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OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ECA

(Note by the secretariat of the Commission)

This document should be consulted together with the report on the first Meeting of the Executive Committee of ECA (E/CN.14/ECO/11) and the document entitled "Summary of recommendations contained in the report on the first Meeting of the Executive Committee of ECA" (E/CN.14/ECO/INF.5).

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Introduction

Paragraph 4

- (a) In consultation with the Rapporteur of the Commission, it was agreed to invite UNDP to attend future meetings of the Executive Committee of ECA. An invitation was therefore sent to UNDP to attend the second meeting of the Executive Committee (secretariat's letter of 23 September 1969 to Mr. R. Coomaraswamy, Assistant Administrator and Director, UNDP, New York).
- (b) An invitation to the second meeting of the Executive Committee was sent to the Administrative Secretary-General of OAU (secretariat's letter of 19 September 1969, ref. ORG 120/3).

Paragraph 10

A request was made to Headquarters for a grant of US\$9,900 for the financing of the second meeting of the Executive Committee at Addis Ababa (letter of 9 September 1969 to Mr. Kirkbride, Director, Budget Division, New York).

Paragraph 11

The Chairman's letter of 5 July 1969 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations is contained in Annex V to the memorandum submitted by the Executive Committee for consideration by the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council (document E/CN.14/ECO/10).

Paragraph 13

Report submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (forty-seventh session, Geneva, 14 July - 8 August 1969) in the form of a memorandum (E/CN.14/ECO/10). This document was circulated to all member States of the Commission (letter of July 1969, ref. ORG 120/3).

Paragraphs 15 and 16

OAU: On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Rapporteur of the Commission submitted two memoranda on ECA to the thirteenth ordinary session of the OAU Council of Ministers. These two documents and copies of the Rapporteur's covering letter to the OAU General Secretariat were sent to all members of the Executive Committee for their information (letter of 19 September 1969, ref. ORG 120/3). A resolution was unanimously adopted by the OAU Council of Ministers and endorsed by the Heads of State and Government [CM/Res. 191(XIII)].

Paragraph 17

Resolutions on ECA adopted by the Economic and Social Council [1440(XLVII), 1442(XLVII) and OAU (CM/Res. 191(XIII))] were sent to all members of the Executive Committee and to all member States of ECA, for their information.

Interpretation and implementation of the resolutions of the ninth session and the tenth anniversary of the Commission

Agenda item 1(b)

Paragraph 19

Resolution 1442(XLVII) of the Economic and Social Council reflects the Commission's desire to see ECA participate effectively in the operation of any arrangement that might be established for the formulation of the policy to be followed and the preparation and evaluation of development plans under the second United Nations Development Decade.

Paragraph 22

Two members of the Executive Committee have been affected by reshuffles in their countries. The government of one of the countries has communicated to the secretariat the name of its accredited representative. In the second case, the secretariat has reminded the government concerned of the need to nominate a new representative.

The Executive Committee deplored the tragic death of one of its members, the late Tom Mboya, Kenya's Minister of Economic Planning and Development. The Kenyan Government has informed the secretariat of the appointment of a new Minister of Economic Planning and Development in the person of Mr. Odero Jowi, the present Minister of Planning. The secretariat has invited the new Minister to participate in the work of the second meeting of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 23

The secretariat took note of this suggestion, as evidenced by the list of participants in Annex II to the report of the first Meeting of the Executive Committee (E/CN.14/456).

Paragraph 24

The Executive Committee was represented at the forty-seventh session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council by:

- the Chairman and the Rapporteur of the session.

Furthermore, the Chairman had the privilege of addressing the Council and submitted to it the Executive Committee's memorandum adopted at the end of its first Meeting.

Arrangements and procedure for establishing working relations or effective contact between the Executive Committee and various organizations

Agenda item 2(a)

Paragraph 26

The Cabinet Office of the Executive Secretary and the secretariat of the Commission will serve as the administrative secretariat of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 27

The secretariat of the Commission kept members of the Executive Committee informed of Economic and Social Council and OAU follow-up action on resolutions adopted by the Commission at its ninth session (letter of

19 September 1969, ref. ORG 120/3). The September 1969 issue of the ECA quarterly magazine "African Target", containing information on the first Meeting of the ECA Executive Committee and other secretariat activities, was circulated to all member States and other parties concerned.

Paragraph 28

The second meeting of the Executive Committee was fixed bearing in mind the FAO meeting scheduled to be held in Rome in November 1969 as well as the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Paragraph 29

Meetings of the Executive Committee and Technical Committee of Experts will always take place at Addis Ababa, the Commission's headquarters.

Paragraph 30

The report of the second meeting will take into consideration the recommendations adopted by the Executive Committee at its first Meeting.

Paragraph 32

The secretariat has sent the member States of the Commission the report on the first Meeting of the Executive Committee as well as the relevant documents prepared by the Rapporteur (Memos 1 and 2 of the Executive Committee to the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity).

Paragraph 33

The Rapporteur and some members of the Executive Committee attended the thirteenth ordinary session of the OAU Council of Ministers, held in August 1969, and the sixth summit meeting of Heads of State and Government. Memo 1 presented by the Rapporteur dealt with the Committee's activities and the deliberations of the ninth session, with special reference to the four commemorative resolutions.

Finalizing of procedure for the regular submission of reports on ECA activities for consideration by African Heads of State and Government

Agenda item 2(b)

Paragraphs 42, 43 and 44

The secretariat assisted the Rapporteur in drafting Memos 1 and 2 which he submitted to the OAU policy-making bodies.

Arrangements and procedure for briefing African members of the Economic and Social Council and African Governments on the activities of the Commission before the sessions of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations General Assembly

Agenda item 2(c)

Paragraph 45

The document of the Executive Committee presented to the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.14/ECO/10) was sent to all member States of the Commission, and copies were sent direct to the African members of the Economic and Social Council during the session in Geneva.

Arrangements and procedure for receiving reports from the Technical Committee of Experts and for submission of reports to the ECA Conference of Ministers biennially

Agenda item 2(d)

Since the session, no meeting of the Technical Committee of Experts has taken place. The session of the Executive Committee scheduled for October 1969 will fix the date of the first meeting of the Technical Committee of Experts.

Review of structure and composition of sub-regional groupings and related problems

Agenda item 3

The provisional agenda of the second meeting of the Executive Committee includes an item 7 entitled "Reorganization of sub-regional

groupings". The secretariat will submit working papers for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Reorganization, structure and functions of the secretariat

Agenda item 4(a)

Paragraph 54

The proposals of the Commission were considered by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session. They are to be considered by the relevant bodies of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, bearing in mind their financial impact on the overall budget of the Organization.

Paragraph 55

"Reorganization of the ECA sub-regional offices" is item 6 on the provisional agenda of the Executive Committee's second meeting. The conclusions of this meeting will make it possible to determine the role to be assigned to these offices in the implementation of the Executive Committee's recommendations.

Personnel

Agenda item 4(b)

A letter was sent to the Director of Personnel in New York asking that a representative of that office should be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee, in order to explain the position of Headquarters in the matter of personnel recruitment and training.

In reply, the Director of Personnel regretted his inability to attend the meeting in person or to send a representative from the Office of Personnel owing to very heavy pressure of General Assembly work. He promised, however, to make arrangements for the Office of Personnel to be represented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee in 1970.

Changes within the United Nations and their effects on ECAAgenda item 5(a)(i)UNDPParagraph 36

The UNDP Capacity Study has not yet been made available to the regional economic commissions. The secretariat has, therefore, not had an opportunity to examine it and submit its views to the Executive Committee as decided at the last Meeting.

Paragraph 37

Since the first Meeting, the Working Party on Intra-African Trade and the OAU Expert Committee alone met in Geneva from 18 to 23 August 1969. The report was discussed at the OAU Council of Ministers and a resolution was adopted [CM/Res. 196(XIII)]. However, the report was not formally circulated to the members of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 38

The OAU Administrative Secretary-General assured the secretariat that the African Group secretariat at the United Nations had been specifically instructed, at the close of the August and September meetings of the OAU political bodies, to support and back resolutions adopted by ECA at its ninth session. Further, the ECA secretariat exchanged views on ECA activities with Ambassador Moktar Thiam, OAU Executive Secretary of the African Group at the United Nations, during the OAU ministerial meeting.

Paragraph 40

The ECA secretariat was invited and attended the meetings of the Economic and Social Committee of the OAU Council of Ministers. The Administrative Secretary-General of the OAU was invited to attend the second meeting of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 41

See paragraph 38 above.