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**OAU ASSISTANCE TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA**



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1. During the 20th session of the Council of Ministers, a report was submitted to the Council on the assistance of the OAU to Equatorial Guinea. The conclusion of that report was that the scope of the assistance has lessened to a considerable extent, so that the Secretariat felt that it could now handle directly from the Headquarters all matters relating to that assistance.
2. Upon the request of the head of delegation of Equatorial Guinea, the Council decided to postpone to its 21st session, consideration of any decision as to the continued maintenance of the OAU Bureau in Santa Isabel. The following data are therefore put at the disposal of the Council to enable it take its decision in full cognizance of the facts.

STAFF POSITION

3. The OAU Staff in Equatorial Guinea at present consists of five medical doctors, one nursing sister and five office staff. The medical staff are working in two general hospitals.
4. The military missions which have been helping to train the Guinean army left the country last month. The four military experts from Ethiopia left on 5th April and the five military experts from Somalia left on 12th April.
5. The contracts of two of the doctors expired on 22nd April 1973 but are expected to be renewed for a further year. The contracts of two other doctors ended in March and were extended for another six months. The two experts may therefore leave the country for good at the end of October 1973. The nursing sister indicated her wish to leave Equatorial Guinea for good at the same time.
6. It would therefore appear that there would be no more OAU Technical assistants in Equatorial Guinea by the end of April 1974.
7. Since the activities of the OAU coordinating office in Santa Isabel are related to the number of experts working in Equatorial Guinea, these activities are steadily decreasing and, in fact, are now at their lowest stage since the creation of the office. If necessary, the problems related to the remaining experts could be handled directly from the Secretariat.

8. It depends, however, on the Council of the Ministers to take a decision on the future of this office.

FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA

9. It should be said that continued assistance to Equatorial Guinea should not be linked to the existence or non-existence of an OAU office.

10. As was reported in February, during the current year, the General Secretariat, on the request of the Government of Equatorial Guinea, has approached several African states for medical and health planning experts as well as specialists for information, tourism and statistics.

11. Besides, the Governments of Madagascar, Congo, Mauritius, Kenya, Botswana and Libya have decided to put experts at the disposal of Equatorial Guinea, and it is expected that they shall soon take duty.

12. Moreover, in the framework of bilateral agreements, there are some fifteen experts in the country, recruited by the Government on a contract basis, and the Government of Equatorial Guinea has shown his willingness to have 21 expert refugees made available to the country in the near future.

13. It is therefore hoped that OAU member States shall continue lending a helpful hand to the Government of Equatorial Guinea so long as that country shall be in need of highly-trained technical personnel.

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