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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GENERAL

ON THE

DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNDP AND OAU

1. As part of the implementation of the Declaration of 15 December 1960 on the granting of independence to colonial territories and peoples, and in accordance with its recognition of the legitimacy of the liberation struggle, the United Nations General Assembly, at its 24th and 25th ordinary sessions, adopted resolutions inviting all the United Nations specialized agencies, to take the necessary steps, within their individual spheres of competence, to implement in full the provisions of the relevant resolutions on assistance to national liberation movements, refugees and other victims of colonial exploitation and racial oppression.
2. Similarly, the General Assembly recommended other United Nations Organizations, especially the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), with due regard to the suggestions made in the various reports of the Secretary General on this item, to take steps in their respective field of competence to increase their assistance to victims of colonialism and racialism in Africa, particularly by assisting the Governments concerned to draw up and implement projects designed to further the interests of the victims mentioned earlier and to make the procedures relating to them as flexible as possible.
3. Finally, in its resolutions, the General Assembly appealed to the United Nations specialized agencies, to draw up through the Organization of African Unity, and with its active co-operation as well as with the co-operation of national liberation movements, practical programmes of assistance to the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and the peoples of the territories under Portuguese domination.
4. Since the adoption of these important resolutions, the Organization of African Unity Administrative Secretary General invited the United Nations specialized agencies, especially UNESCO, FAO, WHO, UNICEF, ILO and IMCO, to send representatives first to the Organization of African Unity headquarters at Addis Ababa, and later to Dar-es-Salaam

and Lusaka, to examine with the senior officials of the General Secretariat, the Executive Secretariat of the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa and the senior officials of the liberation movements, practical ways and means of implementing the above United Nations resolutions.

5. Thus, after the missions carried out in the three towns just mentioned UNESCO, in close co-operation with the Organization of African Unity General Secretariat, the Executive Secretariat of the Liberation Committee and the leaders of liberation movements, drew up a practical programme of assistance in the interest of the movements of Mozambique and the refugees of that territory, of Angola and Guinea Bissao, in the field of education. The overall estimate was in the region of US\$ US\$2,000,000.

6. As UNESCO is in a position to finance this programme only up to US\$40,000 from its regular budget, it approached UNDP for the necessary additional finance. After due deliberation, UNDP suggested a financial outlay of some US\$500,000 and made practical recommendations regarding the appropriate procedure to be followed to procure these funds. Taking advantage of his visit to New York, the Organization of African Unity Administrative Secretary General, with the full co-operation of the United Nations Secretary General, held a number of working sessions with the UNDP Administrator and his collaborators. At the end of these working sessions, the Administrative Secretary General was requested to submit a request to UNDP, backed by the Governments of Tanzania, Zambia and Guinea, which would be responsible for housing the UNESCO educational projects for which UNDP was being requested to provide finance.

7. More than this, it became necessary to conclude a conventional agreement for co-operation between the UNDP Administrator and the OAU Administrative Secretary General, to render possible not only the financing of the UNESCO project, but also the financing of the many other projects which the various specialized agencies and other United Nations organizations would most certainly submit to UNDP for financing projects for implementing General Assembly resolutions on assistance to liberation movements to African refugees and other victims of colonialism and racism in Africa.

8. In this context a general agreement, the terms of which are attached hereto, was discussed and approved. This document, once approved by the appropriate UNDP and OAU bodies, would in future make it possible to finance normally all the projects prepared, in order to implement the General Assembly resolution on assistance to African liberation movements. Incidentally, it would also make it possible for UNDP to help OAU in implementing its technical and vocational (professional) training programme for General Secretariat staff, and for considering the OAU regional and sub-regional projects prepared as part of its policy of intra-African co-operation.

9. Already, pending the signing of this agreement, UNDP proposes to allocate a sum of US\$50,000 a year, to the vocational (professional) and technical training of General Secretariat officials. In addition, UNDP is at present examining ways and means of releasing the necessary resources for financing centres of excellence in Africa; grain reserve depots in the interest of East African States, a study on animal production and, finally, a number of other projects now being prepared by the Organization of African Unity.

10. The text of the draft agreement between UNDP and OAU should be submitted by UNDP to the Governing Council during its January 1972 session.

11. The Organization of African Unity Administrative Secretary General, for his part, is submitting this text for the ruling of the present Council of Ministers, and would like to point out that, quite apart from its advantages for the Organization of African Unity, it does not place any additional charge on the Organization; on the contrary, it is a very necessary instrument for putting into effect OAU initiatives as regards decolonization, the fight against racial discrimination and for economic, social and cultural development. In addition, this project will make it possible to secure material assistance, without any counterpart obligations, for improving the professional standard of the General Secretariat Staff, in the best interest of our Organization.

12. Finally, it is worth pointing out that this agreement is in every respect comparable to those which, on the instructions of the Council of Ministers, the Administrative Secretary General signed successively, in the field of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity. These agreements have been the subject of a number of decisions reached by the Summit Conference of our Organization, with practically all the United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, and have already been signed with the United Nations Secretary General, the ECA, UNESCO, ILO, IFAO, WHO, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Atomic Energy Agency. Similar draft agreements are being studied with ADB and IMCO.

13. In view of the foregoing, the Administrative Secretary General would respectfully urge the Council to give its approval to the text attached hereto. The agreement is bound to have the effect of making it possible for him to put co-operation between UNDP and OAU on an institutional basis, in the interest of OAU in general and, in particular, of the victims of colonial exploitation and racial oppression in Africa.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to convey to you the following message from Mr. Doo Kingue, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa of the UNDP.

UNDP Governing Council adopted today following resolution on cooperation between OAU and UNDP "the Governing Council authorizes the Administrator to conclude an agreement with the Secretary General of the OAU on the lines set out in document DP.L/214". Look forward hearing from you on outcome February Meeting Foreign Ministers of OAU on this subject. Regards.

The recommendation of the Administrator to the Governing Council contained in Document DP.L/214 proposes that the Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement for mutual co-operation with the Administrative Secretary General of the OAU. Such an Agreement would include the following broad provisions:

- (i) General co-operation on questions of common interests;
- (ii) Exchange of information and documents;
- (iii) Reciprocal representation at meetings;
- (iv) Mutual co-operation on specific matters.

H.E. Mr. Diallo Telli
Administrative Secretary General
OAU
Addis Ababa

Three types of co-operation are envisaged on the part of UNDP:

(a) Co-operation at the level of technical assistance to the OAU Headquarters staff involving training, provision of fellowships and equipment, with a financial ceiling of \$50,000 a year. The cost of such assistance will be counted against the regional indicative planning figure for Africa;

(b) There may be larger projects emanating from decisions of the OAU involving intercountry, subregional or regional co-operation. Such project may be of the large-scale type (formerly Special Fund type projects). In all such cases the request for UNDP assistance will have to be sponsored by at least two Governments, including the Government of the host country, and the interested Government or Governments should be willing to assume the normal counterpart responsibilities in respect of the provision of land, buildings, administrative support and other facilities, counterpart personnel, etc.;

(c) There may also be programmes involving assistance such as the provision of educational facilities for persons displaced from African territories under colonial rule or subject to racial discrimination. In all such cases, again the request would have to be sponsored by the interested Governments which will also have to assume all counterpart obligations.

In the case of (b) and (c) the assistance provided will have to be counted against the indicative planning figure for the region as appropriate and as mutually agreed upon.

It is understood that eventual UNDP assistance to OAU should be channelled through UNDP Participating and Executing Agencies.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

W. Kouwenhoven

Resident Representative a.i.

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