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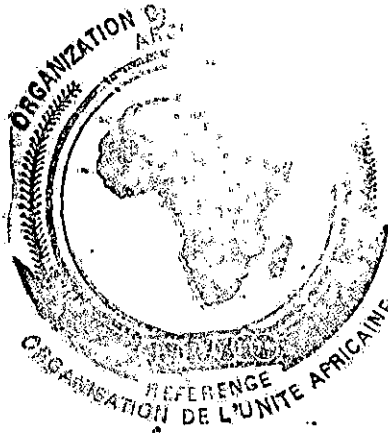
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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE DRAFT
CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OAU AND THE UNDP

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The Council would recall that the General Secretariat had for several years been negotiating a co-operation agreement with the UNDP.

The Secretary-General, who in October and November 1974 conducted negotiations on this subject in both New York and Addis Ababa, wished to point out that the draft agreement now before the Council included the two provisions which the Council had consistently sought to introduce into the agreement, namely:

1) The need to specifically stress in the final draft of the Agreement that UNDP assistance would be extended to National Liberation Movements, refugees and other victims of colonial occupation and racial oppression in accordance with the provisions of the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2) The establishment of a Special Fund by the UNDP to finance all OAU schemes coming within the framework of this agreement, so as to obviate any risk that the funding of such schemes might affect the amounts devoted to the African Region allocated by the UNDP for national, sub-regional and inter-regional schemes.

The Secretary-General therefore expressed the hope that the Council would authorize him to sign the agreement, appended as Annex I, thus enabling him to activate, channel and intensify UNDP assistance to the Liberation Movements and the General Secretariat for the training of personnel.

Moreover, the Council's attention was drawn to the fact that the conditions governing the handling of UNDP assistance to the Liberation Movements and the OAU General Secretariat were contained in Annex II of Document CM/632.

The Secretary-General was of opinion that the machinery provided for in Annex II of the present document represented an acceptable interim measure until such time as the Governing Council of the UNDP, which was showing an increasingly positive approach similar to the Council's on this subject, gave its final decision on the financial aspect.

The reply of the UNDP to the Note of the Secretary-General (Annex II) was appended as Annex III.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Organization of African Unity

and

The United Nations Development Programme

Considering that the Charter of the Organization of African Unity (hereafter called OAU) prescribes for it inter alia the aims of strengthening the unity and solidarity of its Member States, intensifying their co-operation and their efforts to provide better living conditions to the people of Africa, as well as promoting international co-operation;

Considering that one of the aims of the United Nations Development Programme (hereafter called the UNDP) is to help countries which are not sufficiently developed to strengthen their national economies, in particular through the development of their human and natural resources, their industries and their agriculture, in order to promote their economic and political independence in the spirit of the United Nations Charter, and to enable the populations of those countries to reach a higher standard of living in the economic and social fields;

Desirous of contributing to the effective achievement in Africa of their common aims and convinced that their co-operation is a favourable element for achieving those aims;

ARTICLE I

Areas of co-operation

Within the context of the duties, activities and constitutional instruments of the two institutions, the OAU and the UNDP agree to co-operate on questions which are within the field of economic and social development and which are of common interest to both organizations.

ARTICLE II

Exchange of Information

Subject to arrangements which may be required to safeguard the confidential or restricted character of certain information and documents, the two organizations. In particular

a) The OAU will inform the UNDP of projects which are in the economic and social field and concern the development of OAU activities in the territory of Member States of OAU, and will examine all proposals concerning project of this nature which may be communicated to it by the UNDP;

b) The UNDP will keep the OAU informed of intercountry projects benefiting from its assistance in countries which are Members of the OAU and will examine all proposals which may be communicated to it by the OAU concerning projects relevant to economic and social development of these countries.

ARTICLE IIIReciprocal Representation

1. Subject to the decisions that may be taken by its governing bodies concerning the attendance of its meetings by observers, the OAU will invite the UNDP to send observers to all meetings of its specialized committees which relate to UNDP activities and to other meetings, to which observers are admitted, where questions of interest to the UNDP are to be discussed.

2. Subject to the decisions that may be taken by its Governing Council concerning the granting of the status of "observers" to the inter-governmental regional organizations for its meetings, and any other relevant decision of the Governing Council, the UNDP will invite OAU to send observers to all meetings of the Governing Council of the UNDP to which observers are admitted. UNDP will also invite OAU to other UNDP meetings to which observers are admitted and where questions of interest to OAU are to be discussed.

ARTICLE IVMutual Co-operation

1. Whenever the growth of UNDP and OAU activities in the field of common interest makes it desirable, one of the organizations may request co-operation from the other when the latter is particularly fitted to assist in the development of its activities.

2. Each organization will endeavour as far as is possible under its constitutional instruments and decisions of its governing bodies to respond favourably to such requests for co-operation in accordance with procedures to be agreed upon.

3. Similarly, and insofar as is possible under their respective constitutional instruments and decisions of their respective governing bodies, the two organizations will assist each other for the vocational training of different categories of personnel, in particular administration and conference officers, and specialists in economic and social questions.

4. Furthermore, in keeping with relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, the UNDP is willing to assist, within the framework of its constitutional instruments and decisions of its governing bodies, the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation.

from colonial rule.

ARTICLE V

Entry into force and revision

1. This Agreement will become effective on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the OAU and the UNDP.
2. This Agreement may be modified by agreement of the two parties.

In witness whereof the Parties hereto, through their representatives whose names appear below, have signed this agreement on the dates indicated beneath their signature.

This Agreement exists in two copies, one in French and one in English, the text in either language being equally valid for the UNDP and for the OAU.

For the United Nations Development Programme

For the Organization
of African Unity

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Annex II

Reference: CAB/GM/26/35

Date: 22 October 1974

To: The Regional Director

Dear Sir,

I wish first of all to thank you for the fraternal and friendly welcome you kindly extended to me in New-York.

I wish, moreover, to tell you how much I appreciated the results of the working session during which, together, we reviewed every aspect of our relations. In this connexion, I wish to confirm to you my acceptance of the procedure we drew up at this working session, which, I should like to remind you, was the following:

1. The UNDP may enter into direct contact with national liberation movements with a view to assessing their requirements with regard to technical aid, food supplies and medical, financial, agricultural and cultural assistance, etc...
2. When these requirements have been noted, probably with the participation of the competent OAU bodies, such information will be the basis upon which OAU and the UNDP, in consultation with the liberation movements, will draw up an aid programme on behalf of African liberation movements and victims of Apartheid and racial discrimination in Africa.
3. The programme will likewise be carried out directly through representative liberation movements.

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I wish to draw your attention here to what we believe is a need to employ African technicians and experts in implementing any UNDP aid and development programme as applied to the region in general and liberation movements in particular. The OAU Bureau of Technical Co-operation can assist in doing this by making available to the UNDP the roster of experts for the OAU's co-operation programme.

4. Finally, the last phase of the procedure should include a joint assessment by our two Organizations of the implementation of the UNDP programme on behalf of the liberation movements.

I should, moreover, be grateful if you could confirm to me that the financing of UNDP assistance to liberation movements and the OAU General Secretariat will in no way prejudice the other schemes of Member States or inter-regional schemes.

I should, therefore, be grateful if you would inform me, at your earliest convenience, of your acceptance of the procedure I have just described to you, specifying the methods and sources of funding for the UNDP programme of assistance to African liberation movements and the OAU General Secretariat.

In the hope that you will find it possible to let me have your agreement by 30 December 1974 at the latest, since this would enable me to submit the draft OAU/UNDP Agreement to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the OAU Council of Ministers scheduled for February 1975, please accept, Dear Regional Director, my profoundest esteem and distinguished consideration.

WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME

10 January 1975

Dear Secretary-General,

As agreed, I am sending you the English version of the draft co-operation agreement between OAU and UNDP, whose French version we approved during my visit to Ethiopia.

I am availing myself of this opportunity to confirm to you that the assistance UNDP has been extending since last year to African liberation movements is not deducted from overall UNDP aid to African Member States. As was decided by the UNDP Governing Council at its Eighteenth Session in June 1974, a funds-in-trust financed by voluntary contributions was established to finance UNDP assistance to colonial countries and peoples.

Furthermore, the UNDP Administrator was empowered by the Governing Council at this same session to utilize the resources of the back-up programme, whose resources were to be appropriately increased.

Finally, with the forthcoming accession to independence of a certain number of African countries it is now feasible for provisional planning figures to be attributed to these countries by the Governing Council.

It is thus clear that the OAU Member States' desire that UNDP make a special effort in the financing of its assistance to colonial countries and peoples has been fully met. I therefore hope that there will no longer be any obstacle to the acceptance, by the OAU Council of Ministers, of the provisions in the text of the co-operation agreement between our two organizations, which has received the approval of our respective Secretariats.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my high consideration.

Michel Doo Kingué
Assistant Administrator of UNDP
and
Regional Director for Africa

H.E. William Etecki Mboumoua
OAU Administrative Secretary-
General
Addis Ababa

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