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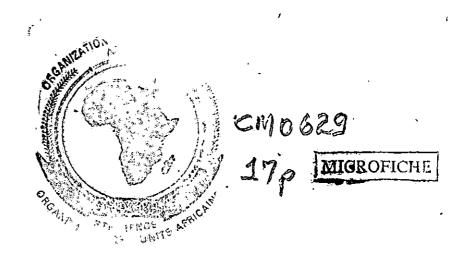
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ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS IN AFRICA
REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH THE O.A.U.



# ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS IN AFRICA REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH THE O.A.U.

The Association is an African body of Psychiatrists working in Africa, and for Africa: (See Annex 1 - Memorandum of Activities, list of Membership)

- a) to co-ordinate the activities of Psychiatrists in Africa; to enquire into the aethiology, pathology, prevention and the treatments of mental illness,
- b) to promote all aspects of psychiatry and mental health principles in Africa, giving a platform for professional meetings between different workers in the field of mental health. (See Annex 2 Constitution)

The Association first met in 1961 at Aro Hospital, Abeokuta, Western Nigeria and has since held about four operational conferences in various parts of Africa. Its membership is entirely African and the financial sources are contribution of £12.— per annum by each member, and donations from pharmaceutical firms working in Africa.

The Association has been informed of the provision of CM/162/Rev.2 Articl 7 bis that the granting of observer status does not place an obligation on the OAU to pay subventions; and the Council may now wish to approve the request. Article 5 stipulates that "Consideration of the request with a view to gaining observer status shall be subject to the following pre-conditions:

- a) The request shall conform with the fundamental principles set forth in the Charter of OAU;
- b) The activities of the body seeking observer status shall be in conformity with the objectives of the OAU.

The request may be granted under Category C which includes:

- i) Inter-African non-Governmental organizations associations or unions:
- ii) Inter-African non-governmental institutions.

#### Category C observers may

- i) Attend the public sessions of the OAU Specialized Commissions during discussion of a matter of particular interest to them;
- ii) Communicate a written declaration to the Commission through the medium of the Administrative Secretary-General, and after approval by the Chairman of the session.

# ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS IN AFRICA

Memorandum of activities of Association of Psychiatrists
<u>in Africa</u>

In 1961 at the first Pan African Psychiatric Congress at Arc Hospital, Abeckuta, Western Nigeria, the idea of an association of psychiatrists in Africa was born. As the number of psychiatrists working in Africa as at that time small, it took nine years before this idea took shape. The psychiatrists meeting at the 2nd Pan African Psychiatric Congress in Dakar in 1966 appointed a committee to study and report on the feasibility of the formation of an Association of Psychiatrists in Africa. At the next meeting of psychiatrists in 1969 at the University of Makerere Kampala, during the holding of a workshop on the "Mental Health services in developing countries" a provisional committee was formed to prepare the constitution of the Association. At the subsequent meeting in Mauritius in 1970 at a Workshop on the theme "Mental health of children in developing countries" the constitution of the Association was formally adopted by the psychiatrists present and the Association was registered in Mauritius on 26th June 1970.

The Government of Mauritius gave an undertaking to the delegates that it would give all facilities to the Secretariat of the Association during the time that the Secretariat is in Mauritius.

Since then there has been a meeting of the Association of Psychiatrists annually, and at each meeting a theme was chosen for discussion and recommendations. Psychiatrists in Africa were able to present valuable papers at these meetings. As all the psychiatrists working in Africa work in the Ministries of Health of the Government, meeting of the Association could not be held without the consent of the host country as the psychiatrists in that country would have to spend a good deal of time for the organization and preparation of scientific meeting. The psychiatrists attending the scientific meeting must obtain special leave from their Ministries to attend the workshop. However, with the help and cooperation of the Ministries of Health of African countries and their Governments, successful meetings have been held annually. In 1971 a 3rd Workshop of the Association was held at Aro Hospital, Abeokuta, on the theme "Psychoses in Africa". In 1972 a 3rd Pan African Psychiatric Congress was held at University of Khartoum, Sudan on "Mental helath disorders of children in Africa." In 1973 the 4th Workshop

of the Association was held at University of Legon, Accra, Ghana on "Neuroses in Africa." In 1974 the 5th Workshop of the Association was held at Bruce House, Unesco Conference Hall, Nairobi, Kenya on the theme" Alcohol and Drug Addiction in developing countries." The next meeting of the Association will take place in Abidjan, Ivory Coast from the 1st to 6th July 1975. This will be the Fourth Pan African Psychiatric Congress and theme will be "Staff Training" and "Psychosomatic Disorders." A meeting is scheduled to take place in 1976 subject to permission being obtained from the Government of Zambia on the theme "Research strategy and development of mental health services in Africa." This meeting will be jointly held by the Association of Psychiatrists in Africa and WHO Geneva.

Besides the Association played a great part in getting WHO Brazzaville to organise "Technical discussions on mental health" at the 23rd WHO Regional Committee in Lagos in September 1973. The Secretary General was appointed as Chairman of the Technical Sessions and the Vice Chairman as Consultant to the Technical Sessions.

The proceedings of the Congresses and Workshops are published and are sent to the Permanent Secretaries, Ministries of Health of African countries. Before the publications which take some time, a stencilled copy of the Recommendations is sent. The Association also publishes regularly a newsletter which gives valuable information of what is happening in mental health in African countries. The Association has decided to publish a Scientific Journal in 1975 - the journal to be called the "Medical Journal of the Association of Psychiatrists in Africa."

Below is the lists of (1) the Executive Committee (2) the Editorial Board and (3) Members.

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The source of finance is the subscription of members £12 annually and donations from Pharmaceutical firms working in Africa.

Annex 2

#### ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRISTS IN AFRICA

# RULES

# SECTION 1 - Definition of the Association and of its Members

# Rule I - Definition

a) The persons whose names are shown in the Appendix II to these Rules have on 26th June, 1970, formed an International Association of Psychiatrists working in Africa to which may be admitted other persons pursuant to the requirements of Rule 5. The said Association shall be registered in compliance with the laws of Mauritius and shall enjoy legal status.

Africa in this context means the African continent and neighbouring islands.

- b) The name of the association shall be the "Association of Psychiatrists in Africa", hereinafter referred to as the Association. The Association shall have a seal bearing the name.
- Hospital in Beau Bassin, Mauritius. The Executive Committee shall have the right to remove the office to any other place in Mauritius, provided however that pursuant to the resolution of the General Assembly, or in the period between its meetings, by a decision of the Executive Committee, a Secretariat may be organized by the Secretary-General in his own country.

#### Rule II

- a) The Executive Committee may be a majority of vote approve Bye-Laws
  for the application of the Rules; the Bye-Laws shall not be contrary to the Rules
  and shall be subject to the approval of the regular General Assembly and a copy
  thereof shall be filed with the Registrar.
  - b) The Bye-Laws set out in the Appendix I to the Rules shall be the Bye-Laws for the time being of the Association.

#### Rule III - Purposes

The purpose of the Association is:

a) to co-ordinate the activities of psychiatrists working in Africa and the Member Psychiatric Associations; to enquire into the actiology, pathology,

prevention and the treatment of mental illness;

>) to promote all aspects of psychiatry and mental health principles in Africa giving a platform for professional meetings between different workers in the field of mental health.

The work will be carried out, as far as is financially possible by:-

- i) the exchange of information with respect to the medical, psychological and social problems of mental diseases.
- ii) the strengthening of relations and collaborations between psychiatrists and other workers in various fields and in various institutions.
- iii) the establishment of working relations with the World Health Organization, UNESCO, the World Psychiatric Association, UNICEF, and any other relevant international organization.
  - iv) the organization of the Pan African Psychiatric Congresses.
  - v) the organization of regional or inter-regional scientific meetings.
  - vi) the drawing up and circulation of documentary material, the publication of a journal and of an African Psychiatric Directory.

#### Rule IV

#### The Official Languages

The Official Languages of the meetings, congresses and publications will be English and French. Additional languages may be decided by the General Assembly.

# Rule V

# Applications for admission to membership

Psychiatrists and other workers in related disciplines must submit an official application in accordance with the conditions and procedures set forth in the Bye-Laws.

#### Rule VI

# Determination of membership category

1) A full member is a psychiatrist who has worked in Africa for one year and is still working there

- 2) A corresponding member is:
  - a) a psychiatrist who had been working in Africa and been full member of the Association and who has left Africa; or
  - b) i) a psychiatrist or worker in related discipline who has never worked in Africa and who would not otherwise have been a member of the Association; or
    - ii) a person who has been working in Africa and has been an associated member and who has left Africa.
- 3) An associate member is a person, not being a psychiatrist, who has worked in Africa in related fields for one year and who is still working there.
- 4) An Honorary member is a person nominated by the General Assembly of the Association as recognition of his services to psychiatry in Africa.

#### Rule VII

# Resignation or dismissal of members

Membership in the Association may be terminated by resignation or expulsion. Such resignation or expulsion may be proposed by the Executive Committee to the General Assembly, with which body lies the final decision.

# SECTION II - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### Rule VIII

The General Assembly is the Managing Agent of the Association.

#### Rule IX

The General Assembly is comprised of all members of the Association. The regular General Assembly meets on the occasion of the holding of each African Psychiatric Congress. A Special General Assembly may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee or on the initiative of 50% of the members of the Association.

#### Rule X

The Executive Committee determines the Agenda of the General Assembly in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

#### Rule XI

Decisions of the General Assembly are based upon majority vote. The members who have right to voting at the General Assembly are the following:

- a) Full Members;
- b) Corresponding members category 2(a) Rule 6, and this right of voting is limited for a period of three years from the time they have ceased to be full members.

# Rule XII

- i) The Regular General Assembly:
- a) hears a report by the Secretary-General concerning the work of the Association and votes upon its approval;
- b) elects for a term of five years, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-General, two Associate Secretaries and a Treasurer; the above elected persons form the Executive Committee;
- c) decides the organization of Congresses, Symposia, Scientific meets... or gives the Executive Committee the power to organize them;
- the recommendation of the Secretary-General, an Editorial Committee for such publications;
- budget, determines the subscription of the members, deicdes on the general financial policy, and votes and annual standard budget of the Association.
- ii) If for major reaons the Executive Committee cannot hold a General Assembly after 5 years, the Committee has the right to extend its term of office for one more year. After that year if it is still not possible to hold a General Assembly a newly Executive Committee must be elected by postal ballot, in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

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# SECTION III - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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- 1) The Executive Committee shall be vested with the powers of the Association at such time as the Regular or Special General Assembly is not in session. It shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-General, the two Associate Secretaries and the Treasurer. Its decisions are based on a majority vote. Except for the Secretary-General and the Treasurer, the members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for the period between two regular General Assemblies.
- 2) The first Secretary-General and the Treasurer of the Association will be elected for a period of six years and will hold office in the next Executive Committee for one year after which the newly elected Secretary-General and Treasurer take over.
- 3) Secretary-Generals and Treasurers elected at the General Assembly in the future will take office in the newly elected Executive Committee one year after their election to the Committee. The members holding posts of Secretary-General and Treasurer in the preceding Executive Committee will continue to hold such office for a period of one year in the newly elected Executive Committee.

#### Rule XV

#### The President

The President is elected by the Regular General Assembly for a term of five years, namely for the period between two Regular General Assemblies. He represents the Association. He is the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

# Rule XVI

# The Vice-President

The Vice-President is elected by the Regular General Assembly for a term of five years, namely for a period of time between two Regular General Assemblies. He acts in the absence of the President and he may be entrusted with special duties by the Executive Committee.

# Rule XVII

# The Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is elected by the Regular General Assembly for a term of five years. He is entrusted with carrying out the work of the

Association. He is responsible for the application of all decisions taken by the General Assembly and renders to it an account of the activities of the Association, particularly on the organisation of the scientific meetings and publications. For all important problems, the Secretary-General convenes the Executive Committee and follows its decisions taken by a majority vote. The Secretary-General represents the Association in all legal matters. He shall keep a register with the name, address and date of admission of every member.

#### Rule XVIII

# The Associate-Secretaries

The Associate-Secretaries are elected by the Regular General Assembly for a term of five years, namely for a period of time between two Regular General Assemblies. They assist the Secretary-General. One of them may take his place if he is unavailable. They may be entrusted with special duties.

# Rule XIX

# The Treasurer

The Treasurer is elected by the Regular General Assembly for a term of five years. He is responsible for the financial management of the Association. He puts forward to the General Assembly a financial statement and proposes a standard annual budget.

#### Rule XX

- 1) The meetings of the Executive Committee will be held at least once every two years.
- 2) The Secretary-General is authorized in the event that no Executive Committee can be held, to obtain by correspondence the advice of the members of the Committee. The advice of the majority of the members shall have the same effect as a decision of the Executive Committee. The President or the Secretary-General may have a formal meeting on any occasion with any other members of the Committee and send the minutes of such meetings to the Secretary-General for circularization to all members of the Committee.

#### Rule XXI

The Executive Committee has powers to co-opt members or other persons to any of its meetings. The co-opted members will have no right of voting at the Committee meeting.

#### Rule XXII

On a matter of extreme urgency between two General Assemblies, the Committee may decide to organize a postal ballot, to ascertain the opinions of the members on such matter.

#### SECTION IV - FINANCES

# Rule XXIII

On the Treasurer's suggestion, the General Assembly examines the financial situation and decides the general financial policy. It gives the Executive Committee the power of fixing the annual budgets which will be approved by the next General Assembly.

#### Rule XXIV

- 1) The Treasurer keeps the financial accounts of the Association of Psychiatrists in Africa. On the Secretary-General's order to pay, he settles all expenses, pursuant to the resolutions of the General Assembly or the Executive Committee up to the amount of one hundred dollars; any expense exceeding one hundred dollars must be ordered by both the President and the Secretary-General.
- 2) The Treasurer shall open an account in the Association's name with one of the banks of his country; he shall pay into such bank account all moneys received by him for and on behalf of the Association. All cheques on such account shall be signed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Association after receiving a written request by the Secretary-General to pay.
- 3) Before assuming his duties the Treasurer shall bind himself with two sureties in the sum of Rs. 100 for the true performance of his duties.

  The security bond shall be filed with the Registrar.

#### Rule XXV

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the Assocition. At each meeting of the Executive Committee, he shall report on the financial status. At the end of each year, he shall supply the Executive Committee with a financial statement. He shall also report on the same matter to the Regular General Assembly. The Treasurer will be automatically a member of the Finance Committee which may be appointed by the Executive Committee, entrusted with the increasing of the finances of the Association.

All books and accounts of the Association and all returns submitted by the Treasurer shall be audited by a professional who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

#### Rule XXVI

The Executive Committee or any member thereof or the auditor may be removed and replaced by a majority vote at a Special General Assembly.

# SECTION V - MODIFICATION OF RULES DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Rule XXVII

Where not less than three-fifths of the total number of members of the Association having the right to vote are present in person or by proxy at a General Assembly convened on that behalf, a majority of two-thirds of the number of members present in person or by proxy at such general assembly may:

- a) add to, alter or otherwise amend the present rules; or
- b) dissolve the Association, but no amendment or dissolution shall have effect except with the approval of the Registrar signified under his hand.

# Rule XXVIII

The General Assembly may decide upon the creation of a Section (which title will indicate its kind of activity), as long as it is in agreement with the regulation defined by paragraph 5 of the Bye-Laws.

If a proposal concerning the creation of a Section is made between two General Assemblies, the Executive Committee will submit it to the next General Assembly for a final decision.

The Bye-Laws of each Section will be established according to paragraph 4 of the Bye-Laws of the Association.

These Sections will be integrated into the general organization of the Association, but they will have their own administrative autonomy, as stated by paragraph 5 of the Bye-Laws.

#### Rule XXIX

All books shall be kept in English or French and shall be opened to inspection by any person having a pecuniary interest in the affairs of the Association on application to the Secretary-General.



Secretary-General

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