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EXPLANATORY NOTES TO
ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER STATES



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Embassy of the Democratic Republic of
the Sudan

Addis Ababa

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6th January, 1975.

U R G E N T

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to H. E. Secretary-General of OAU and with reference to the conversations between this Embassy and H.E. the Secretary-General request the Secretary-General on behalf of Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan to include on the agenda of the coming meeting of the Council of Ministers the following item:-

Review of relations with Portugal.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to H. E. Secretary General of OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

H.E. Secretary-General,
Organization of African Unity,
Addis Ababa.

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The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in Ethiopia presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organisation of African Unity and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania proposes for the inclusion in the Agenda of the 24th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers the following item:-

"Future O.A.U. Member States Economic and Political Relations with the New Portuguese Government".

The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in Ethiopia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 4th January, 1975

The General Secretariat of the
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

SECRETARY-GENERAL

OAU

ADDIS ABABA

HONOUR REQUEST YOU KINDLY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR 13 TO 21
FEBRUARY 1975 STOP THE SITUATION IN SAO TOME E PRINCIPE FOLLOWING THE
FORMATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT STOP AND HIGH CONSIDERATION

PRESIDENT BONGO

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SEC GEN OAU

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140 HONOUR INFORM YOU LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC WISHES TO
PRESENT CANDIDATURE FOR ONE OF VACANT POSTS OF UN SECURITY
COUNCIL FOR THE YEARS 1976-1977. STOP PLEASE TAKE NECESSARY
STEPS TO INFORM OAU MEMBER STATES AND TO INCLUDE THE QUESTION
IN THE AGENDA OF THE 24TH MEETING OF OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
STOP HIGHEST CONSIDERATION STOP

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC

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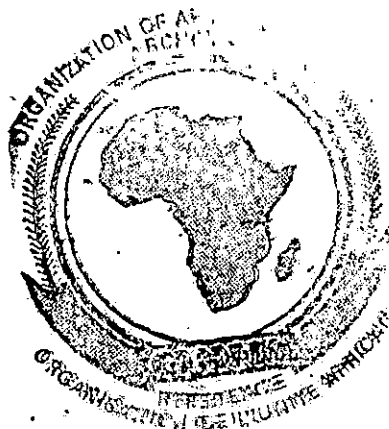
U R G E N T

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the General Administrative Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, and acting upon instructions from its Government, has the honour to request that the item entitled "Question of Quota in the Recruitment of Personnel" would be inscribed on the Provisional Agenda of the Twenty Fourth Session of the Council of Ministers.

The Embassy would highly appreciate it if the General Secretariat would take the necessary action towards this request.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Administrative Secretariat of the OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

The General Administrative
Secretariat of the OAU
Addis Ababa.



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The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to H.E. the Secretary General of OAU and kindly request His Excellency to include in the agenda of coming session of Council of Ministers "African Candidatures for International Organizations" as requested by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the Secretary General of the OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

H.E. the Secretary General
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

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Agenda item 6

NATURAL DISASTERS - CYCLONES
in Madagascar (Proposed by Madagascar)

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TOP PRIORITY

GRATEFUL INCLUDE IN AGENDA 24TH SESSION COUNCIL MINISTERS UNDER
NATURAL DISASTERS AN ITEM ENTITLED CYCLONES IN MADAGASCAR STOP
EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THIS ITEM POSTED TODAY STOP HIGH CONSIDERATION
GOVERNMENT

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THE QUESTION OF MOROCCAN PRESIDIOS STILL UNDER SPANISH
DOMINATION

ROYAL EMBASSY OF MOROCCO

No. 82/75

The Royal Embassy of Morocco presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to request it to place the following item on the Provisional Agenda of the Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, to be held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 21 February 1975.

"The question of the Moroccan Presidios still under Spanish domination". (Ceuta-Melilla - the Alhucemas Islands - Peñon de Velez and the Zaffarine Islands).

The Royal Embassy of Morocco avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration

Addis Ababa, 3 February 1975

ROYAL EMBASSY OF MOROCCO

No. 83/75

The Royal Embassy of Morocco presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, and has the honour to forward it, attached, the official text by which the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco in New-York formally laid before the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization (Committee of 24), the question of the Moroccan fortified posts still subject to foreign domination, namely Ceuta, Melilla, the isle of Alhucemas, the Rock of Velez and the Zaffarines Islands.

Text:

MR. CHAIRMAN,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO THE COLONIAL SITUATION WHICH CONTINUES TO EXIST IN CERTAIN PARTS OF MOROCCAN TERRITORY.

1) THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO REMAINS ONE OF THE LAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUFFER COLONIAL DOMINATION IN CERTAIN PARTS OF ITS TERRITORY. THUS AFTER HAVING RECOVERED ITS INDEPENDENCE (LIBERATION OF THE PARTS UNDER FRENCH AND SPANISH PROTECTORATES) IT HAS REMAINED HEMMED IN BY SPANISH DOMINATION ON ITS THREE WESTERN, SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN FRONTS.

THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE SAHARA REGION IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION 3292 (XXIX) OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH HAS DECIDED TO SUBMIT THE MATTER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION.

THERE REMAINS THE NORTHERN SIDE WHERE SPAIN CONTINUES ITS OCCUPATION OF THE PRESIDIOS.

ON THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN COAST OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, THESE PRESIDIOS REMAIN THE LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIAL OCCUPATION AND THEY INCLUDE: CENTA, MELILLA, THE ALHUCEMAS ISLANDS, PENON DE VELEY AND THE ZAFFARINE ISLANDS.

THEY CONSTITUTE ENCLAVES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF MOROCCO AND THEIR SITUATION FROM THE HISTORICAL, POLITICAL AND LEGAL POINTS OF VIEW IS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF GIBRALTAR.

2) THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY UP TO THE PRESENT DAY, ONE OF MOROCCO'S MAJOR CONCERN HAS BEEN TO RECOVER THOSE ENCLAVES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IT HAS ALWAYS ACTED IN THIS DIRECTION ON BOTH THE BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

THIS IS HOW THE MOROCCAN- SPANISH AGREEMENT OF 27 APRIL 1976 PROCLAIMING THE END OF THE PROTECTORATE REGIME, RECOGNIZES THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOROCCO ON THE BASIS OF ITS NATIONAL AND TERRITORIAL UNITY. EVER SINCE THEN THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT STARTED ARDUOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN WITH A VIEW TO SECURING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTENT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THUS RECOVER THE TERRITORIES WHICH REMAINED TO BE LIBERATED FROM THE COLONIAL YOKE.

4) ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I THEREFORE REQUEST THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ENCLAVES IN THE LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES, IN ORDER THAT THEIR COLONIAL STATUS MAY BE EXAMINED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN THE LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 14 DECEMBER 1960. THE APPLICATION, TO THESE ENCLAVES, OF THE DECLARATION ON DECOLONIZATION CONTAINED IN THE SAID RESOLUTION 1514 IMPLIES THAT THEY SHOULD BE RESTORED TO THE MOROCCAN STATE BY THE OCCUPYING POWER.

I REQUEST YOU TO KINDLY INCLUDE THIS QUESTION IN THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND TO ALLOW MY DELEGATION TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION IN ORDER TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE, ITS VIEWPOINT IN DETAIL.

WOULD YOU PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS LETTER AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco would be grateful if the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity could circulate promptly to all Member States, the contents of this note.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco avails itself of this opportunity to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, the assurance of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 3 February 1975

General Secretariat
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD IN BELGRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1961, HIS MAJESTY THE KING REITERATED OUR CLAIMS IN SAYING:

"THUS IN MOROCCO, THE SPANISH COLONIALISTS CONTINUE TO OCCUPY ENTIRE REGIONS IN THE SOUTH OF OUR TERRITORY (SEKIA EL HAMRA, IFRI AND RIO DE ORO) AND MAINTAIN ENCLAVES AND BASES IN CENTA AND MELILLA IN THE NORTH".

DESPITE THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO SETTLE THIS LONG OUT-DATED DISPUTE, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS OBSTINATELY AND SYSTEMATICALLY OPPOSED ALL WELL-MEANING ENDEAVOURS TOWARDS THIS END.

ON THE ONE HAND SPAIN HOPES TO PERPETUATE ITS COLONIAL PRESENCE IN TERRITORIES WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY MOROCCAN AND ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS CLAIMING, BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL BODIES, THE RETURN OF GIBRALTAR WHOSE CASE IS IDENTICAL, IN ALL POINTS, TO THAT OF THE PRESIDIOS.

3) THIS SITUATION LEAVES THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GUARANTOR OF THE NATIONAL UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES.

THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION OF THE SPANISH COLONIAL ENCLAVES ON THE NORTHERN COAST OF MOROCCO ACTUALLY FALLS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN PARTICULAR, THROUGH ITS RESOLUTION 1654 (XVI) OF 27 NOVEMBER 1961, ESTABLISHING THIS COMMITTEE.

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CANDIDATURE OF EGYPT FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF WMO

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Date: 29th January, 1975.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the OAU and has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the Arab Republic of Egypt has decided to re-nominate Mr. Mohammed Fathi TAHA to the chairmanship of the World Meteorological Organization at the elections to be held during the WMO General Assembly meeting in April/May 1975.

Kindly include the nomination as a new item in the provisional agenda for the 24th Session of the OAU Council of Ministers, meeting in Addis Ababa from 13 - 21 February 1975 in order to obtain the Member States' support for this nomination.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

The OAU General Secretariat
Addis Ababa.



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CANDIDATURE OF LIBYA TO THE PRESIDENCY OF
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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TRIPOLI LIBYA 8041 1250

ETAT
SECGEN OAU
ADDISABABA

149 HONOUR INFORM YOU LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC HAS
SUBMITTED CANDIDATURE OF MR SALEM OMEISH COMA PRESENTLY
VICE PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK COMA TO THE
POST OF PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK STOP YOU
ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO INFORM OAU MEMBER STATES OF THIS
CANDIDATURE FOR THEIR BROTHERLY SUPPORT IN THE BANK GOVERNORS
COUNCIL MEETING IN DAKAR NEXT MAY TO ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT
FOR THE BANK STOP HIGH CONSIDERATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TRIPOLI L.A.R.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU

17th January, 1975

The Secretary-General of the OAU
Addis Ababa

Following the statement I delivered at the 24th Session of the OAU Liberation Committee and after giving an oral account to the OAU Secretary-General on the serious and grave situation prevailing in the Cape Verde Islands, and on instructions of the Secretary-General of the PAIGC, I am hereby requesting the OAU Secretary-General to immediately provide PAIGC with emergency funds to alleviate some difficulties we are encountering in connection with the forthcoming elections for the formation of a National Assembly, further complicated by the shortage of food in the Island.

We remain confident that together with the Organization of African Unity, we will be able to find a solution for the present food crisis in Cape Verde Islands, in order to ensure a smooth transitional period.

Under the banner of the PAIGC we will make the Island an integral part of mother Africa.

Please, accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Fraternally,

GIL FERNANDES
MEMBER OF PAIGC SUPERIOR COUNCIL
U.N. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU

17th January, 1975

The Secretary-General of the OAU

Addis Ababa

Due to the forthcoming elections in the Cape Verde Islands and taking into account famine situation prevailing there, I hereby in the name of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau request the OAU Secretary-General to kindly include Cape Verde as an Agenda Item in the forthcoming Meeting of the OAU Council of Ministers.

Please, accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Fraternally,

GIL FERNADES
MEMBER OF PAIGC SUPERIOR COUNCIL
U.N. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

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