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1. HISTORICAL

In the course of its 23rd Ordinary Session held at Mogadisho(Somalia) from 6th to 11 June 1974, the Council of Ministers of the O.A.U.undertook a number of decisions for aiding the countries affected by the drought.

The Council of Ministers in adopting the Resolution CM/Res.336(XXIII) decided notably to "create an assistance Fund and for emergency nourished by Africans or non-Africans and destined to financing immediate actions capable of alleviating the misery of stricken populations; this fund is different from that set aside in the African Development Bank and whose aim is to finance the operations on middle and long term basis."

To enable each member state to join in this solidarity enterprise and to contribute to the Emergency Fund, the ad hoc Committee on the drought recommended in the course of its last session that the contribution should correspond to 1/15th of its contribution to the ordinary budget of the O.A.U

The following description asserts the scale of the contributions and the actual situation of the Fund.

TABLE I

SCALE OF OBLIGATORY ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
OF MEMBER STATES TO THE EMERGENCY FUND FROM
JANUARY 1976 TO JANUARY 1980. THE OBLIGATORY
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE 1/15th OF THE CONTRIBUTION
OF EACH STATE TO THE ORDINARY BUDGET OF O.A.U

<u>MEMBER STATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT IN U.S.DOLLARS</u>
1. Algeria	29.060.00
2. Arab Republic of Egypt	47.228.86
3. Botswana	2.544.66
4. Burundi	3.155.38
5. Cameroon	11.959.89
6. Central African Republic	7.481.30
7. Tchad	5.903.61
8. Congo	2.544.66
9. Benin	5.394.68
10. Equatorial Guinea	2.544.66
11. Ethiopia	14.300.98
12. Gabon	25.090.33
13. Gambia	3.867.88

14.	Ghana	24,072.47
15.	Guinea	6,259.86
16.	Ivory Coast	20,459.05
17.	Kenya	11,247.39
18.	Lesotho	3,409.84
19.	Liberia	14,453.66
20.	Libya	37,660.94
21.	Madagascar	8,193.80
22.	Malawi	3,460.74
23.	Mali	7,125.04
24.	Mauritania	8,550.05
25.	Mauritius Island	2,544.66
26.	Morocco	30,434.11
27.	Niger	6,463.43
28.	Nigeria	35,574.32
29.	Rwanda	3,155.38
30.	Senegal	16,336.71
31.	Sierra Leone	9,618.81
32.	Somalia	3,867.88
33.	Sudan	17,405.46
34.	Swaziland	2,544.66
35.	Tanzania	10,025.95
36.	Togo	6,361.65
37.	Tunisia	13,588.48
38.	Uganda	8,906.30
39.	Upper Volta	4,682.17
40.	Zaire	15,624.20
41.	Zambia	<u>15,827.77</u>
	TOTAL	<u><u>508,931.67</u></u>

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II. ACTUAL SITUATIONTABLE 2STATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED BY MEMBER STATES TO THE EMERGENCY FUND

<u>MEMBER STATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT IN \$ U.S</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1. Ghana	52.200.00	November 1973
2. Tanzania	20.289.86	March 1974
3. Mauritius Island	22.728.69	May 1975
4. Kenya	16.852.77	June 1975
5. Somalia	34.547.60	July 1975
6. Botswana	2.864.23	July 1975
7. Mali	2.245.45	August 1975
8. Morocco	30.434.11	December 1975
9. Burundi	7.280.68	February 1976
10. Niger	2.415.29	February 1976
TOTAL	191.858.68	

III. GENERALISATION AND THE PERMANENCY OF EMERGENCY FUND

Already the Ministerial Council met in its 25th Ordinary Session at Kampala from 18 to 25 July 1975 had on one hand verified the dangerous and rapid progression of the drought in the direction of zones which seemed up till then, to be sheltered from it, and on the other hand, made arrangements to help the Indian Ocean Islands which are periodically ravaged by the cyclones.

The Resolution CM/Res.450(XXV) recommended the emergency measures to take in these two cases.

The actual situation of the Emergency Fund appeals to the part of the General Secretariat these commentaries :

(a) The irregularity of its supply does not enable the O.A.U. to intervene efficiently to the rescue of countries struck by the drought and natural calamities.

(b) It becomes more and more evident that the external help decreases while the agencies of donating countries increasingly direct their assistance towards programmes of their choices which are not always in the interest of the recipients.

It is therefore the duty of the General Secretariat to submit some suggestions to the Council of Ministers for enabling this Fund to operate :

1. The recent history of the Organisation has shown us in what types of difficulties certain Member States could find themselves in while anxious to fulfil the principles contained in the O.A.U Charter or when respecting scrupulously the resolution adopted by our entreaties.

The cases of the Republic of Comoro and the Peoples Republic of Mozambique are instructive in this respect.

The general manner in which states have just achieved their independence very often leaves them with all sorts of problems left by the coloniser the morning following their accession to the international sovereignty.

The manpower shortage has become an urgent problem to be resolved.

Deprived of financial means the Bureau of Technical Cooperation of O.A.U cannot play the role it is supposed to play in this domain.

The assistance and Emergency Funds could help to finance programmes of technical aid to newly independent states.

2. The alarming situation existing in certain states on the maintenance schemes.

3. It is therefore necessary to prove our political will by helping ourselves first.

4. Consequently the Assistance and Emergency Funds must be lumpsummed.

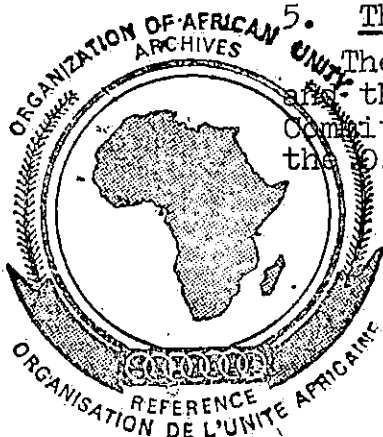
It must then be maintained in an effective and permanent way instead of being left to the mercy of voluntary contributors.

The only guarantee for that is to inscribe it as a budgetary requirement in the ordinary budget of the O.A.U.

This arrangement will not exclude the maintenance of the Emergency Fund by the donations and revenues from different demonstrations organised for the benefit of this Fund.

5. The Administration of the Fund

The Fund will be managed by the General Secretariat and the authorised expenditures by the Consultative Committee concerned with the Budgetary Questions of the O.A.U.



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