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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PERMANENT O.A.U. HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS.



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At the Seventh Session of the Council of Ministers held in Addis Ababa, in October/November, 1966, Resolution CM/Res.89/Rev.1 was adopted after a lengthy discussion of the Administrative Secretary-General's Report on this subject. The present brief report is merely intended to acquaint Member States of the progress attained so far in the implementation of the resolution.

2. So far, three countries have nominated experts to serve on the two commissions set up by the Council of Ministers. Ethiopia nominated three persons, two of them experts in architecture and Civil Engineering and one is an expert in Finance. The Republic of Tunisia has nominated two persons, one is an expert in architecture and the other an expert in Finance. The U.A.R. has also nominated two persons, one an Engineering expert and the other a financial expert. The Kingdom of Morocco has promised to nominate two persons.

3. It can, therefore, be seen from the preceding paragraph that further nominations of experts to serve on the two Commissions are still required to enable the Secretariat to convene the first meeting of the two Commissions.

4. In reporting the progress so far achieved in the implementation of this resolution, it is necessary to point out some financial problems that will inevitably confront the Secretariat in convening the meetings of the two Commissions. It is obvious that the resolution is silent on the question of expenditure on the meetings of the Commissions although one can assume, by the wording of the resolution, that the Member States making available the experts will bear the responsibility for remunerating them not only for their services as members of the Commission but also

for their travelling and accommodation expenses in the course of the Commissions' business. If these parts of the expenditure are taken care of by the Member States supplying the experts, it is reasonable to assume that the secretarial services for the meetings of the Commissions will be provided by the General Secretariat. If this is the case, the Council of Ministers is requested to authorize the Secretariat to make a provision for the servicing of the two Commissions meeting in the next budget for 1968/69 financial year. On the other hand, if it is required that the Commission should commence functioning immediately after nomination had been received from the fifth member state, then the Council is requested to authorize the Secretariat to organize the meetings of the Commissions during the current financial year and submit a report thereon at the next budget meeting of the Council of Ministers.

5. Resolution CM/Res.89/Rev.1 is attached as an Appendix to this Report.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Seventh Ordinary Session
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RESOLUTION ON THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE OAU

The Council of Ministers meeting at its Seventh Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 31 October to 6 November 1966;

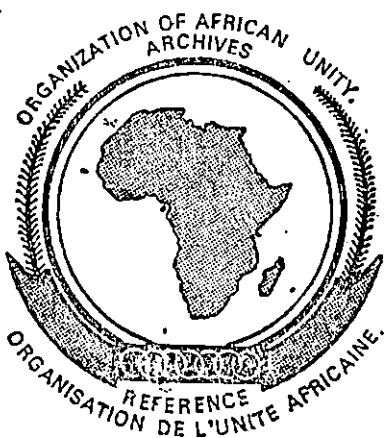
Considering resolution CM/Res.60 instructing the Administrative Secretary-General to investigate and undertake any necessary preliminary negotiations regarding the construction of a building which would house the permanent headquarters of the OAU;

Considering report CM/124 of the Administrative Secretary-General on this matter;

Expresses its thanks and gratitude to His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, for his gracious offer of a site at Addis Ababa to be set aside for the erection of the proposed building, and for all the facilities extended to the General Secretariat for its temporary quarters:

DECIDES

1. To set up a joint commission consisting of five architects and engineers made available by five Member States with instructions to make a technical study of the proposed building;
2. To set up a commission of five financial experts made available by five Member States with instructions to undertake a budgetary study of the project for the purpose of determining the size of the project, bearing in mind the budgetary capacities of Member States, and also methods of financing the project;
3. Pending the submission of the reports of these two commissions at the next Assembly of Heads of State and Government, the Administrative Secretary-General is authorized;
 - (a) to complete the necessary formalities for accepting the site offered by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia.



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