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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY - GENERAL
ON THE LOCATION OF THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR APPLIED RESEARCH
AND TRAINING IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



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The General Secretariat of the OAU introduced Document CM/822(XXIX) entitled "Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the Second Conference of African Ministers of Social Affairs", and the report of the Joint ECA/OAU Evaluation Mission to Committee B of the OAU Council of Ministers, meeting at its Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session in Libreville, Gabon, from 23rd June to 3rd July 1977.

2. After a long debate on the subject, the Committee decided to take note of both reports introduced to it and endorsed the resolutions adopted by the Second Conference of African Ministers of Social Affairs. Concerning the Location of the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development, however, the Committee decided to refer the matter to the Plenary Session of the Council of Ministers, suggesting at the same time that a small Ministerial Committee preferably be set up by the Council to suggest a decision to be made by the Council of the matter.

3. Somehow the Plenary did not set up the Committee. Nor did it take any definitive action on the location of the Centre. Accordingly, the Council is requested to make a decision on the matter, so that the establishment of the Centre can be expedited.

ACTION REQUIRED

4. In order to assist the Council in reaching a decision on this matter with some facility, the General Secretariat sets out below three alternative actions, one of which the Council might wish to take:

- a) The Council could accept the recommendation of the joint OAU/ECA Evaluation Commission, which states as follows, "The Mission finds that the two countries of Libya and Sudan come closest to meeting fully the criteria for hosting the proposed Regional Centre. Our highest recommendation goes to Libya."
- b) In case the Council does not wish to endorse this recommendation of the Evaluation Mission, it might then set up a small Ministerial Committee to recommend for the Plenary an appropriate decision. This in fact was the recommendation of Sessional Committee "B" of the 29th Session of the Council, but as explained in paragraph 3 above, was not acted upon by the Council, due to lack of time.
- c) Finally, in case the Council does not want to take either of the first two alternative actions, it might wish instead to decide between Libya and the Sudan by a secret ballot in the Plenary.

ATTACHMENTS:

5. The following documents are attached to this report, to facilitate reference and action by the Council:

- (a) Joint OAU/ECA Evaluation Mission's Report (doc. CM/822 (XXIX) Add.1); and
- (b) Suggested draft resolution which the Council might pass as its definitive action on the matter -- Annex.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its 30th Session in Tripoli, Libya, February 20 - 28, 1978,

Having received and considered the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the location of the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development, contained in document CM/863(XXX) and the Report of the Joint OAU/ECA Evaluation Commission attached thereto,

DECIDES that the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development should be located in in.....



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This report considers the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the location of the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development in reference to the resolution endorsed by the Second Conference of African Ministers of Social Affairs during the Council of Ministers Thirtieth Ordinary Session held in Tripoli, Libya from February 21-28 in 1978

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