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Annexes I - XI

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS OF MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE PRE-DRAFT

DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON AFRO-ARAB

CO-OPERATION



EMBASSY OF TANZANIA

TZA/O.10/B/29/VOL.II/9

October 10, 1975

The Administrative Secretary General,
Organization of African Unity,
Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia.

Your Excellency,

I refer to your Note No. CAB/GM/70/II/32 of 28th August, 1975 enclosing two copies of the Pre-Draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is in agreement with most of the clauses contained in the Pre-Draft Declaration and Programme of Action but wishes to make the following comments:-

1. In preamble paragraph 12 of the Draft, reference is made to "the Economic and Decolonization provisions of the Lahore Islamic Summit", the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is of the opinion that, since the Lahore Islamic Summit Conference was essentially a religious one and since some of the declarations and resolutions might not be acceptable to all African countries, reference to such a religious conference should be omitted from the Draft Declaration and Programme of Action.
2. Under operative paragraph 77, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania would want to see that a specific mentioning of the promotion and investment in the exploration, exploitation, transportation and storage of petroleum is mentioned. We agree with the wording of the operative paragraph 77 but the term petroleum should be singled out and should not be included in the general term "SOURCES of energy".

Accept Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(G.S. Magombe)
AMBASSADOR

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Annex II

Ministry of External Affairs
State House,
Banjul
The Gambia

MEA/5665/(27W)

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of the Gambia presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and, with reference to their Note No. CAB/GM/70/II/32 of the 28th of August, 1975, has the honour to inform them that the Gambia Government is satisfied with the Pre-Draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Cooperation which accompanied the Note.

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of The Gambia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

BANJUL, 11th October, 1975

The General Secretariat of the O.A.U
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Annex III

No. 4141/MAEC/D4/A

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Cooperation
Dahomey Republic
Head of Department (4)
(International Organizations)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the Republic of Dahomey presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and with reference to its note CAB/GM/70/11/32 dated 28th August 1975 concerning the draft Declaration and the Programme of Action of Afro-Arab Co-operation, has the honour to inform that the Dahomey has no comment to make on that matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the Republic of Dahomey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

Cotonou, the 30th October 1975.

The General Secretariat of the
Organization of African Unity
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Addis Ababa

No. S.S. 1/5/22

Date : 25/11/1975

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to the OAU General Secretariat and has the honour to inform the latter that reference to the General Secretariat's note No CAB/GM/70/II/32 dated 28 August 1975 concerning the Draft of the Declaration project and the Programme of Action concerning Afro-Arab Cooperation, that the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan approves the Draft Project as it has been presented in its present form.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan avails itself of this opportunity to express to the General Secretariat of the OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

To : The OAU General Secretariat
Addis Ababa

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Annex V

Embassy of the
United Republic of Cameroon.

No.508/75/NV/ACE

The Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and with reference to its note CAB/GM/70/11/32 of 28/8/75 transmitting the Draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation, has the honour to announce that the Government of Cameroon which participated in all stages of the drafting of the said document which it finds acceptable, has no other point of view to communicate.

The Embassy of the United Republic of Cameroon avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the OAU the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 16th December 1975

The General Secretariat of the
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

No.925/75

The Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and, referring to its note No. CAB/GM/70/11/32 dated 28 August 1975 transmitting the "Draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation (Doc: CM/662/Add.2 Annex I), has the honour to return herewith, the above mentioned document duly annotated by the appropriate Moroccan authorities.

The remarks relating to the document in question and underlined twice refer to the following paragraphs and sub-paragraphs (page number of the O.A.U. Document).

P.2 para. 12, last sentence, the following phrase to be added: of the Lima Declaration and Programme of Action on industrial development and co-operation of the resolution adopted by the 7th Special Session of the UN General Assembly on International Economic Co-operation and Development.

P.3 para.17; the following phrase to be added: independent of their political, economic and social systems.

P.4 para.39, the paragraph to be completed as follows: ,..... especially through the setting up of concerted national policies.

P.5 para.40, condemn colonialism, power politics, apartheid etc. (the words "power politics" are to be added).

P.6 para.58, to be completed by the following phrase: ... to and to harmonize customs regulations.

P.7 para.66, the first line of this paragraphs to be thus completed of exploitation, the,upvaluing etc.

P.7 para.69, the first line of this paragraph to be completed thus techniques adapted to local conditions.

P.7 para.70, this paragraph to be completed by the following phrase the control of cattle diseases.

p.8 para.76, to be completed by energy and natural resources.

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P.9 para.88, to be completed by the phrase: and to realize the necessary connections between them.

P.10 para.96, to be added to the last line: and guaranteeing. This line will read thus: of an Afro-Arab agreement governing and guaranteeing investments.

P.10 para.105, to be completed by the following phrase: and the improvement of living standards in rural areas.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 23 December 1975

The General Secretariat of the
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Addis Ababa

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Document No. 2/12

26/12/75

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the Administrative Secretary-General and with reference to its note CAB/CM/70/11/86 dated 22 December 1975, has the honour to inform him that the Arab Republic of Egypt approves the Draft Declaration and Programme of Action for Afro-Arab Co-operation and has no comments to make in this connection.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its high consideration.

TO: The Administrative Secretary-General
of the Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

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Annex VIII

Embassy of the Arab Republic of Libya
Addis Ababa

Ref. 2/10/12

Date: 5/1/76

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Libya presents its compliments to the OAU General Secretariat and, with reference to its note CAB/GM/70/II/86 of 22/12/75 concerning the views of the Government of the Arab Republic of Libya on the Draft Declaration and Programme of Action for Afro-Arab Co-operation which has already been adopted by the two Afro-Arab Ministerial Committees of Twelve during their meetings held in Cairo in July 1975, has the honour to inform it that the Government of the Arab Republic of Libya approves, in principle, the above-mentioned Draft and has no comments to make and no points to add or delete except for a few remarks which the Government of the Arab Republic of Libya will make during the discussion of the Draft.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Libya avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the OAU General Secretariat, the assurance of its high consideration.

OAU General Secretariat
Addis Ababa

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No. 01538/DRE/D

Dakar, 2 January 1976

Republic of Senegal
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

To the Secretary-General of the
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

In a note verable addressed last September to all Member States of the Organization of African Unity, you attached a draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation.

While thanking you for this initiative in a field which has become so important, please find hereunder, the views and comments of the appropriate Senegalese authorities on the document:

Considered as a whole, the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation in so far as it outlines the broad outlines and various other fields for the application of this co-operation, corresponds to our views on the question.

- Regarding cultural and social co-operation, though the essential points have been correctly outlined, Senegal thinks that in the social field, it could cover the promotion of mutual assistance in the medical and health fields in the interest of the broad African and Arab masses. Similarly, an Afro-Arab body for aid to disaster stricken countries could be established to deal with natural calamities like drought, floods, famine, etc. to mitigate the sufferings of thier victims.
- With regard to the cultural field, apart from the points contained in the document, it would be necessary to foster and develop the exchange of experiences in craftsmanship, cinematography, art and literature.

- In the field of industrial development, Afro-Arab Co-operation could give special attention to the intensification of industrial research in mining, control and optimum valorization of raw materials, export development as well as the integration of sub-regional and regional policies.

In the same view, our country is of the view that for the harmonization of production, preparation of a common policy and marketing as well as the diffusion of technology, Afro-Arab product associations could be envisaged. Furthermore, an Afro-Arab industrial and mining studies and promotion Association would promote the study and realization of joint projects.

In conclusion, Senegal would once again like to express its conviction that Afro-Arab Co-operation, strengthened further every day, is a decisive factor in the fight against underdevelopment in all its forms and this, within the framework of the struggle to establish a new international economic order.

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

ASSANE SECK

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Annex X

Bujumbura, 9 January 1976

Republic of Burundi
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and Co-operation

To: The Administrative Secretary-General
Organization of African Unity
Addis Ababa

No. 518/062/A.E.

Mr. Secretary-General,

In reply to your letter under reference CAB/GM/70/II/86 of 22 December 1975, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Burundi has no special comments to make on the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation.

During previous ad-hoc meetings, it had opportunity of giving its views and comments, as member of the African Committee of Twelve entrusted with the preparation of the draft.

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

Melchior Bwakira
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Co-operation

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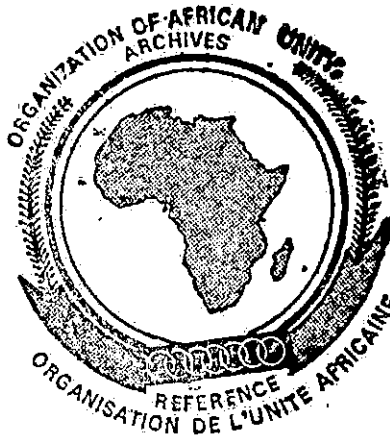
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The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of Guinea presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, P.O.Box 3243, Addis Ababa and has the honour to forward in turn, the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Afro-Arab Co-operation adopted by the joint meeting of the Afro-Arab Ministerial Committees held on 10 July 1975 in Cairo (Egypt).

The Ministry of External Affairs wishes to inform the OAU General Secretariat that consideration of that document did not give rise to comments nor observations from the appropriate Guinean authorities.

The Ministry of External Affairs, while anticipating that the hopes of the OAU General Secretariat will materialize in the very near future in the interest of the African and Arab countries, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to it, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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