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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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⁺ Item already dealt with in February.

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19. Request for Subvention by Pan-African Youth Movement
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(LEGAL MATTERS)

22. Proposed amendments to Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers.
23. Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the proposed amendments to Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers - CM/379.
24. Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the application for Observer Status: - CM/386
- (a) Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Sciences in Africa; - CM/386/Part I
 - ✓(b) Development Consultants' Association;
 - (c) Regional Secretariat of Catholic Education for Africa and Madagascar;
 - (d) The African Society of Culture;
 - (e) All-African Cinema Union.
25. Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on Inter-African Co-operation in Legal Matters - CM/390.
26. Progress Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the regular publication of an African Yearbook of International Law - CM/391
27. Problem of Sea Bed.
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28. Dates of the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers and the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.
29. Any other business.

EXPLANATORY NOTESItem 1 (a): Election of Officers:

Reference is made to rule 11 of the Rules of procedure of the Council of Ministers.

The following representatives of Member States have already served as officers:-

First Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Senegal
	- Vice-Chairman	- Dahomey
	- Rapporteur	- Algeria
Second Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Nigeria
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Kenya
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- C.A. Republic
	- Rapporteur	- U.A.R.
Third Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- U.A.R.
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Malawi
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Ivory Coast
	- Rapporteur	- Morocco
Fourth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Kenya
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Niger
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Liberia
	- Rapporteur	- Zambia
Fifth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Ghana
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Somalia
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Cameroon
	- Rapporteur	- Gambia
Sixth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Ethiopia
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Sudan
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Sierra Leone
	- Rapporteur	- Madagascar
Seventh Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Congo (Kinsh.)
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Togo
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Uganda
	- Rapporteur	- Libya

Eighth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Liberia
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Chad
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Tanzania
	- Rapporteur	- Burundi
Ninth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Congo (Kinsh.)
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Tunisia
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Mauritania
	- 3rd Vice-Chairman	- Rwanda
	- Rapporteur	- Lesotho
Tenth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Mali
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Upper Volta
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Botswana
	- Rapporteur	- Congo (Brazz.)
Eleventh Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Algeria
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Guinea
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Zambia
	- 3rd Vice-Chairman	- Gabon
	- Rapporteur	- Kenya
Twelfth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Ethiopia
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Uganda
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Sudan
	- 3rd Vice-Chairman	- Togo
	- Rapporteur	- Congo (Brazz.)
Thirteenth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Cameroon
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Mauritania
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Gambia
	- 3rd Vice-Chairman	- Libya
	- Rapporteur	- Tanzania
Fourteenth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Upper Volta
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Gambia
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Somalia
	- 3rd Vice-Chairman	- U.A.R.
	- Rapporteur	- Chad
Fifteenth Ordinary Session	- Chairman	- Mali
	- 1st Vice-Chairman	- Nigeria
	- 2nd Vice-Chairman	- Swaziland
	- 3rd Vice-Chairman	- Congo (Brazz.)
	- Rapporteur	- Sudan

Item 1 (b): Adoption of the Agenda:

Reference is made to rules 14 and 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers.

Item 1 (c): Organization of work:

The General Secretariat would again recommend that the procedure adopted at previous sessions whereby long night sessions were avoided should be continued if possible at this present session.

Item 2: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General:

Reference is made to rule 15 (i) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers. The present report covers the period from September 1970 to February 1971.

Item 3: Arrears of Financial Contributions of Member States to the OAU Budget

The Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters discussed this matter at the Eleventh Meeting and agreed that the problem of arrears of financial contributions of Member States should be pursued until it is resolved.

The matter of arrears of contributions is also brought out in compliance with rule 18 of part IV of the Functions and Regulations of the General Secretariat.

Item 4: Consideration of Financial Report for the year 1969/70:

The 1969/70 Report is submitted in terms of rule 2 (iv) of part I of the Functions and Regulations of the General Secretariat.

Item 5: Consideration of the Report of the Board of Auditors and the comments on it by the Secretary General

Reference is made to part IX, section 4 sub section (3) of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization of African Unity.

Item 6: Report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters

Reference is made to part IX, section 4 sub section (3) of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization of African Unity.

Item 7: Request for retroactive approval of excess and unauthorized expenditure on the Budget of 1969/70

Reference is made to part IX, section 4 sub section (5) of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization of African Unity.

Item 8: Consideration of the Report on the financing of the South Africa Case

By decision the Council of Ministers undertook to take up the matter of the South West Africa Case before the International Court of Justice at the Hague. Subsequently the Ad Hoc Committee of the OAU at the United Nations^{Nations} made known, through the General Secretariat to the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters, the estimated financial implications of taking up this issue. The Advisory Committee agreed to recommend to the Council of Ministers the inclusion in the 1971/72 budget of the sum of money required to cover the costs of the "legal proceedings".

Item 9: Report on the changes in the working arrangements of the Commission of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government decided, during its Seventh Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa from 1st to 3rd September 1970, that "the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the eighteen members of the Commission shall be part time members of the Commission". Opportunity is taken on this meeting to inform the Council of Ministers of the practical states taking to implement this decision.

Item 10: Expenses arising from OAU Mission to Europe and America led by His Excellency Dr. K. D. Kaunda

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government decided, during its Seventh Session that a Mission to be sent to Western Europe and America on the matter of the "sale of arms to South Africa". This estimate of the costs of the Mission is submitted in terms of part III section 10 of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization of African Unity.

Item 11: Expenses arising from the Meeting in Lagos on 9th December 1970 in Extra-ordinary Session of the OAU Council of and the Defence Commission

In terms of rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers, the Council and the Defence Commission met in Lagos beginning on 9th December 1970 to deal with, inter alia, the matter of the attack on the Republic of Guinea. The meeting took place in Lagos at the invitation of the Federal Government of Nigeria. This estimate of the costs of this meeting is submitted in terms of part V section 6 of the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization of African Unity.

Item 12: Staff Conditions of Service

- (a) Proposal to pay gratuity to OAU political appointees
- (b) Subsistence allowances (per diem rates)
- (c) Education allowances

Reference Rapporteur's Report for the Eleventh Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters.

Item 13: OAU duty trips of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters

Authority existed only for the meeting of the costs by the Organization of one trip only in respect of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. It is now proposed that whenever the Chairman has to travel in connection with his duty as Chairman of the Advisory Committee, the Organization shall meet his travel and subsistence costs.

Item 14: Level or situation of the Working Capital Fund

This item is submitted in compliance with the stipulations of the Financial Rules and Regulations, part III, section 3 sub section (d).

Item 15: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the financial implications of the appointment of one or more African Experts in Administration to study the structure of the General Secretariat

Reference is made to the Council of Ministers' decision 117 during the Fifteenth Session.

Item 16: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the financial implications of setting up a Committee of nine Experts to submit to the Council of Ministers a draft convention or conventions on co-operation in legal matters

Reference is made to the decision of the Council of Ministers no. 127 made during the Fifteenth Session.

Item 17: Gambia's arrears of contributions to the CAU budget

Reference is made to the report of the Advisory Committee on Financial and Budgetary Matters - CM/355 paragraph 52.

Item 18: Consideration of the Draft Budget for the 1971/72 financial year

This item is introduced in terms of Rule 16 of part IV of the Functions and Regulations of the General Secretariat and of Part III, Section 1 of the Financial Rules and Regulations.

Items 19, 20, 21:

These items relate to the request of Subvention by these three Organizations. There are explanatory notes for each request.

Item 22: Proposed amendment of Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers.

During recent crisis affecting some Member States, Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers which, governing the convening of extra-ordinary sessions, has been found to be handicapping urgent action because of its rigid stipulations. This was felt particularly when equal decisions had to be made in connection with the recent attack on the Republic of Guinea. This item is introduced in terms of Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers.

Item 23: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the proposed amendment to Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers (CM/379)

Decision AHG/DEC.49/VII of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government implies that its Ordinary Sessions shall be held in June of each year instead of September. This calls for the amendment of Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Ministers. This brief report deals with the legal aspects of the amendment and the required changes in the dates of the Council meetings.

Item 24: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on applications for Observer Status (CM/386)

This report deals with applications for Observer Status by various organizations; all applications were previously presented to and considered by the Council of Ministers but deferred for further consideration to the present Session.

Item 25: Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on Inter-African Co-operation in Legal Matters (CM/390)

This item was inscribed on the Agenda of the Council of Ministers by Ethiopia during its Eighth Session. Since then the question has appeared regularly on the Agenda of the Council of Ministers. Having received communications from twenty-one Member States on this matter, the Secretariat was able to prepare a report based largely on these communications.

Item 26: Progress Report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the regular publication of an African Yearbook of International Law (CM/391)

Reference is made to Resolution CM/Res.228/XV. This is a progress report prepared in pursuance of the decision of the Council of Ministers CM/DEC.119/XIV.

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