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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CREATION OF AN OAU POSTAL
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1. It would be recalled that the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which was held in Rabat, Morocco from 5 to 12 June 1972 adopted a resolution CM/Res.279(XIX) on the Establishment of an OAU Postal Administration. Among other things the Council approved in principle the establishment of such an administration. Resolution CM/Res.279(XIX) is annexed to this report as Annex I.

2. The General Secretariat subsequently undertook steps in order to implement the resolution. To begin with a circular was sent to all Member States asking them for their views and suggestions on the following points:

- a. the administrative, technical, cultural and financial implications of the operation of the proposed OAU Postal Administration.
- b. names and addresses of possible sources of information such as postal and philatelic organizations and prominent philatelic experts in the respective Member States.
- c. names and addresses of internationally recognized philatelic experts or consultants which might have in the past advised the Member States concerned in matters pertaining to postal and philatelic operations and which the General Secretariat may contact for information.

3. As regards this aspect of the General Secretariat's action replies and suggestions have been received from seven Member States of the OAU. In addition two Member States have forwarded the views and suggestions of their Ministries of Posts and Communications. Almost all the replies contain suggestions for possible sources of information on philatelic or postal administration.

4. Secondly, the General Secretariat in accordance with operative paragraph (4) of the resolution, has contacted the Imperial Ethiopian Government. The General Secretariat is awaiting the views and suggestions of the Imperial Ethiopian Government on the possible arrangements that could be made to undertake consultations.

5. Thirdly, the General Secretariat has received concrete proposals from two international consultants. These include:

- a. United Philatelic International (UNITELIC)
- b. Kenny International Corporation.

It would be recalled that at the Rabat meeting the General Secretariat submitted a brief summary of the proposals forwarded by UNITELIC. The Secretariat is now examining these proposals in detail.

6. It is obvious from the above that the General Secretariat does not at the moment possess enough responses from Member States in order to submit a detailed report on the proposed OAU Postal Administration. The Secretariat is however in the process of sending reminders to Member States and is also contacting the sources suggested by the Member States who have replied to its note. The General Secretariat hopes, therefore, that with the progress already achieved and anticipated it will continue to compile all relevant information with a view to submitting a detailed report at the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

RESOLUTION ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OAU POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Rabat, Morocco, from 5 to 12 June 1972;

Recalling its decision at the Fourteenth Ordinary Session requesting that the Administrative Secretary-General should explore the possibilities of establishing an OAU Stamps Agency;

Having considered the report of the Administrative Secretary-General regarding the establishment of a Postal Administration for the OAU (document CM/458);

Mindful of the administrative, technical, cultural and financial implications of establishing such an Administration;

Aware of the existence of various African philatelic agencies;

Recognizing the need to undertake consultations with the Imperial Ethiopian Government, host of the Headquarters of the OAU, for the establishment of an OAU Postal Administration,

1. APPROVES in principle the establishment of a Postal Administration for the Organization of African Unity,
2. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary-General to undertake a detailed study of the Administrative, technical, cultural and financial implications relating to the establishment of an OAU Postal Administration,
3. CALLS UPON the Administrative Secretary-General to seek the advice of Member States of the OAU and draw upon the experiences of African philatelic organizations in particular, and international philatelic organizations in general in undertaking this study,

4. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary-General to initiate consultations with the Imperial Ethiopian Government concerning the establishment of an OAU Postal Administration,
5. REQUESTS the Administrative Secretary-General to submit the report on the implementation of this resolution to the Twenty-First Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.



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