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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE AND THE FUNCTIONS AND REGULATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Report of the Sub-Committee:

- Drafting Committee on the Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Liberation Committee and the Functions and Regulations of the Executive Secretariat.

At its meeting in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 6th - 7th December, 1972; the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance amongst other things, set up a Sub-Committee (Drafting Committee) comprising: the Chairman of the three Standing Committees, the Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea, Executive Secretary and the three Assistant Executive Secretaries to "review the Rules of Procedure and the Functions and Regulations of the Executive Secretariat."

The said Sub-Committee met in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, on 30th December, 1972.

PRESENT:

: H.E. Mr. M. F. El-Bidewy
Ambassador of Arab Republic of Egypt
in Tanzania (Chairman)

: H.E. Mr. Tahar Gaid,
Ambassador of Algeria to Tanzania.

: H.E. Mr. G. R. Zimba,
Deputy High Commissioner of Zambia to Tanzania.

: Mr. Paul Rupia,
Director of African Affairs in the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs, Tanzania.

: Mr. Denis Ubwe,
Third Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Tanzania.

ABSENT:

: H.E. The Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to Tanzania.

: Mr. O. O. Adesola, Assistant Executive Secretary, (Administration & Finance) - who was attending to the Monze Commission set up by the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU.

IN ATTENDANCE:

: Major H. I. Mbita Executive Secretary.

: Mr. A. M. Sidky, Assistant Executive Secretary (Defence)

: Mr. Laban Oyaka, Assistant Executive Secretary, (Policy & Information).

Having noted that no views and observations had been submitted by members of the Standing Committee, the Sub-Committe proceeded to review and examine the said Draft Rules of Procedure, and the Functions and Regulations of the Executive Secretariat. The final texts of the Documents are, accordingly submitted herewith for consideration of the 21st Session.

COMPOSITION:

RULE 1

The OAU Liberation Committee shall be composed of the representatives of the following seventeen countries, namely, Algeria, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire and Zambia.

RULE 2

The Headquarters of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa shall be based in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania.

FUNCTIONS:

RULE 3

(i) The Committee shall be responsible for harmonising all assistance provided by African and other countries for the struggle and shall manage the Special Fund set up for this purpose.

(ii) The Committee shall propose to the Council of Ministers the necessary fund and the apportionment among Member States of their contributions to the Special Fund.

(iii) The Committee shall take cognizance of any question referred to it by the Council of Ministers or by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

(iv) The committee shall encourage Liberation Movements to co-ordinate their efforts and establish united fronts wherever necessary so as to strengthen the effectiveness of their struggle and the rational use of concerted assistance given to them.

(v) The Committee shall offer its good offices to conflicting Liberation Movements for reconciliatory purposes and work for their unity.

(vi) The Committee shall be responsible to the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

(vii) The Committee shall give liberation movements assistance relevant to the nature of their struggle and according to priorities set up by it.

(viii) The Committee shall examine its political, military and financial programmes for recommendation to the Council of Ministers.

REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER-STATES OF THE OAU AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS:

RULE 4

(i) Member-States of the Committee shall ensure that their representation both at the meetings of the Liberation Committee and of its Standing Committees is not only regular but also of a sufficiently high level so as to give meaning and full weight of authority to their deliberations and decisions.

(ii) Delegations of Member-States to Regular Sessions of the Liberation Committee shall include, at least, a military officer so as to introduce greater efficiency into the work of the Committee and to ensure better understanding of the military aspect of the Liberation struggle.

(iii) A Member-State of the OAU which is not member of the Liberation Committee may attend both the Regular Sessions of the Committee as well as the meeting of its Standing Committees as an Observer.

(iv) Liberation Movements recognised by the Organisation of African Unity shall be represented at both the meetings of the Liberation Committee and of its Standing Committees as observers. Each movement shall be represented by two delegates at the highest level possible.

(v) For security reasons, however, the Committee may, whenever it deems necessary, hold exclusive meetings.

RULE 5

Each Member State shall communicate well in advance to the Secretariat the composition of the accredited members of its delegation.

SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

RULE 6

The Committee in its Ordinary Sessions shall meet twice a year unless otherwise decided by the Committee. During one of its Ordinary Sessions, the Committee shall examine, amongst other things the Budget for the fiscal year, and recommend it to the Council of Ministers for its approval. The fiscal year of the Committee shall begin from the 1st June to the 31st May of the following year.

RULE 7

The Committee shall meet in extraordinary session at the request of any Member State or the Executive Secretariat and with the agreement of two-thirds of the members.

RULE 8

The sessions of the Committee shall be held at its Headquarters or at such other places as the Committee may decide by two-thirds majority.

PUBLIC AND CLOSED MEETINGS:

RULE 9

All the meetings of the Committee shall be held in closed sessions except if Members of the Committee decide otherwise by a two-thirds majority. However, the inaugural and closing sessions shall be open to the public.

WORKING LANGUAGES:

RULE 10

The languages used by the Committee shall be English, French and Arabic as well as any workable African language recognised by the OAU.

CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR:

RULE 11

At the beginning of each session, the Committee shall elect by a simple majority, a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen and one Rapporteur, whose terms of office shall terminate after the election of a new Bureau at the commencement of the next ordinary session.

RULE 12

The Chairman shall open and close the meetings, submit for approval the records of the meetings, direct the debate, grant the use of the floor, submit to vote matters under discussion, announce the results of votes and rule on points of order in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. The Chairman shall supervise the work of the Committee during his term of Office.

RULE 13

No respresentative shall have the floor without the consent of the Chariman. The Chariman shall grant the use of the floor in the order in which it has been requested. He may call to order any representative when his statement is not relevant to the matter under discussion.

RULE 14

In case of the short absence of the Chairman, the other members shall act in his place on a rotational basis in a alphabetical order.

AGENDA:

RULE 15

(i) The provisional agenda shall be drawn up by the Executive Secretariat and communicated along with the working documents to Member States at least two weeks before the opening of ordinary sessions. The working documents shall be circulated to Observer Member-States of the OAU present at the session of the Committee.

(ii) The provisional Agenda for ordinay sessions shall comprise, in particular:

(a) The Report of the Executive Secretary;
(b) The Report of the three Standing Committees;
(c) Items which the Council of Ministers or the Assembly of Heads of State and Government decide to place on the Agenda of the Committee;
(d) Items proposed by Member States;
(e) Any other Business.

(iii) The Agenda of an extraordinary session shall comprise only items submitted for consideration in the request for the convening of such a session.

QUORUM AND DEBATES:

RULE 16

The quorum shall be made up of two-thirds of Members of the Committee. The quorum should be maintained until the close of the meetings and no decisions of the Committee shall be valid if such decisions are adopted without the required quorum.

RESOLUTIONS:

RULE 17

Proposed resolutions, motions or amendments shall be presented in writing to the Executive Secretariat who shall circulate copies to all delegates and observers. However, the Committee may authorise the discussion of a proposal not previously distributed. Proposed resolutions and motions shall be examined in the order of their submission.

A Motion or proposed resolution may be withdrawn by the original mover prior to its being submitted to the vote. Any representative may reintroduce a motion or proposed resolution that has earlier been withdrawn.

POINTS OF ORDER:

RULE 18

During the debate a representative may raise a point of order and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the Chairman in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. A representative may apeal against the ruling of the Chairman. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote and decided by a simple majority.

A representative shall not, in raising a point of order speak on the substance of the matter under dicussion.

TIME LIMIT:

RULE 19

The Committee may limit the time allwed to each speaker on any question. On procedural questions, the Chairman shall limit intervention to a maximum of five minutes. When debate is limited and a representative exceeds his alloted time, the Chairman shall call him to order without delay.

CLOSING OF LIST OF SPEAKERS:

RULE 20

During the course of a debate the Chairman may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Committee, declare the list closed. The Chairman may, however, accord the right of reply to any representative if in his opinion, a speech delivered after he has declared the list closed, justifies this decision.

CLOSURE OF DEBATES:

RULE 21

When a matter has been sufficiently discussed, any representatives may move the closure of the debate. Two representative may speak in favour of the motion and two against the motion, after which the motion shall be considered approved if it has a simple majority in its favour. When the debate on an item is concluded because there are no other speakers , the Chairman shall declare the debate closed.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE:

RULE 22

During a debate of any matter, a representative may move the adjournement of the debate. If the motion is second by a Committee member it will then be put to the vote and the motion may be carried or defeated by a simple majority.

SUSPENSION OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:

RULE 23

During the discussion of anu matter, a representative may move the suspension or adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall be immediately put to the vote.

ORDER OR PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

RULE 24

Subject to Rule 19, the following motions have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions presented:-

(i) to suspend the meeting;
(ii) to adjourn the meeting;
(iii) to adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;
(iv) for the closure of the debate on the item under discussion.

VOTING RIGHTS:

Rule 25

Each member-state of the Liberation Committee shall have one vote.

MAJORITY REQUIRED:

RULE 26

All resolutions shall be determined by a simple majority of the Members of the Co-ordinating Committee present and voting.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

RULE 27

After the debate has been closed, the Chairman shall immediately put to the vote resolutions with all amendments. The vote shall not be interrupted except on a point of order related to the matter in which the vote is taking place.

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS:

RULE 28

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall first be voted upon. When several amndments are moved to a proposal, the Committee shall first vote on the amendments in the order in which they are proposed by member. If no amendments are adopted, the proposal shall be put to the vote in its original form. A proposal amendment is considered as an amendment to a text if it adds to or modified it.

VOTE ON SEPARATE PARTS OF A PROPOSAL:

RULE 29

Parts of a proposal, resolution or motion shall be voted on separately when so requested. If this in done, the text resulting from a series of votes shall be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of a proposed resolution or motion have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

METHOD OF VOTING AND EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

RULE 30

Votes will be taken by raising the hand, but any representative may request a roll-call vote which shall be taken in the alphabetical order of the names of the Members States beginning with the State whose name is drawn by lot.

by the Chairman. After closure of debate or after a vote any representative may request the use of the floor to explain his vote.

RULE 31

There shall be a secret vote for elections, and also in such special circumstances as the Committee may determine by simple majority.

RULE 32

In the event of equality of votes on issues other than elections, the proposal is deemed to be rejected.

COMMITTEES:

RULE 33

The Committee may establish such ad hoc committees and temporary working groups as it may deem necessary.

RULE 34

The Liberation Committee shall have three Standing Committees, namely:-

(i) General Policy and Information;
(ii) Defence;
(iii) Administration and Finance

and the provisions of Rules 6 to 33 shall apply to these Standing Committees.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND POLICY SHALL BE:-

(a) to keep the Independent States of Africa informed of the situation in non-independent African territories;

(b) to publicise the success and achievements of Freedom Fighters both in the constitutional and military spheres;

(c) to demoralise the enemy by adequate propaganda and to liaise with independent African countries with a view to using their propaganda media for general information and education in occupied territories in order to arouse the general consciousness of such peoples;

(d) to explore the possibility of the publication of periodical bulletins for the purpose of informing international opinions with a view to awakening the conscience of the outside world, to neutralise colonialist propaganda and to arouse international sympathy;

(e) to study the possibility of producing political education materials for freedom fighters;

(f) to collect information materials from Freedom Movements for use in propaganda purposes;

(g) to formulate Political and General Duties assigned to it by the Liberation Committee;

(h) to submit recommendations and advice on political and general aspects of the Liberation Movements in Africa and giving consideration in occupied territories and within the Liberation Movements that are involved in armed or constitutional struggle.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE SHALL BE:-

(a) The Standing Committee on Administration and Finance shall execute the decisions of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa;

(b) no financial assistance shall be paid to any liberation movement without the authorisation of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance;

(c) all budgets involving financial and material aid shall be submitted by the Executive Secretary to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance after scrutiny by the Committee on Defence;

(d) the Executive Secretary shall prepare a monthly financial statement to be sent to all Members of the Committee of Seventeen;

(e) the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance should seek the purchase of materials solely from the African States, whenever possible;

(f) in the event of an emergency demand, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance, may authorise expenditure of funds to meet the demand.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE SHALL BE:-

(a) The Standing Committee on Defence shall execute the decisions of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa;

(b) any requests for material assistance by liberation movements should be brought to the attention of the Standing Committee on Defence for scrutiny and recommendation;

(c) the Standing Committee on Defence shall evaluate the progress of the liberation struggle with a view to establishing a rational distribution of the means of the struggle and set up priorities;

(d) the Standing Committee should examine the requests of the Liberation Movements for training facilities and materials of all kinds and make recommendations to the Committee on Administration and Finance to satisfy their real needs within its financial means;

(e) the Committee on Defence should take the necessary measures in order to satisfy the needs in arms, ammunitions and materials of the Liberation Movements.

RULE 35

All Member-States of the Liberation Committee may participate in the proceedings of the three Standing Committees.

RULE 36

Each Standing Committee shall be presided over by a Chairman.

The Chairmanship of each Standing Committee shall rotate among member-states of the Liberation Committee in alphabetical order at the beginning of each regular meeting of the Standing Committees, provided that the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance shall only be presided over by a Member State with a resident representative in Dar-es-Salaam.

The work of each Standing Committee shall be administered by an Assistant Executive Secretary who shall be responsible to the Liberation Committee through the Executive Secretary.

AMENDMENTS:

RULE 37

These rules of Procedure may be amended by the Committee by a two-thirds majority of its members.

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA
(COMMITTEE OF SEVENTEEN)

RESOLUTION OF THE 22ND ORDINARY SESSION
MOGADISHO - SOMALIA

RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE - EAST SITUATION.

The Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, meeting in its 22nd Ordinary Session in Mogadishu (Democratic Republic of Somalia) from I5 to 20 October I973,

Having listened with undivied attention to the statement made by the Head of the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the contributions of the representatives of the Liberation movements,

Reaffirms all the relevant resolutions of the OAU on the Middle East situation in general and on that of the Arab Republic of Egypt in particular, especially Resolution AHG/Res. 70 (X) adopted in Addis Ababa during the I0th Ordinary Session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

Profoundly indignant at the arrogant refusal of Israel to implement Security Council Resolution 242 of 22 November I967 calling upon Israel to withdraw from all Arab territories occupied by force since its aggression of June I967.

Considering the negative attitude of Israel to the initiatives of OAU and the International Community aimed at complete and just settlement of the Middle East conflict brought about by the Israeli expansionist policy which constitutes a violation of the sovereigny of the Arab peoples and a threat to their security and territorial inte integrity.

Considering that a Founding Member of the Organization of African Unity, namely the Arab Republic of Egypt, is a victim of Zionist aggression - an aggression which is a direct threat to the peace, independence and security of the entire continent of Africa,

Gravely concerned about the serious consequences of the war as a result of the flagrant aggression and the Zionist expansionist occupation which Israel persists in maintaining against the Arab Republic of Egypt and the other Arab countries,

I. Reaffirms its total support to and its active and unwaivering solidarity with the peoples of Egypt and the other Arab countries which are waging a legitimate and heroic struggle for the recovery of their territories and for the sefeguard of their sovereignty and territorial integrity.

2. Invites all OAU Member States to apply strictly the provisions of the Resolution adopted by the TENTH Assembly of Heads of State and Government which state that the negative attitude of Israel could lead OAU Member States to take individual and collective economic and political measures against Israel in compliance with the principles set forth in the Charters of the OAU and the United Nations,

3. Strongly condemns the attitude of the Government of the United States which continues to supply the aggressor State of Israel with military and economic aid and extend to it moral and political support and urgently requests the United States of America to stop giving such assistance,

4. Strongly condems the racist regime of South Africa for its collusion with Israel and for supplying material aid to the Zionist State,

5. Rejects categorically and without reservation the unacceptable proposals made at the United Nations by the United States, Israel and their allies to the effect that the parties to the conflict should withdraw to the 6 October I973 cease-fire lines which existed before the Israeli war of aggression and expansionist occupation.

6. Condemns strongly the immoral and brutal attitude of Israel and its deliberate attacks on civilian targets in the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic in violation of the Geneva International Conventions.

7. Demands the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territories occupied in the wake of the June I967 aggression and the recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people.

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(COMMITTEE OF SEVENTEEN).

RESOLUTION ON GUINEA BISSAU SUBMITTED BY
THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

The Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, meeting in its 22nd Ordinary Session in Mogadishu (Democratic Republic of Somalia) from 15 to 20 October, 1973,

Noting with satisfaction the statement made by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Guinea Bissau on the present situation in the new State,

Recognizing that the Government formed on the proclamation of independence is the legal representative of Guinea Bissuau and the Cape of Verds Islands and that PAIGO remains the political organ of the people of this State,

Noting with satisfaction that nearly all OAU Member States have recognized the new State of Guinea Bissau,

Recalling the decision of the Twenty First Ordinary Seesion of the Liberation Committee contained in the New Strategy which requests OAU to lend all necessary support for the consolidation of the new State of Guinea Bissau and for the full achievement of the objective set forth by PAIGO on the proclamation of the independence of its country,

1. CONGRATULATES PAIGO and the people of Guinea Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands on the proclamation of their State.

2. APPEALS to all OAU Member States which have not yet done so, to recognize the independence of Guinea Bissau,

3. INVITES all peace-loving and freedom-loving nations to recognize the new State of Guinea Bissau and give it their support.

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4. REQUESTS the African Group at the United Nations to work diligently towards the admission of Guinea Bissau to the World Body, to its Specialized Agencies and other International Organizations.

5. RECOMMENDS that a Sepecial Fund of voluntary contributions by OAU Member States be established in aid of Guinea Bissau.

6. DECIDES to transfer the allocations for PAIGO in the Sepecial Fund of the Liberation Committee to this new fund as soon as it is established.

7. INVITES the Government of Guinea Bissau to submit for consideration by the next seesion of the OAU Council of Ministers, a list of their financial, material and military requirements.

8. APPEALS to all Member States to grant substantial financial, material and military aid either on voluntary bilateral or collective basis, to the Government of Guinea Bissau so as to enable PAIGO to achieve the total liberation of the territory and consolidate the new State institutions.

9. INVITES the Administrative Secretary General of OAU to convene a special meeting of the OAU Defence Commission to discuss the military problems of the new State of Guinea Bissau with the authorities of that country.

10. RECOMMENDS to OAU Member States to offer, in consultation with the Government of Guinea Bissau, diplomatic assistance to that country in the areas where they have diplomatic missions.

11. INVITES, further, OAU Member States, in consultation with the Government of Guinea Bissau, to establish and strength trade relations and increase their volume of trade with the new State of Guinea Bissau with a view to strengthening its economy.

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