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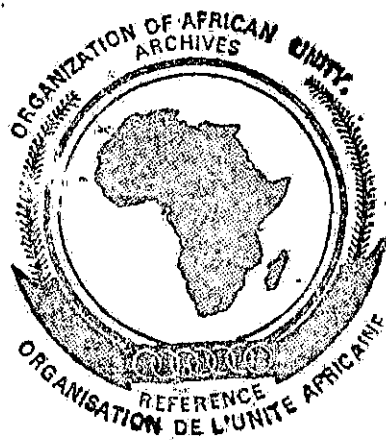
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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-AFRICAN AIRLINE



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1. By Resolution CM/Res.440(XXV) the OAU Council of Ministers meeting in its Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session in Kampala, from 18 - 25 July 1975,

- Decided that a definite schedule and a programme of action be mapped out and adhered to for the realization of an Inter-African Airline,
- Urged the Secretary-General in consultation with AFCAC and ECA to convene regional and sub-regional meetings of National Airlines and Civil Aviation Authorities and encourage them to integrate,
- Requested the Secretary-General to submit as a matter of priority a progress report on points agreed upon in the above paragraphs to the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

2. In conformity with this resolution, the General Secretariat, in October 1975, contacted Member States of the OAU to get their views on the establishment of an Inter-African Airline. The response of Member States on this matter was rather poor as only five countries (Sierra Leone, Morocco, Sudan, Arab Republic of Egypt and Burundi) have responded.

3. The Egyptian Government advocated that Civil Aviation Authorities and African Airline Companies should first of all exhaust ways and means of technical and economic co-operation among themselves before resolving to a formation of a single Continental Airline. The reply of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt is reproduced in Annex II.

4. Nevertheless, to implement this resolution, the General Secretariat intends to approach Member States once again with a view to holding the forthcoming four sub-regional meetings of National Airline Authorities scheduled as follows:

West Africa	---	to meet in Freetown.
East Africa	---	to meet in Addis Ababa
Central Africa	---	to meet in Yaoundé
North Africa	---	to meet in Algiers

5. The Council might wish to adopt a resolution:

- a) appealing to Member States to respond positively to Resolution CM/Res.440(XXV);
- b) request the General Secretariat to report on this issue to the 29th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

6. Attachments to this Document

- a) Resolution on the establishment of an Inter-African Airline - CM/Res.440(XXV)-Annex I
- b) Note Verbale No. 21/75 from the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt - Annex II

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN INTER-AFRICAN AIRLINE

The Council of Ministers of the OAU meeting in its Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda from 18 - 25 July, 1975,

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res.165(XI) on Inter-African Co-operation in Road, Rail and Maritime Transport,

Recalling that the Heads of State and Government had, in paragraph A.28 of document CM/ST(XXI), the Declaration on Co-operation, Development, Economic Independence, specifically urged inter alia the strengthening of co-operation between African Airline companies and the exchange of air traffic rights, etc.,

Acknowledging the efforts already made by AFCAC to secure the integration of African Airlines,

Reaffirming the need of an integrated continental air transport system as a vehicle for the economic and social transformation and cultural rapprochement in the continent of Africa,

Convinced that an effective airline system is an essential component in a fully integrated multimodal transport complex,

Recalling further its own Resolution CM/Res.361 (XXIII) on the Establishment of an Inter-African Airline,

1. Decides that a definite schedule and a programme of action be mapped out and adhered to for the realisation of an Inter-African Airline,
2. Urges the Secretary-General in consultation with AFCAC and ECA to convene regional and sub-regional meetings of National Airlines and Civil Aviation Authorities and encourage them to integrate,

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make full use of studies already conducted by AFCAC, ECA and OAU with a view to taking concrete action towards a practical implementation of this resolution,

4. Takes Note of the offer of the Government of Sierra Leone to host the West-African Sub-Regional Meeting of National Airlines and Civil Aviation Authorities early in 1976 and invited other Governments as observers,

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit as a matter of priority a progress report on operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Council.

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Annex II

No. 21/75

NOTE VERBALE

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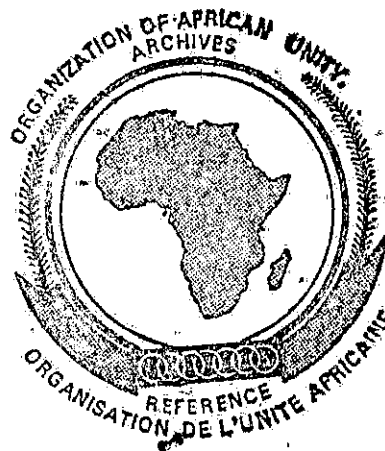
The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the OAU General Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the Secretariat's note dated 28.10.76 concerning the Establishment of an African Airline and the hosting of the meetings of Civil Aviation Authorities and Airline Companies of the Northern Sub-Region to be held in Arab Republic of Egypt during the month October 1976.

I have the honour to inform you that the concerned authorities in Arab Republic of Egypt replied as follows:-

1. As regards the drawing of a specific calendar and programme of work for the establishment of an African Airline Company, it is recommended that from the technical point of view that Civil Aviation Authorities and Airline Companies should exhaust first of all ways and means for technical and economic co-operations among themselves -- using airlines among African Airlines Companies before resolving to establish a unified African Airlines Company.
2. As regards the possibility of hosting the meetings of Civil Aviation Authorities and Airlines Companies for the States of the Northern Sub-Region in the Arab Republic of Egypt the Egyptian Authorities regret that they are not in a position to host the fore-mentioned meetings for technical and financial reasons.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to express to the OAU General Secretariat the sentiments of its highest consideration.

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