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The Secretary General submitted the appended draft Convention to the Council in pursuance of Resolution CM/Res.236 (XXIII) of the Council of Ministers, which, by its enacting terms No.4,

DECIDED to set up a committee which would, in co-operation with the General Secretariat, the OAU Scientific Bureau and all other competent bodies, carry out detailed studies on the origin of the drought, its geographic spread and all other geo-climatic factors that may help to give a better knowledge of the phenomenon so as to be able to combat it more effectively. The Secretary-General felt that the World Meteorological Organization was precisely one of those bodies whose terms of reference and spheres of action were likely to help in giving the committee set up by the Council a better knowledge of the Phenomenon of the Drought so as to be able to combat it more effectively.

For this reason, the Secretary-General availed himself of the opportunity, during his visit to Geneva in October last, to meet with the Director-General of the World Meteorological Organization and to discuss with him the spheres of action in which co-operation between OAU and WMO could be fostered.

During this meeting, the Secretary-General and the Director-General of WMO agreed on the need to promote close co-operation between OAU and WMO both in the training of skilled African meteorological personnel and access to the competent African governmental departments specializing in meteorology, knowledge of which was of crucial importance to the economic development of the Continent.

To this end, the Secretary-General and the Director-General of WMO agreed on the need to devise a juridical framework for such co-operation in the present Convention, whose justification was, moreover, to be found in Resolution CM/Res.236(XXIII), in those of the United Nations and especially Resolution 2555(XXIV) on the implementation of the General Assembly Declaration on the granting of independence to the colonial peoples and countries by organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations family.

This Resolution recommends the establishment of a close working relationship between OAU and agencies of the United Nations family to enable these agencies to perform, diligently and effectively, the tasks entrusted to them by the United Nations General Assembly in the sphere of assistance to African Liberation Movements recognized by OAU.

Moreover, the World Meteorological Organization began consultations with OAU in February 1972 to explore ways and means of implementing Resolution 2555 of the United Nations General Assembly.

The discussions which the Secretary-General had in Geneva with the Director-General of WMO, which were followed up by the legal adviser, were, in fact, directly related to the implementation of Resolution 2555 appropriately embodied in the draft convention appended to the present introductory note.

For this reason, the Secretary-General expected the Council to devote the greatest attention to the draft being submitted to it: the Secretary-General was confident that he had been able to include in this draft the means of making full use of co-operation between OAU and WMO for the benefit of the Continent.

In so doing, the Secretary-General wished especially to draw the Council's attention to Article III of the draft, which stressed the need to develop exchanges of information in the sphere of meteorological statistics so as to obviate duplication, in order to, on the one hand, ensure a more effective dissemination of meteorological information at Continental level and, on the other, make maximum use of competent African national institutions in both the sphere of research and the training of personnel.

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

between

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

and

THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

WHEREAS the World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WMO") is recognized as the specialized agency of the United Nations concerned with the provisions of machinery for co-operation among Governments in the field of meteorology and in particular in the fulfillment of the purposes prescribed in the World Meteorological Convention - namely:

- a) the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations or other geophysical observations related to meteorology, and promoting the establishment and maintenance of meteorological centres charged with the provision of meteorological services;
- b) the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of meteorological information;
- c) the standardization of meteorological observations and ensuring the uniform publication of observations and statistics;
- d) the furtherance of the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture and other human activities;
- e) the encouragement of research and training in meteorology and assistance in co-ordinating the international aspects of such research and training.

WHEREAS the ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (hereinafter referred to as "the OAU") was established with the purpose, among others, of co-ordinating and promoting co-operation in economic matters as part of the efforts undertaken to strengthen unity among the Governments of Africa and to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa;

WHEREAS the Congress of WMO has approved the conclusion of an agreement establishing close collaboration between WMO and the OAU;

WHEREAS the Council of Ministers of the OAU has also approved the conclusion of an agreement of co-operation and collaboration between the OAU and WMO,

NOW THEREFORE WMO and the OAU have decided to conclude an Agreement for co-operation and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION

1. With a view to facilitating attainment of the objectives of WMO as set forth in its Convention and the objectives of the OAU as set forth in its Charter, WMO and the OAU agree to maintain close co-operation and to consult regularly in regard to matters of common interest.

2. Accordingly, when either organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other organization has or may have a substantial interest, it shall consult the latter organization with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their world-wide and continental responsibilities as the case may be.

ARTICLE II

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of WMO shall be invited to attend the sessions of the Economic and Social Commission as well as other relevant commissions and institutions of the OAU and, as appropriate, to participate without vote in the deliberations of such commissions or institutions with regard to items on the agenda which are of interest to WMO.

2. Representatives of the OAU shall be invited to attend the sessions of the main organs of WMO, namely the Congress, the Executive Committee, the Regional Associations and the Technical Commissions and in

particular Regional Association I (Africa) and, when necessary, the subsidiary bodies of these organs and as appropriate, to participate without vote in the deliberation of these bodies with regard to items on the agenda which are of interest to the OAU.

3. WMO and the OAU shall make all necessary arrangements to facilitate reciprocal representation of WMO and the OAU at other meetings convened under their respective auspices to consider matters of common interest.

ARTICLE III
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, WMO and the OAU shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work which may be of interest to both organizations.

2. With a view to ensuring maximum co-operation in the statistical field and minimizing the burden placed on national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected, WMO and the OAU undertake to avoid duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistical information and to consult each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the statistical field.

3. WMO and the OAU recognize that it will be necessary to apply certain restrictions for the purpose of safeguarding confidential information furnished to them. It is therefore agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish information, the dissemination of which would, in the judgement of the party presenting the information, betray the confidence of any of its Members, or of anyone from whom it has received such information, or interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.

4. WMO and the OAU shall, at the request of either organization, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either organization of any specific information that may be of interest to the other.

5. WMO and the OAU shall exchange publications of mutual interest.

ARTICLE IVCO-OPERATION BETWEEN SECRETARIATS

The Secretariat of WMO and the Secretariat of the OAU shall maintain a close working relationship on matters of common interest in pursuance of the present Agreement and in accordance with such other arrangements as may be agreed upon from time to time.

ARTICLE VADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

1. WMO and the OAU agree to consult each other, where appropriate, regarding the use of personnel, materials, services, equipment, facilities or joint undertakings of either organization in fields of common interest.
2. WMO and the OAU may make appropriate arrangements for co-operation in the use of training and research facilities and joint undertakings available to either organization for these purposes.

ARTICLE VI

Where any assistance which is requested by either organization from the other under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.

ARTICLE VII

The Secretary-General of WMO and the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the experience of the two organizations.

ARTICLE VIII

1. In accordance with its Agreement with the United Nations, WMO will inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of this Agreement.

2. On the coming into force of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, it will be communicated by WMO and the OAU to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

ARTICLE IX

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between WMO and the OAU.

ARTICLE X

WMO or the OAU may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' notice to either party.

ARTICLE XI

This Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the Secretary-General of WMO and the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU.

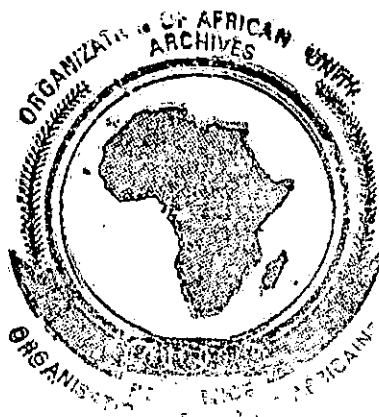
Done at on this day of Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Four.

FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF
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FOR THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION

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