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## WORKING PARTIES ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSION RESOLUTION 128(VII)

(Note by the Executive Secretary) (11)

The Commission, at its Seventh Session, took the decision to replace the existing system of Standing Committees by Working Parties. (Res. 128 (VII)). The Commission's decision was designed towards (a) developing the activities undertaken in the sub-regions and emphasizing their contribution to the solution of sub-regional and continental problems, and (b) making the arrangements between the OAU and the ECA more effective by providing an appropriate machinery for maintaining and facilitating continuous contacts, discussions and negotiations between the two Organizations.

The Working Parties were to be composed of experts or high-level specialists in their respective fields, nominated by governments to serve on them on a quasi-permanent basis. It was in recognition of the change in emphasis in the work of the Commission from surveys and studies to the implementation or operational phase, that dictated the setting up of expert supervisory working groups. The Working Parties were intended to be subsidiary organs of a technical character pervaded by a spirit of collective endeavour and a feeling of continuing responsibility.

These subsidiary organs of the Commission were specifically required to provide guidance to the secretariat in securing the implementation of the Commission's decisions in the respective fields, in ascertaining the wishes of the governments concerning the modalities of such implementation, and in formulating, for consideration by the Commission, such modifications or further development of its earlier decisions as seemed necessary. Thus the Working Parties were expected not only to

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provide guidance to the secretariat in the formulation of realistic programmes of work and priorities in accordance with the needs and wishes of member States, but also, through the exercise of their reviewing functions, leave the Commission at its regular sessions free to concentrate upon policy issues.

Working Parties were established to deal with the following:-

- (i) Intra-African Trade;
- (ii) Monetary Management and Inter-African Payments;
- (iii) Industry and Natural Resources;
- (iv) Transport and Telecommunications;
- (v) Agriculture;
- (vi) Manpower and Training;
- (vii) Economic Integration.

While each of the other Working Parties had responsibility for their respective sectors, the Working Party on Economic Integration was charged with the responsibility of co-ordinating the activities of the other working parties with a view to harmonizing the economic and social development of Africa as a whole. The Membership of this working party was limited to the Chairmen of the other six Working Parties.

Though in terms of Resolution 128(VII) each Working Party was required to meet at least once in twelve months, only two of them have met since the seventh session, namely: the Joint ECA/OAU Working Party on Trade (E/CN.14/349 and E/CN.14/361) and the Working Party on Manpower and Training (E/CN.14/363). The former has held two sessions, the second of which was an extraordinary session in Geneva to discuss the position of the African countries at the second United Nations conference on Trade and Development to be convened early in 1968.

The Working Parties on: Industry and Natural Resources; Monetary Management and Inter-African Payments; Transport and Telecommunications;

and Economic Integration could not be convened because of the delays in securing nominations from governments invited to serve on them. However, there have been three meetings at a regional level on matters pertaining to Industry<sup>1/</sup>, Monetary Co-operation<sup>2/</sup>, and Telecommunications<sup>3/</sup>, at each of which there was high level expert representation and review of the Commission's activities in the particular field and adoption of recommendations for further action. Furthermore, four other meetings were held one in each of the four sub-regions<sup>4/</sup>, at which Member governments reviewed questions of economic co-operation at the sub-regional level, and agreed on the desirability of establishing inter-governmental machinery to prosecute a programme of work. The three specialized meetings and the sub-regional meetings could, in a sense, be considered to have covered the ground that would have been covered by the Working Parties, had it been possible to convene them.

As of now, nominations have been received for all the Working Parties and their present composition is set out in the Annexes I and II. It will be noted that a total of thirty (30) member States are represented on the Working Parties as a whole, and that in some cases, the membership of the working parties is in excess of the minimum of ten originally set in Resolution 128(VII) whilst in others, the minimum membership has not yet been reached. The membership of the ECA/OAU Working Party on Trade also comprises the fourteen countries of the OAU ad hoc Committee on Trade and Development; and, the list of names reflects only the actual number of countries which attended the first meeting of the working party. The tables also show that every sub-region is represented on each working party by at least one country. Annex II shows the number of working parties on which each member State has agreed presently to participate.

- 1/ Symposium on Industrial Development in Africa (E/CN.14/347)
- 2/ Conference of Governors of African Central Banks (E/CN.14/AMA/13)
- 3/ ECA/OAU Joint Meeting on Telecommunications in Africa (E/CN.14/357)
- 4/ Lusaka (E/CN.14/346 and 352), Brazzaville (E/CN.14/351), Tangier (E/CN.14/354 and Add.1) and Niamey (E/CN.14/366).

In the biennium 1967-68 it is intended to convene during 1967 the meetings of these Working Parties which have not as yet met, and arrange for the rest to meet as required. In scheduling these meetings, the Executive Secretary would intend to have full regard to the terms of General Assembly Resolution 2116 (XX) on the Pattern of Conferences and space the meetings so as to ensure adequate preparation and servicing.

In terms of the Resolution 128 (VII), the United Nations Specialized Agencies were invited to be associated with the working parties in matters that fall within their appropriate fields of competence. At the first meeting of the Joint ECA/OAU Working Party on Trade (see E/CN.14/349) the FAO and IBRD were represented. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD and a representative of GATT attended this meeting. For the first meeting of the Working Party on Manpower and Training (see E/CN.14/363) FAO, ILO, UNESCO and WHO besides sending observers, collaborated closely with the ECA Secretariat in the preparation of papers.

Similarly, the Organization of African Unity was invited to be associated with the establishment and operation of the working parties. The first two meetings of the Working Party on Trade were in fact convened as Joint ECA/OAU meetings. The OAU also sent a representative to the first session of the Working Party on Manpower and Training.

The establishment of inter-governmental machinery for economic co-operation at the sub-regional level (under Commission Resolution 142 (VII)) has led to the setting up of subsidiary sectoral commissions or committees in the North African and West African sub-regions; and a similar development may be expected in the other two sub-regions. While this development may serve to intensify sectoral activity and co-ordination by sub-region, it is hardly a substitute for the Working Parties which have a continental responsibility and work to stimulate sub-regional activity within the framework of harmonious development of the continent.

If the full benefits of the system of working parties are to be derived, it is essential that members nominated by governments should be expert-technicians in the particular field and should be nominated (by governments) to serve on the working party for more than one session. In this connexion attention is invited to the terms of Resolution 128(VII) specifying that membership in the working party ~~must~~ be continuous "until the project on hand is completed" (vide paragraph 2. schedule B of Resolution 128(VII) ).

ANNEX I

Country Composition of the Working Parties

(as at 25 November 1966)

(A) Country totals

	<u>Countries Accepted</u>
I. Joint ECA/OAU Working Party on Trade	19 <sup>1/</sup>
II. Monetary Management & Inter African Payments	8
III. Industry and Natural Resources	16
IV. Transport and Telecommunications	12
V. Agriculture	9
VI. Manpower and Training	8
VII. Economic Integration	Chairmen of above Parties to be elected.

1/ Comprises member States of the OAU ad hoc Committee of Fourteen on Trade and Development and member States who agreed to serve on the original ECA Working Party on Intra-African Trade.

(B) Composition by sub-regions

- |      |   |  |      |
|------|---|--|------|
| I.   | East  | Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia        |      |
|      | West  | Dahomey, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Nigeria, Togo     |      |
|      | North   | Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, UAR                               |      |
|      | Central   | Cameroon, Congo (Kinshasa)                                   | (19) |
| II.  | East  | Kenya, Tanzania  |      |
|      | West  | Ghana, Mali, Nigeria   |      |
|      | North   | UAR  |      |
|      | Central   | Congo (Kinshasa), Gabon                                      | (8)  |
| III. | East  | Ethiopia, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zambia                       |      |
|      | West  | Dahomey, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, Togo                         |      |
|      | North   | Algeria, Morocco, UAR  |      |
|      | Central   | Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad            | (16) |
| IV.  | East  | Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zambia                          |      |
|      | West  | Ghana, Niger, Nigeria  |      |
|      | North   | Tunisia  |      |
|      | Central   | Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville) | (12) |
| V.   | East  | Madagascar, Tanzania, Uganda                                 |      |
|      | West  | Nigeria, Togo, Mauritania                                    |      |
|      | North   | Sudan, UAR   |      |
|      | Central   | Rwanda   | (9)  |
| VI.  | East  | Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania                                    |      |
|      | West  | Nigeria, Upper Volta   |      |
|      | North   | Sudan, UAR   |      |
|      | Central   | Congo (Kinshasa)   | (8)  |
| VII. | Chairmen of each of the above six Parties when election is completed. |  |      |

(C) - Persons designated to serve on Working Parties

(25 November 1966)

I. Joint ECA/OAU Working Party on Trade<sup>1/</sup>

Algeria - Algerie

M. Daoud-Bixi  
Administrateur Civil du Plan  
Direction Générale du Plan

M. Ali Kechairi (Rapporteur)  
Fonctionnaire du Plan  
Direction Générale du Plan

Cameroon - Cameroun

M. Joseph Zambo  
Chef du Service des Prix  
Ministère des Affaires économiques

M. Ngom-Ngoudi  
Chef du Service de la Planification et des Etudes  
Direction du Plan

Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Republique Democratique du Congo

M. Benoit-Christian Katambwe  
Directeur de la Co-operation internationale  
Ministère des Affaires économiques

M. Leopold Fiti  
Ambassade de la République démocratique du Congo

Ethiopia - Ethiopie

Ato Bekele Endeshaw (Vice-Chairman)  
Assistant Minister of Commerce  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Ato Berhanu Wakwaya  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry

<sup>1/</sup> Persons designated by Governments to attend the first meeting of the Working Party at Addis Ababa, 28 March - 2 April 1966.



Ghana

H.E. E.M. Debrah  
Ghana Ambassador to Ethiopia

Mr. Annan Arkyin Cato  
First Secretary, Ghana Embassy

Ivory Coast - Côte d'Ivoire

M. Kouakou  
Chef de la Division des Etudes  
Direction du Commerce extérieur

Malagasy Republic - Republique Malgache

M. Benjamin Rakotonomenjanahary  
Administrateur Civil

M. Lala Ratsimbazafy  
Inspecteur des Douanes  
Service Central des Douanes

Malawi

Mr. Bertie Austin Maosa  
First Secretary, Malawi Embassy

Morocco - Maroc

H.E. B. Boumahdi  
Ambassadeur du Maroc

Nigeria

Mr. Edwin O. Obayan (Chairman)  
Head, External Economic Relations  
Ministry of Economic Development

Mr. C.C. Ifeanyi  
Collector of Customs

Mrs. Alvanis N. Igwe  
Assistant Secretary  
Ministry of Trade

Mr. Hyacinth Ugwu  
Embassy of Nigeria

Tanzania - Tanzanie

Hon. A.S. Mtaki, M.P.  
Junior Minister

Mr. Paul Rupia  
Second Secretary, Tanzania Embassy

Mr. C.S. Mengisen  
Assistant Secretary  
Ministry of Commerce

Togo

M. Byll Hilaire  
Chef Visite Douanes

Tunisia - Tunisie

M. Mohamed Ali El Hachicha  
Chef Service des Finances extérieures  
Secretariat d'Etat au Plan et à l'Economie

M. Hassen Babbou  
Directeur des Douanes

M. Ben Amor  
Sous-Directeur  
Secrétariat d'Etat au Plan et à l'Economie

United Arab Republic - Republique Arabe Unie

Dr. Saleh Toulou (Vice-Chairman)  
Director-General  
Economic Research Department  
Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade

M. Mahomoud Hassan El Falaky  
Director of African Affairs Dept.  
Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade

M. Ahmed Fawzy Hassan  
Counsellor, UAR Embassy

Dr. Yousry Sadek  
Commercial Secretary, UAR Embassy

M. Nabil Salem  
Secrétaire commercial  
Ministère de l'Economie et du Commerce extérieur

Zambia - Zambie

Mr. Kalenga A.J. Kangwa, OAU Attaché, Zambia Embassy

II. Working Party on Monetary Management  
and Inter-African Payments

Countries accepted	Names of delegates	Titles of delegates
1. Congo (Kinshasa)	Dr. Andre Amenengo	Ministère des Finances
2. Gabon	Mr. Ignace Vane	Directeur Adjoint de l'Office des Changes
3. Ghana	Mr. Kotei Botchway	Bank of Ghana
4. Kenya		
5. Mali	Mr. Youssouf Thiam	Chef de Service des Crédits de la B.R.M.
6. Nigeria		
7. Tanzania	Mr. Sture Hillbert	Manager of Central Bank
8. UAR		
9. (vacant)		
10. (vacant)		

### III. Working Party on Industry and Natural Resources

Countries accepted	Names of delegates	Titles of delegates
1. Algeria		
2. Burundi	M. Philippe Pontien Ntimanza	Directeur général, Ministère de l'Economie
3. Cameroun		
4. Central African Republic	Mr. Kpado Louis	Directeur de l'Economie Nationale
5. Chad	Mr. Gabdou Mahamat	Directeur du Commerce, de l'Industrie et des Transports
6. Dahomey	Mr. Germain Alory Togbe	Directeur du Service des Mines et de la Géologie, Ministère des Travaux Publics
7. Ethiopia	Ato Tekle Haimanot Gebre-Mariam	Assistant Minister of Industrial Section
8. Ghana		
9. Madagascar		
10. Morocco	Mr. Mohamed Chahid	Ingénieur, Chef du Service des Mines, Direction des Mines et de la Géologie
11. Niger	Mr. Karimou Goukoye	Commissaire Général du Plan p.i.
12. Nigeria	Mr. V.A.G. Warmate	Ministry of Industry
13. Tanzania	Mr. Akili B.C. Danieli Mr. Denis Bitegeko (Altern.) Mr.	Commissioner of Industries & Power Chief Industrial Officer Commissioner for Natural Resources
14. Togo	Mr. Djomeda Ferdinand	Directeur de l'Industrie
15. UAR		
16. Zambia	Mr. F.X. Nkhoma	Assistant Secretary (Industry) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

IV. Working Party on Transport and Telecommunications

Countries accepted	Names of delegates	Titles of delegates
1. Burundi	Mr. Ntahorubuze	Ministère de la Planification
2. Central African Republic	Mr. Eugene N'Zengou	Directeur des Postes et Télécommunica- tions
3. Chad	Mr. Gabdou Mahamat	Directeur du Commerce, de l'Industrie et des Transports
4. Congo (Brazzaville)	Mr. Basile Boumpoutou	Ingénieur adjoint des Travaux Publics
5. Ghana	Mr. J.A. Eshun Mr. Nana Fredua Mensah	Director of Telecommunications Senior Road Traffic Superintendent State Transport Corporation
6. Kenya	Mr. S.J. Mbugua	Ministry of Works, Communications and Power
7. Madagascar		
8. Niger	Mr. Ali Diaroumeye Mr. Adji Boukari (altern)	Conseiller aux Affaires économiques Commissariat général au Plan
9. Nigeria	Mr. M.A. Bademosi Mr. G.C. Akoli	Ministry of Transport Ministry of Communications
10. Tanzania	Mr. A.G. I Shayo	Executive Engineer
11. Tunisia	Mr. Abdelhakim Slama	Directeur des Transports, Ministère des Transports
12. Zambia	Mr. V.C. Nsomi	Acting Under Secretary, Ministry Informat and Postal (Services Transp. and Communications)

V. Working Party on Agriculture

Countries accepted	Names of delegates	Titles of delegates
1. Madagascar		
2. Mauritania		
3. Nigeria	Mr. Akintomide	Chief Agricultural Extension Services, Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Ibadan, Western Prov.
4. Rwanda	Mr. Emmanuel Hitayezu	Secrétaire général, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
5. Sudan	Mr. Sayed Yacoub El Hillu	Director of Plant Protection, Department of the Ministry of Agriculture
6. Tanzania	Mr. G.A. Semite	Senior Research Officer
7. Togo	Mr. François Atsu	Ingénieur des Travaux agricoles, Direction de l'Agriculture
8. Uganda	Mr. F.J. Luswata	Ag. Assistant Commissioner for Agriculture
9. UAR	Mr. Hassan Abdallah Hassan	General Controller, External Relations, Ministry of Agriculture.

VI. Working Party on Manpower and Training

Countries accepted	Names of delegates	Titles of delegates
1. Congo (Kinshasa)		
2. Ethiopia	Ato Seifu Demissie	Chief, Vocational Training Section Ministry of National Community Development and Social Affairs P.O. Box 2056, Addis Ababa
3. Kenya	Mr. Davidson K. Ngini (Principal)	Assistant Director of Personnel P. O. Box 30050, Nairobi
	Mr. B.H. Ogola (Alternate)	Planning Officer Ministry of Planning and Development P.O. Box 30561, Nairobi
4. Nigeira	Mr. P.O. Ahimie (Principal)	Secretary National Manpower Board Ministry of Economic Development Lagos
	Mrs. S.O. Odesanya (Alternate)	Assistant Adviser on Teacher Training Ministry of Education, Lagos
5. Sudan	Mr. Khogali El Mubarak	Deputy Commissioner of Labour Department of Labour, Khartoum
6. Tanzania	Mr. H.A. Okulo	Senior Manpower Planning Officer Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development Planning Dar-es-Salaam
7. UAR	Mr. Aly Mohammed Shehata	Under-Secretary of State Ministry of Labour, Cairo
	Mr. Mokhtar Youssef Elzeini (Alternate)	Under-Secretary of State Productivity and Vocational Training Ministry of Industry, Cairo
8. Upper Volta		

## ANNEX II

Country-Participation in Various Working Parties

COUNTRY	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VI	TOTAL
1. Algeria	x		x					2
2. Burundi			x	x				2
3. Cameroon	x		x					2
4. Centr. African Republic			x	x				2
5. Chad			x	x				2
6. Congo (Brazzaville)				x				1
7. Congo (Kinshasa)	x	x					x	3
8. Dahomey	x		x					2
9. Ethiopia	x		x				x	3
10. Gabon		x						1
11. Ghana	x	x	x	x				4
12. Guinea	x							1
13. Ivory Coast	x							1
14. Kenya	x	x		x			x	4
15. Madagascar	x		x	x	x			4
16. Malawi	x							1
17. Mali	x	x						2
18. Mauritania					x			1
19. Morocco	x		x					2
20. Niger			x	x				2
21. Nigeria	x	x	x	x	x		x	6
22. Rwanda					x			1
23. Sudan					x		x	2
24. Tanzania	x	x	x	x	x		x	6
25. Togo	x		x		x			3
26. Tunisia	x			x				2
27. UAR	x	x	x		x		x	5
28. Uganda					x			1
29. Upper Volta							x	1
30. Zambia	x		x	x				3