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1. BACKGROUND

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Since the founding of the OAU in 1963, a number of African non-Governmental Organizations have been created and closely associated with the OAU. These include the Pan-African Youth Movement, the Pan - African Women Organization, the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, The Organization of African Free Trade Union Unity, Association of Social Work Education in Africa (ASWEA) and Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA). In order to facilitate these Organizations' follow-up action on the OAU activities, the OAU decided to accord them observer status and this enabled them to apply for and be granted subventions annually, which has been the case for a long time now.

B. THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTIVES FOR INCREASED CO-OPERATION

1. MEMORANDUM OF ADDIS ABABA, CM/Res. 219 (XV)

2. Although this arrangement has been conducive to considerable unity and co-operation between the OAU and these Organizations, yet there is still need for these bodies to come together, as regularly as possible, in order to review the progress made and the difficulties encountered in the endeavour to further promote unity and development in Africa. It was against this background that the Council of Ministers in its Fifteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, decided in resolution CM/Res.219 (XV) that:

"The responsible administrative officials of the various regional groups for inter-African co-operation will meet under the auspices of the OAU to harmonise and co-ordinate the main aspects of their experiments in the field of co-operation."

2. MOGADISHU RESOLUTION CM/Res.355 (XXIII)

3. Further, the Council of Ministers in its Twenty-Third Session in Mogadishu, Somalia, in reaction to the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the subject, decided in resolution CM/Res.355 (XXIII), that the OAU General Secretariat should pursue efforts whereby these non-Governmental Organizations can effectively contribute to the implementation of the OAU "policy aimed at achieving the total liberation, economic and cultural development and effective unity of Africa."

4. The African non-Governmental Organizations were urged by the same resolution to "preserve in the strengthening of relations among them and the OAU." It also requested the OAU General Secretariat "to participate morally and materially, as much as possible in the initiative of these Organizations and keep the Council of Ministers fully informed of the ground covered by them in the achievement of stronger unity and further assertion of the personality of the Continent".

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

5. The General Secretariat as well as the African non-Governmental Organizations concerned have been trying hard to implement the two resolutions. This has been done through inviting one another to attend or participate in various activities such as conferences, meetings and seminars. In the field of Labour, for instance, the OAU and OATUU have organised joint seminars and symposia and, in the case of PAWO, PYM and SCSA, OAU has been closely following up practically every undertaking these Organizations have had during the period under review. Reports and resolutions have been exchanged. In short, encouraging co-operation has been attained, despite the limitations of manpower and material inputs.

III. INCREASED INITIATIVES

6. The existing co-operation, notwithstanding, certain circumstantial changes have taken place, demanding increased initiatives and actions on either side in order to review policies and arrive

at new plans of action both to speed up liberation struggle and intensify efforts in socio-economic development of the Continent. The call by the Memorandum of Addis Ababa on the General Secretariat and these Organizations to intensify activities aiming at the promotion of socio-economic development, makes it necessary for these bodies to meet in order to map out a much more united action. The Mexico Declaration calling upon Governments and practically all organizations to take action towards the integration of women in development, makes it almost imperative for the OAU and its associated organizations to come together and agree on a modus operandi in order to achieve the desired goals in this area.

7. Besides this, the organizations themselves, such as the PYM Executive Committee Meeting in Bujumbura, Burundi, in May, 1978, supported by the representative of PAWO, requested the Administrative Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the executives of these organizations to meet under auspices of the OAU in order to exchange views and plan further, united action for much more effective co-operation.

8. Furthermore, the recent changes in the leadership of the OAU General Secretariat justify the meeting of this/^{kind} as it would enable the executives of these organizations to meet the new team, and vice versa, for establishing effective working relations.

IV. PROPOSED ACTION

9. In view of the foregoing, the Administrative Secretary-General proposes to convene a three-day meeting of the executives of African non-Governmental Organizations in order to review the past and present progress and difficulties so that solutions to the existing difficulties can be found out jointly and new programmes and plans of action can be agreed upon to further consolidate, promote and finally realise effective co-operation and unity in the Continent.

V. ACTION REQUESTED

10. The Council is requested to approve the convening of such a meeting annually, and the expenses to be incurred in respect of the first meeting in 1979 as per attached cost estimates. (Attachment 1).

Attachment 1

ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY THREE-DAY MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVES OF AFRICAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION AND HARMONIZATION OF POLICIES
AND ACTIONS IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA.

The following estimates are the funds required for the meeting:

a) Eight OAU officials, six OAU proof-readers and six OAU secretaries, will be required to service the Meeting. No funds required.

b) Technical Staff:

i) 6 Interpreters: 2 for each language (English, French and Arabic) will be required. Of these 5 will be from the Headquarters. These will be paid salary differentials as follows:

2 French	-	73.36 x 2 x 3	=	US\$ 440.16
1 Arabic	-	76.19 x 3	=	228.57
2 English	-	73.36 x 2 x 3	=	440.16
Total....				US\$1,108.89 =====

1 Arabic Free-Lance:

Salary	-	5 x 115.90	=	US\$ 579.50
Per diem	-	5 x 28	=	140.00
Terminals	-	2 x 12	=	24.00
Air fare (Cairo)			=	637.68
Total				US\$1,381.18 =====

ii) 6 Translators - 2 for each language (English, Arabic and French). Of these 4 from the Headquarters will not be paid salary differentials. 2 translators (1 English and 1 Arabic) free-lance will be paid:-

Salary - 2 x 80 x 5	=	US\$ 800.00
Per diem - 2 x 28 x 5	=	280.00
Terminals - 2 x 12 x 2	=	48.00
Air Fare (Dakar) 1 Y-class	=	1,192.00
(Cairo) 1 Y-class	=	637.68
Total		US\$2,957.68

iii) 6 Preci Writers - 4 (2 for each language - English & French) from the Secretariat to be paid as follows:-

Salary differentials:)	=	US\$ 272.64
2 x 345.44)		
1 x 54.60 x 3	=	163.80
1 x 41.62 x 3	=	124.86
Total ...		US\$ 561.30

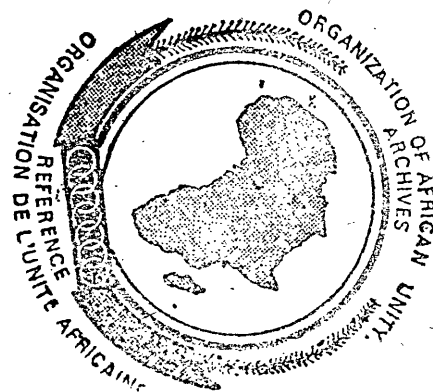
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Salary - 2 x 70.00 x 3	=	US\$ 420.00
Per diem - 2 x 28.00 x 5	=	280.00
Terminals - 2 x 12.00 x 2	=	48.00
Air fare - 2 x 637.68	=	2,275.36
Total ...		US\$3,023.36

GRAND TOTAL:

OAU Interpreters	=	US\$1,108.89
Free-Lance Interpreters	=	US\$1,381.18
Free-Lance Translators	=	US\$2,957.68
OAU Preci Writers	=	US\$ 561.30
Free-Lance Preci Writers	=	US\$3,023.36
Total ...		US\$9,032.41

Item	A/C Code	Description	Appropriations 1978/79	Actual Expenditure	Appropriations 1979/80	Increase	Decrease
1	800	OAU Meeting of Executives of African non Governmental Organizations dealing with Social Affairs in Africa.	-	-	9,032.41	US\$9,032.41	-



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