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SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA

Yaoundé, 10 December 1974

The Secretary-General of OAU,
Addis Ababa

No.538/DAF/008/056

SUBJECT: Request for Subvention - 1975/76 Financial Period

Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to forward to you the appended request for subvention we are submitting for the 1975/76 financial period.

As you will observe, the financial period concerned will be covering a most active phase in the life of our Organization by reason of the forthcoming session of our Executive Committee and our General Assembly, and the holding, in 1976, of the Olympic Games in MONTREAL.

The sixth statutory session of our General Assembly, convening Delegates from all the independent States of Africa, is, in fact, scheduled to take place in the first half of April 1975: and this will, appropriately, be preceded by the meeting of our Executive Committee.

The importance of these two meetings lies in the fact that Member States will be giving their views on the action programme of the S.C.S.A. for the next few years, on the practical measures we must take to eliminate the continued persistence of racial discrimination in international sport, and on the necessary methods to ensure that Africa is worthily represented at the forthcoming Olympic Games in MONTREAL.

The MONTREAL Olympic Games will, moreover, be taking place during the Summer of 1976. As you are aware, African participation in these Games raises, among other things, the crucial problem of the Apartheid countries participation, namely South Africa and Rhodesia. With regard to Montreal, especially, these countries are intensifying their manoeuvres and efforts with a view to their readmission into the world Olympic movement. To contend with this initiative, which enjoys the support of international financial circles, we should compile a Body of incriminating and convincing evidence, based on the way sport is daily practiced in South Africa and Rhodesia.

It is our intention to publish a White Book on the manner in which sport is organized and practiced in these two countries, so as to offer

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the traditional defenders of the Apartheid countries irrefutable proof of the existence of racial discrimination in sport and consequently of these two countries' infringement of the Olympic sports charter with its insistence that all men should be equal, whatever the colour of their skin, in the domain of sport.

We shall, furthermore, have to prepare our teams, through preliminary competitions to be organized in Africa, and, as in 1968 for the MEXICO Games, we intend to arrange for a "CHARTER" service to convey our teams to MONTREAL in an effort to considerably reduce the expenses which African countries would otherwise have to assume:

In order to carry out these plans successfully, we shall have to have increased financial support. In this connection, we realize that OAU assistance can hardly, by itself, suffice. For this reason, we have laid particular stress on the foregoing details, so that, when our request for subvention comes up for discussion, you will be in a better position to judge of our requirements and concern. We are confident that you will fully appreciate the importance of the aims we have set ourselves in sport, namely the understanding and rapprochement of our Peoples, and their socio-cultural liberation, which are the very foundations of our Continent's unity, and that you will lend us the necessary support so that we may obtain the sums we are requesting.

In the confident expectation that this will be forthcoming, please accept, Mr. Secretary-General and Dear Brother, the renewed assurances of our high consideration.

J. C. G A N G A
Secretary-General

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SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA

REQUEST FOR SUBVENTION FOR THE 1975/1976 FINANCIAL PERIOD

During its recent session in KAMPALA in 1974, the OAU Council of Ministers allocated the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa a sum of US\$200,000 for the 1974/75 financial period. This amount, it will be recalled, was designed to cover anticipated expenditure during the financial period concerned on the following aspects of our Programmes:

- the training of sports officials;
- our contribution to the functioning of continental sports bodies;
- the 3rd Africa-USA Athletic Match;
- the running of our Secretariat

At the time of going to press, part of this Programme has been implemented in proportion to the sums we have already received. The remaining part will be implemented as we receive the other instalments of the subvention. The following is an account of what has been, and what remains to be, achieved; we then go on to deal with the detailed consideration of our request for subvention for the 1975/76 financial period.

A/- REPORT ON THE USE OF THE PRECEDING SUBVENTION

1/- Training of Sports Officials

In our effort to train sports officials, we organized five courses - one for Handball, three for Athletics and one for Boxing.

a) - Handball Course: This course, intended for the training of Referees and Coaches of International standard, was staged in Brazzaville from 13 to 25 May 1974. It consisted of 34 trainees from 15 African Nations.

The training-course was assisted by the International Handball Federation, which kindly seconded some of its best instructors, to us, namely Messrs. Jean-Pierre LACOUX, Member of the International Referees and Rules Committee, and Fernand ZAEGL National Coach.

The trainees were thus assured of a high level of training, while the Coaches contributed valuable comments for the benefit of subsequent courses.

b)- Athletics Course: In order to advantageously prepare for the 3rd Africa-USA Athletic Match, to be held in the U.S. in 1975, continued efforts were exerted aimed at developing African athleticism throughout last season. For example, three training courses were organized in NAIROBI, LAGOS and ABIDJAN respectively. In them, technical training for sports officials was provided jointly by our best coaches and their colleagues from the American Athletics Federation:

- NAIROBI Course: This took place from 17 to 26 June 1974. Thirty-nine trainees nationals from East African countries participated.

- LAGOS Course: The same courses were provided for forty trainees from Central African countries from 1st to 15 July.

- ABIDJAN Course: Forty-two took part in the ABIDJAN training-course. The trainees came from countries in West and North Africa.

Very encouraging results were obtained from these courses. As a result of the desire expressed by African trainees and African authorities responsible for the training of sports officials, we shall make every effort to continue with this work.

e)- Boxing Course: The boxing course intended for the training of National Coaches took place in KAMPALA from 25 November to 8 December 1974. Thirty-five candidates from 22 Anglophone and Francophone African countries were selected for the course given by Instructors from the German Democratic Republic.

d)- Volley-ball Course: For its part, the volley-ball course is to be held in ACCRA in January 1975.

2/- Contribution to the Functioning of Continental Sports Bodies

This concerns subventions due to African Sports Confederations and Sports Development Zones. Because of financial difficulties and the fact that only half of the subvention has been paid to us, it has still not been possible for us to effect the transfer of these amounts. However, we intend to do so as soon as we have received the remaining half of the OAU subvention.

3/- Africa-USA Athletic Match

Part of the subvention that has been granted to us will be used to cover certain expenses we shall be assuming on the occasion of the 3rd Athletic Match we are organising with American athletes in DURHAM, USA. This is to be staged in August 1975. The said expenses in particular pertain to assembling the athletes and the organization of preparatory training, involving air travel and living expenses, etc...

4/- Functioning of the Secretariat

As in the past, part of the subvention given was used to meet the expenses pertaining to the functioning of our Secretariat: these included the purchase of office furniture and equipment material, personnel emoluments, correspondence, etc...

5/- Explanation of Expenses

Explanation of the expenses that have just been emunerated, whether those already assumed or those to be assumed, are to be submitted to the OAU's Internal Auditors for examination,

B/- REQUEST FOR SUBVENTION FOR THE 1975/76 FINANCIAL PERIOD

The coming financial period will be characterized by unusual activity by reason of the important events to take place during this period. For, besides going ahead with the work of training sports officials, and coordination and extension-work at Continental level, we shall be busy at International level, with the preparation of our athletes for the Olympic Games in MONTREAL, and the friendly table-tennis tournament between Asian, Latin-American and African sportspersons in LAGOS in 1975.

In short, the subvention we are requesting for the 1975/76 financial period is to be used as follows:

1/- Training of Sports Officials, Coordination and Extention-Work

The Programme planned for the 1975/76 financial period consists of three courses: athletics, cycling and tennis.

Athletic performances, both at Continental and Inter-national level, are satisfactory. We intend to improve them. Cycling and tennis should be encouraged. We must, as speedily as possible, train coaches at national level to popularize these disciplines.

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In the field of coordination and extension-work we shall, of course, have a part to play in the functioning and activity of African Sports Confederations and Sports Development Zones:

a)- Breakdown of expenses for 3 Courses:

To begin with we should point out the basic elements which make up these expenses. For each of our courses, we shall be relying on 4 sports officials, comprising 2 Instructors and 2 officials representing the S.C.S.A. and the African Sports Confederation concerned. We shall meet the travel - and board and lodging expenses of one trainee per Member State, for a total of 40 trainees. As for the length of the courses, we have, in principle, decided on a 20-days' training course. In accordance with these factors, our estimates are as follows:

- Travel Expenses

a/- Officials	:	US\$.1,200 x 4 x 3	US\$. 14,400
b/- Trainees	:	US\$. 800 x 40 x 3	US\$. 96,000

- Board and Lodging Expenses

a/- Officials	:	US\$.40 x 20 x 4 x 3	US\$. 9,600
b/- Trainees	:	US\$. 6 x 40 = 20 x 3	US\$. 14,400

- Administrative Preparation

US\$. 800 x 3	US\$. 2,400	
Total		US\$.136,800

These three programmed courses will thus cost us ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS.

b) - Contribution to the Functioning of Continental Sports Bodies

This consists of subventions which we pay, upon decision by our General Assembly, to African Sports Confederations and Sports Development Zones.

e)- Subventions to African Sports Confederations

This applies to 12 Confederations: the African Amateur Athletics Confederation, African Amateur Basket-ball Confederation, African Cycling Confederation, African Amateur Boxing Confederation, African ...

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Football Confederation, African Handball Confederation, African Judo Confederation, African Lawn-Tennis Confederation, African Swimming Confederation, African Universities Sports Union, African Table-Tennis Confederation and African Volley-ball Confederation. Each of these are to be paid a sum of US \$3,000, that is US \$36,000 for the 12 Confederations. To this sum should be added the US \$3,000 allocated to the Union of African Sports Writers, This gives us a total of US \$39,000 under this heading.

Acutually, African Sports Confederations organize Africa Championships and Africa challenge Cups in the various sports disciplines, while Sports Development Zones have the task of strengthening regional Unity through sport by organizing competitions at the level of each Zone.

d)- Subvention to Sports Development Zones

Seven Zones have a stake in this subvention. In accordance with the amount decreed by our last General Assembly, each Zone will receive the sum of US \$3,600. We shall have to find US \$3,600 x 7 = US \$25,200.

2/- Olympic Games in MONTREAL

As a result of substantial OAU assistance granted to us in 1968, we were in a position to ensure the travel of the African delegations to the MEXICO Games by organizing a group transport plan which substantially reduced the expenses which the Countries would have had to shoulder by taking charge of the operation at their own expense. It is our intention to again attempt this experiment on the occasion of the MONTREAL Games. Here it should be stressed that African participation in the Olympic Games has always raised the problem, among others, of the participation of the Apartheid countries, namely South Africa and Rhodesia. In anticipation of the MONTREAL Games, in particular, these countries are employing every means at their disposal to demolish the accusations we have been bringing against them, which charges led to their being excluded or suspended from the world Olympic movement. It is thus urgently necessary to counter such action by publishing, before the Games, a white book on the way in which sport is organised and practiced in these countries. Proof would thus be forthcoming that racial discrimination in sport and the persistent violation of the Olympic Sports Charter were an active force in those Countries.

3/- Friendly Table-Tennis Tournament by Invitation.

In 1975, in LAGOS, Africa will be hosting the big friendly table-tennis tournament by invitation, which will bring together selected sportspersons from Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Just as we are engaged in opposing violations of whatever nature committed in breach of the International Olympic Charter, so we intend to spare no effort to encourage all events likely to assist in strengthening cooperation among Third World countries.

Thus our Continent previously took part, in 1972 and 1973, in PEKING in that great international sporting event, whose principal aim is to foster one of the paramount virtues of sporting practice, namely friendly competition between Peoples.

It is to enable the Organizing Committee to cope with the numerous expenses it will be assuming on the occasion of this event that we have decided to grant it support.

4/- Organization of Statutory Meetings:

The sixth session of our General Assembly is to be held during the first half of April 1975. It is to be preceded by a meeting of our Executive Committee, which will bring together selected sportspersons from Asia, Latin America and Africa.

These two meetings are important because the Member States of our Organization will be stating their thinking on our Action Programme for the next few years, on the practical steps to be taken to eliminate racial discrimination in international sport, and on the best way to guarantee that Africa is worthily represented at the forthcoming MONTREAL Olympic Games.

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5/- Functioning of the Secretariat: As in the past, a sum of US \$40,000 is to be devoted to the operational expenses of the General Secretariat. These expenses mainly involve the purchase of supplies and equipment and some personnel emoluments.

RECAPITULATION OF ESTIMATES FOR 1975/76
To sum up, the subvention we are requesting for the 1975/76 financial period is to be distributed as follows:

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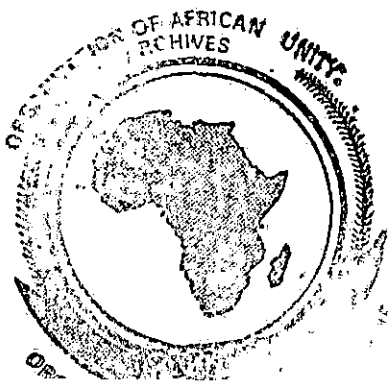
- Training of Sports Officials, Coordination and Extension-work	US \$136,800
- Subvention to African Sports Confederations and the U.J.S.A.	US \$ 39,000
- Subvention to Sports Development Zones	US \$ 25,200
- Preparations and Group Transport at the MONTREAL Olympic Games	US \$100,000
- Friendly Table-Tennis Tournament by Invitation...	US \$ 40,000
- Statutory Meetings	US \$ 20,000
- Functioning of the Secretariat	US \$ 40,000
TOTAL	<u>US \$401,000</u>

C O N C L U S I O N

Such, briefly, are the aims we have set ourselves and the financial assistance we are requesting from OAU for the 1975/76 financial year.

Before concluding our present request for subvention, it is our agreeable duty to renew to the Council of Ministers the expression of our deepest gratitude, as well as that of the entire body of African sports-persons within the S.C.S.A., for the understanding it has unfailingly shown with regard to the scope of our problems. Indeed, it is certain that, without the financial and moral support we have hitherto received, we would never have been able to achieve even the little we have of our major objectives and, to be frank, our very existence would long since have been in jeopardy.

We therefore judge this opportunity a favourable one to reaffirm that we stand by the commitments to which we pledged ourselves before the Council of Ministers and the OAU Member States, namely to contribute, through sport, to the socio-cultural liberation of the Peoples of our Continent, and thus ensure their mutual understanding and rapprochement, those fundamental principles of African Unity.



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