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Lesotho had asked for the inclusion on the agenda of the 25th Ordinary Session of the O.A.U Council of Ministers held in Kampala (Uganda), an item on the division of Africa into 5 regions.

In its resolution CM/Res. 427 (XXV), the Council took note, especially, of document CM/652 (XXV) relating to the proposal made by Lesotho and called on the Administrative Secretary-General to study further the question and submit a detailed report to the 26th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers.

At its meeting, held last February in Addis-Ababa, the Council, in turn, adopted resolution CM/Res.464(XXVI) recalling the deliberations of the Ninth Ordinary Session of the O.A.U Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the principle of dividing Africa into 5 regions and the provisions of resolution CM/Res.427 (XXV) dealing with the same question. This resolution stipulates, among other things:

Cognisant of the fact that there are similarities in nature and extent of certain problems facing particular regions in Africa,

Aware of O.A.U policy to encourage viable economic development projects on a regional basis,

Desirous that there shall be an equitable, geographical distribution of representation, on a regional basis, of all O.A.U member states in the UN, UN specialized Agencies, other international Organizations and O.A.U institutions,

1. TAKES NOTE of the Administrative Secretary-General's study and the replies and observations by member states to the questionnaire of the General Secretariat on this matter;

2. DECIDES THAT:

- (a) there shall be FIVE regions of the O.A.U namely, Northern, Western, Central, Eastern and Southern;
- (b) the Administrative Secretary-General establishes the composition of the above five regions in consultation with individual member states, and to submit a report to the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the O.A.U Council of Ministers.

In application of that resolution, the Secretary-General circulated a form to member states asking them to indicate the region each one would like to belong to.

The Secretariat has received very few answers.

Consequently, it has been proposed, at Table A, purely for guidance, a list of the new geographical divisions of Africa.

In this list, account has been taken of the replies received from member states.

TABLE APROPOSED 5 REGIONS OF INDEPENDANT AFRICA

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|----|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1. | <u>Northern Region</u> (6)  | 3. 6. | Gabon                      |
|    | 1. Algeria                  | 7.    | Sao Tome and<br>Principe   |
|    | 2. Libya                    | 8.    | Zaire                      |
|    | 3. Egypt                    | 9.    | Angola                     |
|    | 4. Morocco                  | 10.   | Burundi                    |
|    | 5. Tunisia                  | 11.   | Rwanda                     |
|    | 6. Sudan (as requested)     |       |                            |
| 2. | <u>Western Region</u> (16)  | 4.    | <u>Eastern Region</u> (9)  |
|    | 1. Benin                    | 1.    | Comoro                     |
|    | 2. Cape Verde               | 2.    | Ethiopia                   |
|    | 3. Gambia                   | 3.    | Kenya                      |
|    | 4. Ghana                    | 4.    | Mauritius                  |
|    | 5. Guinea                   | 5.    | Madagascar                 |
|    | 6. Guinea Bissau            | 6.    | Seychelles (28/6/76)       |
|    | 7. Ivory Coast              | 7.    | Somalia                    |
|    | 8. Liberia                  | 8.    | Tanzania                   |
|    | 9. Mali                     | 9.    | Uganda                     |
|    | 10. Niger                   | 5.    | <u>Southern Region</u> (6) |
|    | 11. Nigeria                 | 1.    | Botswana                   |
|    | 12. Togo                    | 2.    | Lesotho                    |
|    | 13. Senegal                 | 3.    | Malawi                     |
|    | 14. Sierra Leone            | 4.    | Muzambique                 |
|    | 15. Upper Volta             | 5.    | Swaziland                  |
|    | 16. Mauritania              | 6.    | Zambia                     |
| 3. | <u>Central Region</u> (11)  |       |                            |
|    | 1. Chad                     |       |                            |
|    | 2. Cameroun                 |       |                            |
|    | 3. Central African Republic |       |                            |
|    | 4. Congo                    |       |                            |
|    | 5. Equatorial Guinea        |       |                            |

TABLE B

Present 4 Regions of Independent Africa

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|---|---|
| <p>1. <u>NORTH AFRICA</u> (5)</p> <p>1. Algeria</p> <p>2. Egypt</p> <p>3. Libya</p> <p>4. Morocco</p> <p>5. Tunisia</p>   | <p>3. <u>CENTRAL AFRICA</u> (II)</p> <p>1. Angola</p> <p>2. Burundi</p> <p>3. Chad</p> <p>4. Cameroon</p> <p>5. Central A. Republic</p> <p>6. Congo</p> <p>7. Equatorial Guinea</p> <p>8. Gabon</p> <p>9. Rwanda</p> <p>10. Sao Tome Principe</p> <p>11. Zaire</p>  |
| <p>2. <u>WEST AFRICA</u> (16)</p> <p>1. Benin</p> <p>2. Cape Verde</p> <p>3. Gambia</p> <p>4. Ghana</p> <p>5. Guinea</p> <p>6. Guinea Bissau</p> <p>7. Ivory Coast</p> <p>8. Liberia</p> <p>9. Mali</p> <p>10. Mauritania</p> <p>11. Niger</p> <p>12. Nigeria</p> <p>13. Togo</p> <p>14. Senegal</p> <p>15. Sierra Leone</p> <p>16. Upper Volta</p> | <p>4. <u>EASTERN AFRICA</u> (16)</p> <p>1. Botswana</p> <p>2. Comoro</p> <p>3. Ethiopia</p> <p>4. Kenya</p> <p>5. Lesotho</p> <p>6. Madagascar</p> <p>7. Malawi</p> <p>8. Mauritius</p> <p>9. Mozambique</p> <p>10. Seychelles - 28/6/76</p> <p>11. Somalia</p> <p>12. Sudan</p> <p>13. Swaziland</p> <p>14. Tanzania</p> <p>15. Uganda</p> <p>16. Zambia</p> |



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