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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE
SECOND PAN-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE
SECOND PAN-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

1. The First All-Africa Trade Fair was successfully staged at Nairobi in February/March 1972.
2. The Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers "recognizing the importance of such Trade Fairs for the promotion of intra-African trade and co-operation" adopted resolution CM/Res.277 (XIX) (attached as Annex I).
3. In operative paragraph (3) of the resolution cited, the Council decided that:
 - "(a) All-Africa Trade Fairs be held every four years;
 - (b) the Second All-Africa Trade Fair be held in 1976 and hosted by Algeria".
4. In pursuance of this decision, the Secretariat sent a note verbale to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria (Annex II) conveying the decision of the Council.
5. Pending response from the designated host country, the Secretariat submitted estimates for two consultation trips to Algeria to the 20th Ordinary (budgetary) session. The Council consequently approved a sum of US\$3,210.40 for that purpose.
6. On the basis of the above budgetary appropriations the Secretariat despatched a second note verbale (Annex III) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Peoples Democratic Republic of Algeria outlining a schedule for consultations and soliciting response on these suggestions.
7. Experience has shown that the organization and staging of a Fair, any Fair, is a slow and time-consuming undertaking. A venture of the magnitude of the Second All-Africa Trade Fair calls for brisk and timely preparations.

It is essential, therefore, that a preliminary work programme be established at this session of the Council. Important steps in any work programme will include:

- (i) An outline of preparatory activities envisaged by the host country for the remaining months of 1973 and early 1974 as well as its views on liaison and consultation aspects of the preparations i.e. the desirability, scope and frequency of consultations.
- (ii) For preparations in the later half of 1974 and the whole of 1975, elaborations may be needed with regard to questions such as:
 - the final date of staging the Fair,
 - existing physical fair facilities, and
 - the need, or otherwise, for an Organizing Committee representative of Member States.

RESOLUTION ON ALL-AFRICA TRADE FAIR

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

Noting the final report of the Organizing Committee on the First All-Africa Trade Fair;

Recognizing the importance of such Trade Fairs for the promotion of Intra-African Trade and Co-operation;

Recalling its resolution CM/Res.260 (XVIII) on the First All-Africa Trade Fair;

Noting with satisfaction the large participation of OAU Member States in the Fair and the excellent preparations by the Government of Kenya which made the Fair a success;

1. CONGRATULATES the Government and People of the Republic of Kenya for their dedicated efforts that ensured the successful staging of this significant event aimed at encouraging and facilitating inter-African co-operation and trade;
2. COMMENDS the Members of the Organizing Committee for their significant contribution to the success of the Fair;
3. DECIDES THAT:
 - (a) All-Africa Trade Fairs be held once every four years;
 - (b) The Second All-Africa Trade Fair be held in 1976 and hosted by ALGERIA.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Peoples Democratic Republic of Algeria and has the honour to forward herewith resolution CM/Res.277(XIX).

In paragraph 3 of this resolution, the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers decided that:

- "(a) All-Africa Trade Fairs shall be held every four years,
- (b) the Second All-Africa Trade Fair will be held in 1976 in Algeria."

In the light of this decision of the Council, it should be appreciated if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria could kindly convey its intentions regarding the organization of the Second All-Africa Trade Fair to the Secretariat. As the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Council is an exclusively budgetary one, the Secretariat will be submitting to this session estimates for two visits to Algeria during the 1973/1974 financial year (June 1973 - May 1974).

Consequently, the Secretariat would be grateful if the Ministry would acquaint it, on the one hand, with the Ministry's views on the frequency and scope of the consultations and, on the other, whether two visits would suffice for the above-mentioned period.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Peoples Democratic Republic of Algeria the assurance of its very high consideration.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF ALGERIA
Algiers
ALGERIA.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and has the honour to refer to its note verbale ECO.60/5/903-72 dated 14 September 1972 concerning the Second All-Africa Trade Fair.

The General Secretariat should like to avail itself of this opportunity to forward another copy of resolution CM/Res.277 adopted by the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers at Rabat last June. In operative paragraph (3) of this resolution, the Council decided that:-

- "(a) All Africa Trade Fairs be held every four years;
- (b) the Second All-Africa Trade Fair be held in 1976 and hosted by Algeria".

The Secretariat should like to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria that:-

- (i) the Twentieth Ordinary (budgetary) Session of the Council has approved appropriations for two consultation trips to Algiers, during the 1973/74 budgetary year, with a view to enabling the Secretariat to appraise itself of the organization of the Fair generally;
- (ii) the Secretariat has inscribed "the Second All-Africa Trade Fair" on the Provisional Agenda of the Twenty-First Ordinary Session of the Council, and that a note on the subject will be circulated to all Member States.

At this early stage of preparation for the Fair, only the host country is in a position to offer any information on the Fair. The Secretariat, therefore, feels that a progress report, for submission to the Council, from the host country may be desirable.

It should be appreciated if the esteemed Ministry could inform the Secretariat of its views on the above-mentioned developments, and especially on the last suggestion.

The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa,
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