters of the Secretariat.

Report on the Accounts of the Executive Secretariat of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa

14. During the discussion of the Committee on the report on this Office, the following general comments were made:-

- a) The External Auditors' report was disheartening and a discredit to the officers and the Organization of African Unity.
- b) Liberation was just now the most urgent of the most important of the OAU functions and the delicate matters affecting this office required the most careful consideration. The present reports did not contain all the facts.
- c) It was most unfortunate that the Internal Audit had been injudicious in the use of certain documents of a confidential nature, and this action tended to infringe the rights of Tanzania as a Sovereign State as well as that state's relationships with other African nations. It was, therefore suggested that the document should be withdrawn.

- a) The representative of Tanzania objected to the whole audit approach of the Internal Auditor which did not take into account, the security needs of those involved.
- e) The Assistant Executive Secretary in charge of Administration and Finance at the Liberation Office strongly contended that the Audit Reports were subjective.

15. Finally, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- a) Another team from the General Secretariat should investigate and review all matters contained in the Audit Reports on the Liberation Office and, on the basis of the existing two reports, prepare another report for proper consideration of the Committee and then the Council of Ministers.
- b) The election of the persons to carry out the review should be left to the Administrative Secretary General.

Audit Reports on the Accounts of the Executive Secretariat
of the S.T.R.C.

16. The improvement, in comparison to past years, in the management of the finances was commended and noted.

a) LAGOS OFFICE

17. Conditions of Service for non-Statutory Staff: Car Advances

The Committee discussed this matter and then despite the stipulation of the present Staff Rules that local staff should get comparable conditions of service offered to its staff by the host government, the

system of advances should be reviewed with a view to rational standardisation. It was regarded as anomalous for locally recruited staff to obtain car advances that are substantially higher than those accorded to statutory staff in the same office.

18. Conference Advances recoverable from Nigeria

The Executive Secretariat was urged to take action to bring to the attention of the Nigeria Government the outstanding amount of US \$23,080.74 in connection with the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers held in Lagos in December 1971. The representative of Nigeria pointed out that this situation arose as a result of a misunderstanding since the Secretariat had led the Nigerian Government to believe that this amount has been liquidated. He promised that action will be taken as soon as the Government is informed officially of the facts.

b) YAOUNDE OFFICE

19. The Committee noted the Audit Report on this Office and recommended that the Executive Secretary should send the quarterly subventions to that Office more expeditiously than hitherto.

c) BANGUI OFFICE

20. The Committee noted the Audit Report on this Office and recommended the immediate filling of the vacant post of accountant in that Office to enable proper financial management.

d) NIAMEY OFFICE

21. The Committee noted the Audit Report on this Office.

e) NAIROBI OFFICE

22. The Committee noted the Audit Report on the 1971/72 accounts of this office.

Report of the Board of External Auditors on the OAU Office
in Santa Isabel - Equatorial Guinea

23. Questions were asked as to the exact present functions of this office. After the explanations by the Secretariat, it was noted that there was at present very little aid for Equatorial Guinea which this OAU office could coordinate as aid now tended to be given on bilateral basis.

24. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the Audit Report on this office and suggested that perhaps there was need to review the functioning of this office on the part of the Council of Ministers.

Item 7: Consideration of the Draft Programme and Budget for
the Financial Year 1973/74

A. HEADQUARTERS

25. During the discussion on the Administrative Secretary-General's budgetary proposals, Document CM/477, the Committee made the following general remarks:

- a) Since many Committee Members are new more explanatory notes would be required whenever changes were proposed.
- b) The Committee suggested that until the new Secretary-General was completely aware of the preoccupations and concerns of the Committee Members it would be useful for him to attend the

budgetary sessions of the Committee. The Secretary-General stated that it had always been his intention to attend whenever possible.

- c) The Administrative Secretary-General also explained the circumstances leading to his moving out of the official residence particularly the possibility of misunderstanding if the Secretary-General and the Committee stuck each to their divergent views on the issue of payment for water, electricity etc.
- d) There was too much travel undertaken at OAU expense by the Political Departments. It was necessary to rationalize the travel on duty for these departments and for the Secretariat as a whole.
- e) Embassies of Member States in Addis Ababa would be willing to assist the transmission of mail from the Secretariat to their Governments whenever possible.

26. During the discussion of the budgetary proposals relating to Headquarters, Addis Ababa, the Committee made the following recommendations in respect of the items as shown:

- a) Official Residence of the Secretary-General: The Committee authorized the Secretariat to pay the Secretary-General a housing allowance in the amount of US \$800.00 per month with effect from the date the OAU ceases to meet expenses in respect of an official residence, by varying, in terms of Section 4.5 of the Financial Rules and Regulations - CM/40/Rev.1, the amounts appropriated for the rent of the official residence to the housing allowance sub-head. This decision should be regarded as a very temporary measure and would be implemented up to the time the OAU provides an official residence for the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General informed the Committee that necessary preliminary discussions are almost completed and that there is every reason to believe that the whole project would be completed before the next financial year.

- b) Administrative Structure of the General Secretariat: No Section should be transferred or be separated from one Division or Department to another (not excluding the Library Section) until any decision that may be made by the Council of Ministers are implemented.
- c. Medical Scheme and Insurance: Coverage: The Committee recommended that these two schemes should be reviewed with the intention of improving them and obtaining more substantial benefit to the Organization. The Committee noted that the present Insurance coverage is limited only to death and accident whereas the U.N. is able to cover health also. The Committee felt very strongly that a special study should be carried out and a memorandum be submitted to the Advisory Committee later.
- d) Headquarters Building: The Committee recommended that consideration of this matter should await the reactions of the Imperial Ethiopian Government to the approach which the General Secretariat had already made regarding structural repairs.
- e) Information and Propaganda Services: The Committee did not accept the proposed introduction of the recording studio and the creation of posts of related personnel. It recommended that the Secretariat should arrange for a thorough and proper study of this very important project.

B. S.T.R.C. OFFICES

27. The Committee Members made the following comments on the budgetary proposals relating to offices which come under the Commission for Scientific and Technical Research - STRC:

- a) The explanatory notes were inadequate and must be thorough in the future and the rounding of expenditure figures must cease because it was unacceptable and made the figures fictitious. The Secretary-General promised that the Executive Secretariats would be made to improve in future.

- b) Niamey & Bangui Offices: Questions were asked regarding the incapacity of the Niamey and Bangui Offices to operate to their expected levels. It was also observed that increase were being proposed to the budget of these offices even though they were not working to full capacity. The Secretariat explained that the possibility of transferring the Niamey and Bangui Offices to Lagos and Yaounde respectively had been considered at the level in connection with the Adu Report. No decision had been made on this matter. In concluding the Committee recommended that the budgets of these offices should be maintained at the 1972/73 levels during the 1973/74 Financial Year.

28. 1973/74 Budget:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> <u>1972/73</u>	<u>PROPOSAL</u> <u>OF THE COMMITTEE</u> <u>FOR 1973/74</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
a) HEADQUARTERS - ADDIS ABABA	2,561,498	2,849,783	288,285
b) S.T.R.C. OFFICES	-		
Lagos	347,432	425,275	77,843
Yaounde	84,782	110,390	25,608
Niamey	52,054	61,054	9,000
Bangui	80,559	89,404	8,845
Nairobi	127,672	142,952	15,280
c) LIBERATION OFFICES:			
Dar es Salaam	239,990	286,033	46,043
Lusaka	51,888	60,995	9,107
Conakry	58,405	63,432	5,027
d) U.N. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT	124,481	132,008	7,527
e) OTHER OFFICES:			
Santa Isabel -	45,234	45,234	-
Kampala	49,182	60,000	10,818
Geneva } <u>NEW OFFICES</u>	-	136,936	136,936
Accra }	-	29,494	29,494
TOTALS: C.M.C.A.	5,000	5,000	-
	<u>3,828,177</u>	<u>4,497,990</u>	<u>669,813</u>

29. The Committee discussed additional items submitted to the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters to be considered for possible inclusion in the 1973/74 draft estimates, Document CM/477/Add.1/Rev.1. After considerable debate it was decided:

- a) That the Secretariat should re-submit all new proposals for creation of posts to the February 1973 meeting of the Advisory Committee and
- b) That the Secretariat should submit to the Sub-Committee of the resident members any urgent approvable requests which required implementation prior to 1st June 1973, with the new budget coming into force.

30. The Committee noted the statement of actual and outstanding contributions submitted to the Committee by the General Secretariat in respect of the period 1965 to 11 December 1972.



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FOURTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY
AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters resumed its Fourteenth Session at Africa Hall on Thursday, 1st February 1973, at 11.30 a.m. The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m. on 3rd February 1973. The following Member States on the Committee were represented:

Sierra Leone	Egypt	Somalia
Uganda	Zaire	Zambia
Sudan	Tanzania	Cameroon
Ethiopia	Nigeria	Senegal
Guinea	Algeria	

H.E. Ambassador Hassan Sirry, of Egypt, was in the Chair.

2. Representatives of Morocco, Kenya, Burundi and Ghana attended as observers.

Agenda

3. By the end of the Meeting, the Committee adopted the following Agenda for this meeting:-

1. Consideration of items proposed by the Administrative Secretary-General for inclusion in the Draft Programme and Budget 1973/74.
2. Approval of extra expenditure under the 1972/73 Budget for items as follows:-
 - (a): (i) Second Meeting of the Conference of Ministers (11th Session of ECA, - Accra, 19-23 February 1973: US\$ 1,480.90).
 - (ii) OAU Secretariat's participation in the Work of the Expert Group on the Philip Report - Accra, 10-15 February 1973. (US\$ 3,646.60).

- (iii) Consideration of the Administrative Secretary-General's Report on the 1971/72 Accounts of the Executive Secretariat (Dar-es-Salaam) of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Liberation of Africa.
- (iv) Consideration of the Administrative Secretary-General's comments on the Adu Report.
- (v) Consideration of the financial implications of the proposed programme for the 10th Anniversary Celebrations.
- (vi) Any other business.

Organization of Work

4. The Committee decided to adopt the following programme of Sessions:-

Morning Session

10 a.m. to 1.p.m.

Afternoon Session

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Item (1) Consideration of items proposed by the Administrative Secretary-General for inclusion in the Draft Programme and Budget 1973/74:

5. The Advisory Committee recommended additional estimates for inclusion in the Draft Programme and Budget 1973/74 as in Addendum...
..... to document CM/477/Rev.2. This consists of an additional sum of US\$..... The total budget proposed for the year 1973/74 by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters is now US\$.....

6. During the discussion of these items Members of the Committee made the following points with particular reference to new additional posts and sections proposed for establishment in the Economic, Social, Scientific and Cultural Departments.

- (a) In cognizance of the stipulations of the Charter, our Heads of State and Government have emphasized that the drive in political fields should be complemented by decisive work in economic, social, scientific and cultural fields.

- (b) Whereas the need for more development-oriented programmes is acknowledged, the expansion of these programmes should not be ad hoc. A global, planned approach is necessary. Priorities must be outlined in a clearly worked out blue print giving an African sense of direction. This can only be done if recruitment of staff is more selective.
- (c) Financial considerations are paramount in expanding the establishment of each Section.
- (d) Need for co-operation with ECA was emphasized. The Administrative Secretary-General informed the Committee that co-operation with ECA was existing in all areas of mutual interest. •

Items 2 (a) i + ii

7. During the discussion of this point the following observations were made:

The Committee members emphasised that the Secretariat officials going to Accra should participate actively and not simply as observers. The Committee also urged the OAU to produce an analysis of the major item on the Agenda of the ECA meeting - the Philips Report which dealt with the effect of the Enlarged Economic Community on African economies and the options opened to African States in the forthcoming negotiations with the Enlarged Economic Community. The Administrative Secretary-General assured the Committee that the Secretariat will endeavour to represent the OAU effectively. As a result of this assurance the Committee approved the proposal. The Committee further directed that in view of the importance of the next Session of ECA and the fact that this is the first meeting of the Council of Ministers of ECA since the assumption of office of the Secretary-General, he should participate at the opening Session in order to foster the co-operation between the ECA and the OAU. The sum of US\$ was approved.

Item 2 (b)

8. The Secretariat presented for approval of the Committee the following additional expenditure on unforeseen and proposed official missions of the Administrative Secretary-General.-

1. Proposed visits of Secretary General	US\$ 13,878.98
2. Mission of Secretary-General to East Africa	4,050.05
3. Mission of Secretary-General and one official on courtesy call to OAU Heads of State in West Africa	3,479.28
4. Mission on behalf of Secretary-General on Gabon/Equatorial Guinea dispute	5,459.37
5. Missions on behalf of Secretary-General on reconciliation of MPLA and FNLA	974.00
6. Mission on behalf of Secretary-General to Munich.	1,785.48
7. Delegation to Conakry on behalf of Secretary-General to attend Dr. Amilcar Cabral's Funeral	<u>1,524.61</u>
Total.....US\$. <u>31,151.77.</u>	

9. The Committee reminded the Administrative Secretary-General that all authorizations must be prior to expenditure and in future resident members should be consulted. However, the costs already incurred were noted and the proposed expenditure approved on the understanding that both expenditures would come under the 1972/73 Budget and not as an additional assessment on Member States.

10. Item 3 : Consideration of the Administrative Secretary-General's Report on the 1971/72 Accounts of the Executive Secretariat (Dar-es-Salaam) of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa.

11. The Administrative Secretary-General introduced the Report of the Fact-Finding Mission, Document CM/..... First he amended paragraph 5 to his introductory note, by which he had accepted the Report. However, he explained that, but for shortage of time, he would have preferred that the Executive Secretariat had given written comments on the report prior to circulation.

12. Some members of the Committee also expressed regret that the report had been circulated prior to production of a commentary by the Executive Secretariat on the report. Others, however, held the view that the concerned officials had time to answer during the inquiry itself.

13. After considerable discussion the Committee agreed on the following procedure:-

- (a) The Executive Secretariat was requested to give a verbal reply to the contents of the report of the Mission of the Secretary-General. The Committee also instructed that the Secretariat should later make a written submission.
- (b) The members of the fact-finding mission were given a chance to explain their findings and method.
- (c) After hearing the two sides the Committee decided that there was vast contradiction in the two versions which did not make it easy for the Committee to arrive at the truth. In the circumstance, the Committee decided that the Secretary-General should reconcile the two versions and come up with a new report after thorough investigation which must include examination of all the facts by contacting all the parties at the source.
- (d) In order to give the Council of Ministers an idea of the problems involved, it was decided that the report of the Mission together with the reply of the Dar-es-Salaam Secretariat should be submitted to the current Session of the Council of Ministers.

14. Item 4: The Committee decided to postpone the consideration of the Secretary-General's comments until the Report of the Job Evaluation Expert and that of the Expert to study the Systems of Financial Management are ready. The Secretary-General was also urged to look at the previous reports of the Experts; and Advisory Committee on the question of reorganisation of the regional offices before submitting the final version of his comments.

15. Item 5: With regards to the celebration of the 10th anniversary, the Council of Ministers has before it the report of the Organizing Committee which spells out in detail the proposals of that Committee. The Advisory Committee considered the financial implication of and agreed as follows:

(a)	Film	US\$ 200,000.00
(b)	Brochures	US\$ 10,500.00
(c)	Reception for Ministers of Labour, etc.	5,000.00
(d)	Reception by the Administrative Secretary-General	US\$ 5,000.00
(e)	Participation of Liberation Movements	US\$ 50,000.00
(f)	Receptions by Regional Offices	US\$ 8,000.00
(g)	Contingencies (Headquarters)	US\$ 15,000.00

The question of minting of medallions in gold, silver and bronze was discussed. It was agreed that it was a commercial proposition which should be pursued subject to the agreement of the Council of Ministers. The cost of the operation is estimated at about E\$ 1,700,000. The Committee was informed by the representatives of the Organizing Committee that in view of the cost, the Organizing Committee is merely seeking approval from the Council of Ministers to enter into negotiations with Ethiopian banks with a view to raising the capital involved.

16. With regard to the Football Tournaments proposed for the celebrations, the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa has undertaken to organise football matches in all 41 Member States. Proceeds from these matches would go to the Liberation Movements. It was therefore not considered necessary to organise a football match in Addis Ababa on a continental basis for reasons of organisational difficulty and cost.



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