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I. INTRODUCTION:

This report covers the activities of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa during the period from November 1981 to May 1982.

II. PREPARATION OF THE Xth SESSION
OF SCSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The months of November and December 1981 were devoted principally to the production of the working documents of Xth Session of General Assembly. All the working documents were sent to the participants of this General Assembly.

This session which should have been held in Maputo from 19 to 22 January 1982 did not come on because of financial difficulties.

The meeting will finally be held at Yaounde at the Organisations Headquarters, probably in September 1982.

III. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU

The SCSA Executive Bureau met in Yaounde on 29 and 30 January 1982 under the chairmanship of Mr. Abraham ORDIA. It discussed several pending issues including preparations for the Xth SCSA General Assembly, SCSA's participation in the OAU Council of Ministers, the future of African Games and SCSA's financial position.

With regard to the first issue, the Bureau took the appropriate steps to ensure that the Xth General Assembly was held as early as possible.

In respect of the Thirty-eighth Session of the OAU Council of Ministers scheduled for ADDIS ABABA from 22 February to 1 March 1982, the Bureau, after making an in-depth analysis of the situation prevailing in Africa and in the world, gave the Secretary General the mandate to make a report to the Council of Ministers on the situation of African Sports by highlighting both the salient and weak points. In his report the Secretary General will present the structures, objectives, programmes and methods, in short, the new strategy formulated by the authorities of the PANAFRICAN SPORTS ORGANISATION.

The African Games originally planned for 1982 however had to be postponed due to lack of facilities, the Executive Bureau drew all the lessons from the difficulties hitherto encountered in finding an organizing country. The Bureau was of the view that the Games should be protected from the threat of gigantism, by working out an adequately flexible programme, and a financing formula that was realistic enough so as to ensure that the Games were held more regularly.

Some Members of the Bureau were asked to undertake Missions of good will to Member States with a view, to finding out their views, pursuant to the Resolution adopted on the question by the Executive Committee at its meeting held in FREETOWN.

IV.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Executive Bureau has, as you are aware, expressed concern over SCSA's financial situation which is still alarming. Indeed, contributions from member states seldom come, and if they had come, it is often after the time limit spelt out by the existing regulations.

By 31 May 1982, one month to the close of the 1981/82 financial year, we recovered only CFA 17,195,600 that is US\$ 85,978.00 out of a total outstanding contribution of CFA 202,900.000 that is US\$ 1,014,000.00. This amount represents contributions of four Member Countries out of forty eight that is about 10%.

Coupled with this is the fact that for over two years now the Council has been deprived of one of its most regular sources of income that is the OAU subvention which was stopped since after the one granted for the 1978/80 financial year.

The situation is far from being bright and is becoming increasingly alarming.

Consequently, the Executive Bureau has launched an urgent appeal to all the Presidents of the seven sports development zones to undertake a campaign to explain to and draw the attention of the political leaders of their various sectors to this crucial problem which might, if a solution is not found, paralyse SCSA's running machinery and this impede the implementation of the development payment strategy approved by SCSA policy-making bodies.

The Bureau congratulated the Secretary-General on his organizational spirit and the method he instituted within the General Secretariat, which are already bearing fruits evidenced in the preparation of the working documents and the output of the staff.

At the administrative level, the Secretariat is pursuing its action to establish the necessary mechanisms and conditions for a better management.

Thus, after recruiting senior and executive staff last year to complement the old staff, emphasis was laid on renewing or repairing old equipment and on extension works to offices which had become too small.

In fact, the old premises hardly accommodated all the offices. Consequently, the former residence of the Secretary General was transformed into Offices which are now serving as the cabinet of the SCSA's Secretary General and the Secretariat of the Association of African National Olympic Committees (AANOC).

Moreover, since September 1981, we have been working on the establishment of a Regional Information and Documentation Centre for Physical Education and Sports (CRIDEPS). This is a pilot centre which will eventually be assisted by other Centres and is designed to collect, process, manage and circulate among Member States, all technical, scientific or teaching documents likely to contribute to the development of sports.

The Centre has almost finished checking the list of its documents; cataloguing has also begun while quotations and asphaltting are yet to be done. As of now, therefore, CRIDEPS is only 20% functional and it is hoped that with the forthcoming acquisition of furniture, the Centre will become both functional and productive.

V. TRAINING

Within the context of olympic solidarity, the Association of African National Olympic Committees will organize the following three regional courses this year in close collaboration with the SCSA:

- Seminar of Sports Writers (in Senegal) from 26 to 31 July 1982).
- Course on Handball in Cameroon from 19 to 30 July 1982.
- Course on Wrestling in Morocco from 1 to 15 September 1982.

Furthermore, the UNESCO Regional Office has requested us, under contract, to organize a seminar on the training of PES teachers with the following as main theme; TOWARDS AN AFRICAN APPROACH TO THE CURRICULA OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS TEACHERS.

This project is subsequent to the recommendation of the regional meeting of experts in physical education and sports held in February 1980 in Dakar.

The seminar, to be held in Abidjan, will be attended by twelve francophone countries, namely: Benin, Cameroon, Togo, Mali, Ivory Coast, Niger, Upper Volta, Gabon, Senegal, Zaire, CAR and Congo.

Also within the framework of the Co-operation Agreement signed with the German Democratic Republic, the SCSA received three training scholarships for trainers made up as follows:

- one scholarship for Soccer
- one scholarship for Handball

- one scholarship for Athletics.

The selected candidates began their courses in Leipzig on 1st April this year. Their training will last eight months.

VI. CO-OPERATION

The ad hoc Committee of the UNESCO Inter-governmental Committee on Physical Education and Sports met in Paris from 16 to 18 December 1981. The Secretary General of the SCSA made significant contribution. It was decided, among other things, that any intervention by UNESCO or international sporting organizations should be channelled henceforth through existing continental structures.

In his capacity as Executive Committee member of the International Council for Physical Education and Sports, the SCSA Secretary General participated in the 35th Session of that Committee held from 19 to 24 February 1982 in Cairo.

In implementation of the recommendation adopted by the 9th SCSA General Assembly on assistance to Chad, appeals were made to international sporting organizations; we have since been receiving very encouraging responses: sporting equipment and scholarships have already been offered to the Republic of Chad.

The Executive Committee meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) was held from 22 to 23 March 1982 in Paris. The Secretary General of SCSA attended that meeting and on Africa's behalf, presented the 1982/84 programme of activities of the Association of African National Olympic Committees. Of all the Continents represented at that meeting, only Africa presented a written document.

A Canadian Government and Sports delegation visited Yaounde from 30 March to 5 April 1982. The delegation held important and fruitful discussions with the SCSA General Secretariat on the possibility of concluding a co-operation and technical assistance agreement with the Secretariat for the Development and Promotion of Sports in Africa. The prospects and various areas of co-operation identified will be reviewed when a delegation from the General Secretariat goes on a study tour to Canada. Furthermore, a scholarship for refresher course has been awarded to the head of the SCSA's Regional Centre for Information and Documentation on PES.

Under the esteemed patronage of the President of the Republic of Finland and under the auspices of the International Council for Physical Education and Sports and with the assistance of the Association of Advanced Schools of Physical Education, of the International Federation of Physical Education, the International Council on Hygiene, Physical Education and Recreation, of the

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