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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE OAU OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU



OAU OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU

At its Twenty-Second Session in Kampala, from April 1 - 4, 1974, the Council of Ministers considered OAU's assistance to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and to that effect the Council adopted a resolution (CM/Res.334(XXII)).

In operative paragraphs 1,2,3, and 4 of the resolution the Council of Ministers decided:

1. to transform the present sub-regional office of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa in Conakry into an office for the co-ordination of aid to Guinea-Bissau;
2. to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters concerning the granting of the sum of £200,000 from the budget for the financial year 1973/74 as immediate aid to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau;
3. to pay into the special fund for assistance to Guinea-Bissau, the sum of US\$450,000 derived from the reduction made on items 200,300, 600 and 900 of the 1974/75 budget;
4. to invite the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa at its forthcoming session in Yaounde, in co-operation with the Government of Guinea-Bissau, to assess the real needs of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau as regards the consolidation of its independence and, to submit its recommendations to the twenty-third ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

The question of OAU assistance to Guinea-Bissau was again discussed by the Council of Ministers in its last session in Mogadishu. In that meeting the Council further decided by resolution 334 (XXIII) to grant the sum of one million pounds to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau for the consolidation of its independence. The Council of Ministers requested the OAU Member States to contribute to this fund in accordance with the OAU scale of assessment.

Following the recognition of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau as a full sovereign State by the OAU and as a result of the decision of the Council of Ministers in its Kampala meeting to transform the Sub-Regional Office of the Liberation Committee in Conakry into an office for the co-ordination of assistance to Guinea-Bissau, the office of the Liberation Committee in Dar-es-Salaam excluded from its Special Fund any financial provisions in its 1974/75 budget to the proposed Co-ordinating Office.

When in September 1974, the OAU Administrative Secretary-General attended the independence anniversary celebrations in Guinea-Bissau, the Secretary-General discussed with the Government of Guinea-Bissau the question of establishing the OAU Co-ordinating Office in Guinea-Bissau. The Government of Guinea-Bissau intimated to the Secretary-General that there was no need to establish the OAU Co-ordinating Office.

On his return to Addis Ababa, the Secretary-General transmitted a cable to the Government of Guinea-Bissau to confirm their decision about the office. The Government of Guinea-Bissau made its position clear in the telegram to the General Secretariat on December 10, 1974, copies of both cables are attached as annexes to this report.

The General Secretariat wishes to inform the Council that in as much as the Republic of Guinea-Bissau is now an independent country and member of both the OAU and the United Nations, the Government of Guinea-Bissau would prefer to make its aid arrangements on a bilateral basis rather than obtaining its through the OAU Co-ordinating Office.

The General Secretariat wishes to inform the Council that it will continue in its efforts to urge OAU Member States as well as the International Community to extend financial, technical and material assistance to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

The General Secretariat requests the Council to make a final decision about the closure of the Office.

8/11/74: Cabinet

MR. LUIS CABRAL
PRESIDENT OF STATE COUNCIL
GUINEA-BISSAU
C/O MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GUINEA
CONAKRY

OAU POLICY MAKING BODIES WHICH MET IN MOGADISHU
DECIDED THAT THE BUREAU OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE IN CONAKRY
BE TRANSFORMED INTO A BUREAU OF ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA BISSAU
STOP GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM US WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT
DEEMS SUCH DECISIONS TIMELY AND NECESSARY STOP IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE INFORM US IF IT IS FEASIBLE FOR OAU BUREAU OF
ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA BISSAU TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE
TERRITORY OF GUINEA-BISSAU STOP HIGH CONSIDERATION STOP

ETEKI MBOUMOUA
OAU SEC GEN

PAPA DIOUF
CHIEF OF CABINET

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H.E. WILLIAM ETEKI
OAU SECRETARY GENERAL
ADDIS ABABA
ETHIOPIA

019 HONOUR INFORM YOU THAT IN VIEW OF THE NEW SITUATION
THAT HAS ARISEN IN OUR COUNTRY COORDINATION BUREAU CONAKRY AND
KINDIA TRAINING CAMP ARE NO LONGER NEEDED STOP WE RENEW OUR
GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOTAL
LIBERATION OF OUR CONTINENT STOP

HIGH AND FRATERNAL CONSIDERATION
TRUPIN JOSEPH
SECRETARY GENERAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU

RESOLUTION ON THE OFFICE FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF AID TO
THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU

The Council of Ministers of the OAU, meeting in its Twenty-Second Ordinary Session in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 April, 1974;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Administrative Secretary-General on the situation in Guinea-Bissau and the request for financial assistance submitted by that State - document CM/552(XXII),

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters (CM/543(XXII)), the report of the OAU Defence Commission which met in Conakry and the recommendations of the 22nd Session of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa in Mogadishu,

DECIDES:

1. to transform the present sub-regional office of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa in Conakry into an office for the co-ordination of aid to Guinea-Bissau,
2. to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters concerning the granting of the sum of £200,000 from the budget for the financial year 1973/74 as immediate aid to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau;
3. to pay into the special fund for assistance to Guinea-Bissau, the sum of US\$450,000 derived from the reductions made on items 200, 300, 600 and 900 of the 1974/75 budget;
4. invites the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa at its forthcoming session in Yaounde, in co-operation with the Government of Guinea-Bissau; to assess, the real needs of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau as regards the consolidation of its independence and, to submit its recommendations to the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers and the Eleventh Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

RESOLUTION ON OAU ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU

The Council of Ministers, meeting in its Twenty-Third Ordinary Session in Mogadishu, from 6 to 11 June 1974,

HAVING CONSIDERED Document CM/582 on OAU assistance to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau submitted by the OAU General Secretariat;

HAVING HEARD THE statement of the representative of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on the felt needs of that country for the consolidation of its independence;

RECALLING Document CM/582(XXII) of the Twenty-Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers in Karala;

1. TAKES NOTE of the statement of the representative of Guinea-Bissau and decides to grant the sum of one million pounds sterling to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau for the consolidation of its independence;
2. REQUESTS the OAU General Secretariat to work out, the contribution of all Member States in accordance with the OAU scale of assessment and inform them of the size of their contributions;
3. URGENTLY APPEALS to Member States to make this sum available, as soon as possible, to Guinea-Bissau through the OAU General Secretariat.



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