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

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.

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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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