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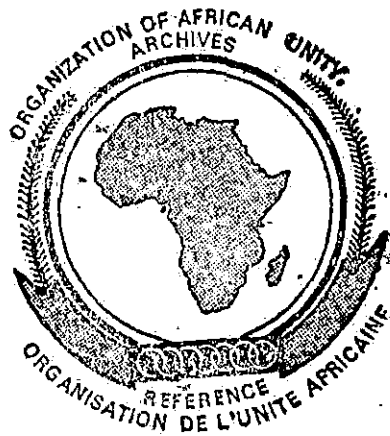
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REQUEST FOR SUBVENTION

for the 1976/1977 Financial Year



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Embassy of the United Republic of Cameroon

Addis Ababa, 16 February, 1976

Ref. No. 34/76/NV/ACE

The Embassy of the United Republic of Cameroon presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to forward herewith an application Reference No. 2834 of 6 February 1976 for the renewal of subvention to the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC).

The Embassy of the United Republic of Cameroon avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, the assurance of its highest consideration.

General Secretariat  
Organization of African Unity  
Addis Ababa

UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE

International Relations Institute of Cameroon

SEF/CMN

Ref. No. 2834 A

The Secretary-General  
Organization of African Unity  
Addis Ababa

c/o H.E. The Minister of Foreign Affairs  
YAOUNDE

SUBJECT: OAU Subvention to the IRIC for the 1975/76 Financial  
Year.

Mr. Secretary-General

I have the honour to append hereto a note on the **funding** of fellowships for students and trainees admitted to the IRIC for the 1975/76 academic year.

Out of the 71 trainees and students, 32 are sponsored either by their home governments or by an international organization. For the remaining 39, the IRIC has to raise 12,820,000 Francs to finance their fellowships alone and is depending in particular, on the OAU contribution which so far amounts to US.\$20,000.00; about 4,000,000 Francs CFA.

You will find appended hereto the list of students and trainees by country admitted to the IRIC this year.

Hoping that you will receive this note in due time, please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Secretary-General

(Signed)

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Note 2834

On the Financing of Scholarship Funds for  
Students and Trainees admitted to the IRIC  
1975-1976

Out of the 73 students and trainees registered at the IRIC for the academic year 1975/1976, two are free auditors from non-African countries.

Following is the distribution, for the Africans, according to program and country of origin.

No.	Country	Consular Course	Diplomatic Course	3rd Level		Total
				1st Yr.	2nd Yr	
1	Algeria	1				1
2	Angola		1			1
3	Benin	1	3		2	6
4	Burundi			2		2
5	Cameroon	9		5	6	20
6	Central African Republic	1	2			3
7	Gabon	1	1			2
8	Ghana		2			2
9	Liberia	1	1			2
10	Madagascar	4			1	5
11	Mali		1			1
12	Niger	3	3			6
13	Rwanda			1		1
14	Sudan	1				1
15	Tanzania		1	1		2
16	Chad	4	4		1	9
17	Togo	1	1			2
18	Upper Volta				1	1
19	Zaire	1	1	1		3
20	Zambia	1				1

Concerning the financing of the 71 scholarships, the Government of Cameroon is paying all the expenses of its 20 students and trainees, while other countries, namely, Burundi, Niger and Chad have given scholarships to some of their nationals. Furthermore, two trainees in diplomacy from Benin have scholarships from the Agency of Cultural and Technical Co-operation (Paris); the Angolan trainee in diplomacy is sponsored by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

For this category of scholarship holders, the present situation is as follows:-

Source of Scholarship	Consular Course	Diplomatic Course	3rd Level		Total
			1st Yr	2nd Yr.	
Cameroon	9		5	6	20
Burundi			1		1
Niger	2		1		3
Chad	2	3	3		
ACTC		2			
UNHCR		1			1
	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>32</u>

It is thus upto the IRIC to find funds to finance the scholarships of the 39 students and trainees who are not sponsored by their respective governments. The amount needed is 12,980,000 (twelve million nine hundred and eighty thousand) CFA francs, broken down as follows:

16	Consular trainees 35,000 francs per month for 5 months .....	2,800,000 francs
15	Diplomatic trainees 40,000 francs per month for 10 months .....	6,000,000 francs
3	3rd level students 1st year 40,000 per month for 12 months .....	1,440,000 francs
5	3rd level students 2nd year 43,000 per month for 12 months .....	2,580,000 francs
		<u>12,820,000 francs</u>

The subvention given to the IRIC by the Organization of African Unity, of which a first installment of US.\$ 10,000 (that is 2,171,787; two million one hundred and seventy one thousand seven hundred eighty seven francs CGA) has been made, will be used to pay a part of these scholarships. The second instalment of US.\$ 10,000 which has just been received and is to be cashed, should amount to two million (2,000,000) CFA francs after it is converted.

It is to be noted that in order to be more useful a subvention for the students and trainees of the Institute should cover not only the scholarships, but also certain expenses of a social order (medical expenses, running of mess hall, sports and recreational activities etc.) as well as transport expenses on arrival and departure and during study tours.

YAOUNDE, 6 February, 1976

The Secretary-General

(Signed)

S. E. Fonderson

On 12 June, 1974, during the Mogadishu Summit, the Organization of African Unity granted Observer Status to the International Relations Institute of Cameroon.

In so doing, it recognized and endorsed the Pan-African vocation of that international institution while, at the same time, calling upon it to pursue its activities which are in conformity with OAU objectives as laid down in the Charter.

Through its training programme, IRIC helps provide all the African States with cadres specialized in International Relations who could serve as either diplomats or international civil servants.

Through its research programmes, Seminars and Conferences, IRIC supports the efforts and action of the Pan-African Organization with a view to working out an African plan of action at international level so as to develop a truly African ideal in international relations.

The pursuit of these activities calls for increased financial resources which cannot be provided by a single State. The OAU, which is well aware of this, granted IRIC a subvention of US.\$ 20,000 for the 1975/76 financial year. The report on how this sum was employed may be found in the attached Note No.2834/IRIC

This note reveals that out of 71 students and trainees admitted to IRIC during the current year, only 32 hold scholarship from either their governments or an International Organization.

It is upto IRIC to find external funding sources for the scholarships of the remaining 39.

For this reason, and also because of the decrease in contributions by foreign organizations, IRIC is naturally turning to the OAU for a substantial subvention. This subvention is all the more vital that there is an increasing flow of applications from the African States.



To enable the Organization to assess IRIC's requirements for the 1976/77 financial year, the following estimates are given for training and research programmes alone.

A. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

1. Number of students expected during 1976/77

By selecting the smallest possible number of candidates for the coming academic year, IRIC intends to maintain the same number of students as for the current year, namely 70. Their distribution and per diem are calculated as follows:

a)	5 months Consular Course	
	29 candidates at 35,000 F/month/person ...	5,075,000
b)	10 month Diplomatic Course	
	18 candidates at 40,000 F/month/person ...	7,200,000
c)	3rd level (12 months)	
	1st yr. 12 candidates at 40,000 F	
	month/person .....	5,760,000
	2nd yr. 13 candidates at 43,000 F	
	month/person .....	6,708,000
		<u>24,743,000 F.</u>
2.	Partial Contribution to operational costs	6,000,000
3.	Study tours expenses varying according to the countries to be visited.....	
4.	Round trips .....	8,000,000
5.	<u>Salaries of Lecturers</u>	

It is becoming increasingly necessary to have permanent African teachers and to develop the system of visiting lecturers, especially for international civil servants and African diplomats who come over to lecture on practical and specific subjects. This would help lessen the vertical (Europe-Africa) relations at academic level and intensify contacts between African institutions. It should be stressed that IRIC now maintains relations with the Association of African Universities, and contacts are being established with the Nairobi diplomatic training programme headed by Dr. UCHE as well as with the Department of Political Science of Cairo University headed by Professor BOUTROS Ghali.

Contribution to educational expenses is fixed at CFA.F. 7,000,000.

B. PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH AND SEMINARS

IRIC intends to organize its annual international seminar in September, 1976. The subject is to be: "The African Diplomat: his role in developing the principles and standards of African Unity".

In the light of experience acquired in the organization of previous seminars, the cost of such a meeting by limiting the expenses to the strict minimum may be set at roughly CFA.F. 7.5 million Roneo typed Publication of the conclusions amounts to CFA.F. 800,000.

To sum up, the list of IRIC requirements may be calculated as follows:

1. Scholarships for 70 students .....	24,743,000
2. Round Trip .....	8,000,000
3. Contribution to operational costs .....	6,000,000
4. Study tours	
5. Salaries of Lecturers .....	7,000,000
6. Research and Seminar Programme .....	8,300,000
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TOTAL .....	CFA.F. 54,043,000
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(fifty four million forty three thousand CFA. Francs)

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