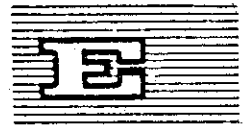


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(Note by the Executive Secretary)

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The suggestion was put to the nine members of the Committee, and accepted by each of them, that team B should be divided into two teams. The suggestion, while not altering the basic strategy envisaged by the Committee, would lessen the extra financial burden, and at the same time shorten the time required to complete these consultations; it would thus better conform with the tight schedule originally laid out by the Economic Commission for Africa.

It was recognized in particular that the cost of six delegates accompanied by two consultants and a secretary, visiting at least twelve non-African countries would be far above what the Economic and Social Council had foreseen, and also that such a scheme would require more time than was available. The same objective could be attained if the total number of delegates recommended by the Committee were divided into two teams of three delegates each. The first team might go to Italy, Czechoslovakia, USSR, Japan, Canada and the United States; and the second to Sweden, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Switzerland, to which might now be added Denmark, Holland and Belgium. These three countries may well be interested in an African Development Bank and the authorities of the Development Fund of the European Economic Community which is located in Brussels. Such arrangements would also permit each team to spend a little more time in each place, which may be desirable for the first approach to Governments in respect of a new project.

It is suggested that team B1 might be composed of:

Ethiopia, Chairman
Guinea
Liberia

and that team B2 be composed of:

Sudan, Chairman
Cameroun
Nigeria

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The two teams should, it is suggested, start on their respective visits on 30 September and it is proposed that they should meet in Geneva after completing their visits by 5 November to complete their reports.
