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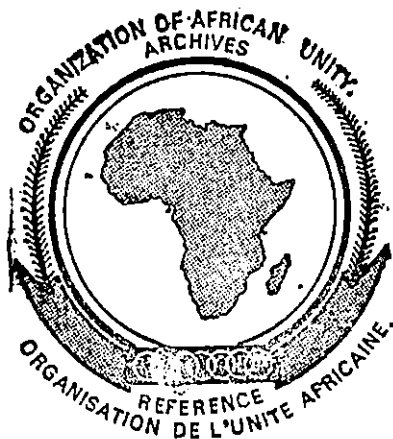
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REQUESTS FOR AUTHORITY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDI-
TURE FOR THE 1967/1968 FINANCIAL YEAR



REQUESTS FOR AUTHORITY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE FOR THE 1967/1968 FINANCIAL YEAR(a) Participation in meetings agreed upon by the O.A.U.

No.	Conference or Meeting	Venue	Duration	Number of OAU Personnel Participating	Per Diem	Transport Expenses	Sundry	Total
1.	Interim meeting of West African Council of Ministers	Monrovia	18 days	2	1,260	1,819.60		3,079.60
2.	Meeting of 14 Heads of State of West Africa in April 1968 (Preliminary meeting to Summit)	Monrovia	10 days	3	950	2,447.40		3,397.40
3.	Maghreb Meeting	Tunis	7 days	1	280	803.40		1,083.40
4.	Meeting of the East African Economic Community	Arusha	7 days	1	280	373.00		653.00
5.	UDEAC Meeting	Bangui	7 days	1	280	1,162.30		1,442.30
6.	Joint UNESCO/OAU Meeting on Education in Africa	Nairobi	14 days	This is a meeting to be jointly sponsored by UNESCO and OAU. The amount requested represents the contribution of OAU. UNESCO will meet the bulk of the costs.				15,000.00

(b) OAU Bulletin and re-publishing of basic documentation and various OAU publications

1. OAU Bulletin	15,000.00
2. Republishing basic documents and various OAU publications	3,000.00

(c) Extraordinary and unforeseen Expenditure

Global sum	5,000.00
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TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE REQUESTED47,655.70

Explanatory Note

The provisions, requested under numbers 1 to 5, are designed to meet expenditures arising out of the implementation of resolutions adopted, at the recommendations of the Council, by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its fourth session held in Kinshasa in September, 1967.

There are two such resolutions (CM/Res. 123 (IX) and CM/125 (IX)) both of which require the Administrative Secretary-General to facilitate inter-African co-operation at both regional and sub-regional levels; co-operation, henceforward considered an important step on the path to African unity, as defined in the Charter of the OAU. Attached hereto, as an Annex to this note, are the two above-mentioned resolutions.

Resolution CM/Res.123 (IX) specifies in the last operative paragraph and I quote: "Invites the Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU to take all appropriate measures to study the conditions for establishing an inter-African market and submit a report on the results of this study to the next session of the Council of Ministers."

As regards the second resolution which deals with regional economic groupings, the second operative paragraph invites OAU Member-States to promote their co-operation in this field through the medium of the Administrative Secretary-General.

While no budgetary provision was foreseen at Kinshasa for the implementation of these resolutions, both of which are of such cardinal importance, the General Secretariat has done its utmost, within the limits of the means at its disposal, to concretely manifest its interest in this regard at all regional or sub-regional meetings; meetings which it has encouraged to the maximum (Maghreb, East African, Central African and West African.)

Nevertheless, requests for assistance, at present pending in our Secretariat in this field, cannot be satisfied for lack of the required budgetary provisions. It is in order to remedy this situation that additional credits are

being requested for the current financial year. If agreed upon, they will enable the General Secretariat to meet one of the important obligations arising out of the basic decisions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government which met at Kinshasa.

Rejection of these credits, on the other hand, will, to the detriment of the OAU, condemn the General Secretariat to inaction in this field which is unquestionably one of the most dynamic and effective means towards inter-African co-operation.

As regards the joint UNESCO/OAU meeting, initially scheduled for Nairobi in March 1968, but which will probably be postponed to a later date, it should be recalled that this was unanimously agreed upon by UNESCO's General Assembly, at the initiative of all the African Ministers of Education. This decision by UNESCO has since been ratified by the last Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government at the favourable recommendation of the Council of Ministers (Document CM/Res.111 (IX), a copy of which is attached.) Nevertheless the recommendation for the sum of US.\$15,000.00 made by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters, as the OAU's contribution to this important conference, was not endorsed by the Ninth Session of the Council of Ministers held at Kinshasa and which globally abstained from voting on any budgetary proposals by the Advisory Committee. The proposal is designed to close this gap.

Furthermore, the necessity is being increasingly felt of the need to publish an OAU bulletin. During their contacts with African authorities, be it in Addis Ababa or in the various capitals, the responsible officers in the General Secretariat, and more particularly the Administrative Secretary-General, have been faced with urgent requests from African leaders, who very justifiably want to receive regularly, detailed and objective information on the activities and life of the Organization of African Unity.



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An Organization like ours cannot, without badly failing in its task, do without a regular organ of contact, with on the one hand its Member States themselves, and on the other with the various Organizations and Institutions with which it must co-operate at African and international level.

The very fact that all regional organizations of the world, and most sub-regional organizations of any importance, regularly publish a bulletin of their basic activities, makes it unnecessary to have to stress further the imperative necessity for an OAU bulletin.

Likewise, the Charter of the Organization, the Protocol of the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration, the Regulations and Functions of the General Secretariat, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Heads of State and Council of Ministers and the Specialized Commissions and finally the various resolutions and basic documentation of the various political bodies of the OAU have, in the past from time to time, been subject to edition for use by the Governments of Member States, by delegates to the various OAU Conferences and for the day to day use of the staff of the General Secretariat. These various editions are now exhausted. For quite a few months it has been not only impossible to satisfy requests by Universities, libraries and other major institutions which, both within and without Africa, ensure direct radiation and dissemination of the OAU's activities by making such publications more easily accessible; but even the numerous requests from Member States of the Organization. This is a situation which cannot be allowed to continue without great harm to everyone. It is in order to cope with this situation that supplementary provisions for this purpose are being submitted for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Financial Matters and the decision of the Council of Ministers.

Finally, the experience of the last few years in the life of the OAU has proved that however meticulously the budget may be drawn up, unavoidable and unforeseen events do take place, requiring extraordinary expenditure which the

Organization cannot elude. That is, besides a reality which any Government and any organization is called upon to meet and to overcome by suitable provisions like the ones which the General Secretariat is submitting to the Advisory Committee, and for approval by the Council of Ministers.

The total sum of these credits being applied for cannot obviously be estimated with complete exactitude. It is for this very reason that the General Secretariat has satisfied itself with listing a relatively modest figure, albeit substantial enough to meet any urgent eventuality likely to arise between Council of Ministers' sessions. Moreover, the General Secretariat is proposing to the Advisory Committee henceforth to include regularly a special budget provisions in every OAU budget in order to meet any extraordinary and unforeseeable expenditure. If the Committee accepts this proposal, a suitable provision should be added to the 1968/1969 draft budget already considered by the Advisory Committee.

General Remarks

Taking into account the relative modesty of the provisions requested, the General Secretariat suggests to the Advisory Committee and the Council of Ministers that it would be timely to authorise expenditure of the provisions foreseen under the savings to the current budget in force as decided upon by the Ninth Session of the Council of Ministers.

The total credits requested amounting to US.\$46,215.40, it would be a very easy matter to authorise these against the theoretical savings of US.\$189,400.00 decided upon by the Council. This method will have the advantage of avoiding a vote, which in this particular case would be needless, on a supplementary budget which might entail requests for further contributions by Member States.

In conclusion, the General Secretariat requests authority from the Council of Ministers to cover the above expenditure from the savings resulting from administration of the current 1967/1968 budget.

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