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ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS AND OF THE
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Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization of African Unity - Document CM/40/Rev. 1 - stipulate inter alia under Section IX (General Provisions) that the Council of Ministers shall establish a Board of Auditors consisting of six experts designated by Member Governments to perform an external audit of the accounts of the Organization and also establish an Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters. The tenure of office of both the Board of External Auditors and of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters shall be three years.

2. The Council of Ministers meeting in its Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, from 13 - 21 February, 1975,

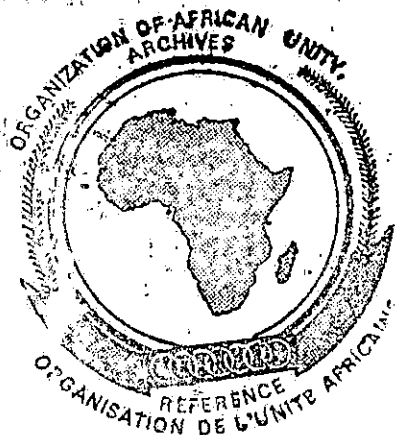
DECIDED that the following countries should serve on the various organs indicated for the period February 1975 to February 1978:-

i) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY & FINANCIAL MATTERS

Algeria	Nigeria
Cameroon	Senegal
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Ethiopia	Somalia
Gabon	Sudan
Ghana	Tanzania
Guinea	Tunisia
Kenya	Uganda
Liberia	Zaire
Libya	Zambia
Morocco	

ii) BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Burundi
Central African Empire
Lesotho
Mauritania
Niger
Upper Volta



3. The Council of Ministers meeting in its Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Session in Lome, Togo, from 21 - 28 February 1977 further decided as follows in respect of the composition of the Advisory Committee:-

"That henceforth, all the Member States represented in Addis Ababa as well as Ethiopia shall be members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters except the countries providing the OAU External Auditors;

That the Members of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters be henceforth assisted by experts from Member States, particularly, during the December Session. The Advisory Committee shall examine in detail the budgetary and financial proposals and shall submit its recommendations to the February Ordinary Session of the Council."

4. In accordance with this decision the composition of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters is now as follows:-

Cameroon	Morocco
Egypt	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Rwanda
Equatorial Guinea	Senegal
Gabon	Sierra Leone
Ghana	Somalia
Guinea	Sudan
Kenya	Tanzania
Liberia	Uganda
Libya	Zaire
Malawi	Zambia

5. The tenure of office of the Members of the two organs expires in February 1978 and the Council of Ministers meeting in its Thirtieth Ordinary Session is invited to take a decision on membership of the two organs for the three-year term beginning from February 1978 to February 1981.

6. In the consideration of the Reports of the Board of External Auditors it was evident that linguistic difficulties are encountered by Members of the Board depending on the language in which the accounts of a particular office are kept. To overcome these difficulties it is the considered view that the composition of the Board of External Auditors should be decided upon due regard being given to linguistic considerations. In the light of the proposal to establish an OAU Permanent Delegation in Cairo, it is recommended that the Board of External Auditors be composed of seven instead of six experts with linguistic considerations as follows:-

3 French Speaking
3 English Speaking
1 Arabic Speaking

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