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SECOND ALL AFRICA TRADE FAIR

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SECOND ALL AFRICA TRADE FAIRINTRODUCTION

The Council will recall that the First All Africa Trade Fair was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1972 at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Kenya. After considering the Administrative Secretary-General's report on the Fair, the Council by its resolution CM/Res.277(XIX) (operative paragraph 3) decided that:

- (a) All Africa Trade Fairs be held once every four years; and
- (b) The Second All Africa Trade Fair be held in 1976 and hosted by Algeria.

THE SITUATION TO-DATE

2. The situation on the organization of this Fair may be summarised as under.

Fair Grounds

3. A commodious -- 1500 to 2000 hectares -- and permanent Fair Grounds exist. Some of the OAU Member States, such as Egypt and Morocco, own permanent stands at the Grounds. Apart from this, there is a large pavilion capable of accommodating displays from a number of OAU member States. An additional pavilion for the same purpose is under construction, and a hotel with 200 beds is located on the Grounds.

Dates

4. As a result of consultations between the relevant authorities of the Popular Democratic Republic of Algeria and the General Secretariat, the Fair is to be staged in the period April/May 1976. This is to be confirmed and the precise duration of the Fair advised soon by the Algerian Government to the General Secretariat.

Symposium on Promotion of Intra-African Trade

5. It will be recalled that a symposium on "Trade For Development" was held in the course of the First All Africa Trade Fair. The Algerian Government would like a similar arrangement made for a discussion of how to promote intra-African trade, and the General-Secretariat has no objection.

Organizing Committee

6. It is necessary that the 25th Session of the Council set up an Organizing Committee to work with the Algerian Government in the organization of the Fair. For purposes of recall and comparison, an Organizing Committee of nine was set up for the First All Africa Trade Fair. The Committee was composed of Algeria, Cameroun, Egypt Kenya (host), Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania and Zaire.

7. The Committee's terms of reference were to ascertain:

- (a) the exact number of participating countries;
- (b) the allocation of and charges for space;
- (c) the number of foreign and local visitors to the Fair;
- (d) an estimate of Fair earnings;
- (e) an assessment of overall financial outlay and respective contributions of the [host Government] and the OAU Secretariat; and
- (f) organization and character of the "Trade for Development" meeting [which was] to be convened concurrently with the Fair.

8. The Council might wish to give to the new Organizing Committee the same terms of reference, or vary them or issue entirely new terms. As to the composition of the Committee, in order to benefit from the experience gained from the organization of the First Fair, the Council may wish to include in the new Committee at least four countries which were members of the previous Committee. This would mean that five members of the Committee for the First Fair would be included in the new Committee. Of course, the Council could also vary the size of the Committee.

Finances

9. For the First Fair, the Council voted a sum of US \$ 51,000 as OAU's contribution to the cost of staging the Fair. Again, the Council may wish to vote the same or a different amount for the Second Fair.

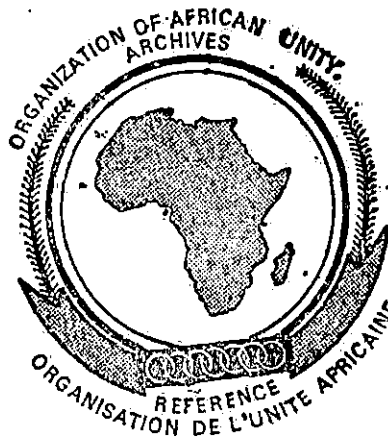
10. In this connexion, the Council will need to take into account the fact that the current budget of the OAU only includes the small sum of US \$ 4,081.30 to cover missions of OAU officials to Algiers for consultations with the Algerian authorities on the Fair. This allocation was based on

the assumption that the Fair would be held after May 1976, in other words during the next financial year.

11. As the Fair is now to take place within the current financial year, it is necessary for the Council to give special authority to the General-Secretariat to spend whatever sum may be voted as OAU's contribution to the cost of staging the Fair. This inevitably calls for supplementary estimates or some other arrangement which would enable the General-Secretariat to raise the required funds.

ACTION REQUIRED

12. The Council is invited to consider the matter and instruct the General Secretariat appropriately thereupon.



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