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OF 29 AND 30 NOVEMBER 1963

(submitted by the delegation of Mali)

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1. Adopting the conclusions of the two preceding conferences of Niamey and the Conference of Monrovia, the Conference which met in Lagos on 29 and 30 November 1963 considered the report which had been submitted to it by the de Bernis Working Group which had met at the initiative of the Republic of Niger and congratulated the latter and the members of the Working Party for having produced this report.

2. The Conference requested the ECA to complete as soon as possible the studies it had promised for the Lagos Conference on:

- cement plants
- tobacco
- textiles
- flour-mills

and to distribute them to all the member States of the sub-region.

3. The Conference decided that the next meeting, initially planned for April 1964, will be held in Bamako between June and September 1964.

The work will include:

- (a) The reports indicated in paragraph 2 above, drawn up by the ECA;
- (b) The report on the fertilizer industry prepared by the ECA for the ad hoc conference scheduled for the spring of 1964;
- (c) The following documents concerning the iron and steel industry:
  - Laboratory studies of the possibility of gas reduction of the ores of Kedougou, Kandi and say respectively and contact possibilities with the Kellogg team;
  - The localization of metallurgical industries at the site of the iron and steel industry or in "relay centres";

- The connection between localization and transport system (rail and water), keeping in mind the stimulating effect of the railway on the iron and steel industry. The states of the sub-region of West Africa will furnish the experts, for study purposes, their transport plans for the years to come;
  - The connection between chemistry and iron and steel (through natural gas and electricity).
- (d) An initial work report on the organization of the payments and exchange system as related to the co-ordination of industrial development programmes and on the possible standardization of transport costs;
- (e) A report on the ways and means of common financing and management of steel-works to be constructed.

Documents (c), (d) and (e) will be drawn up by the ECA and the Working Party which prepared the reports for the Lagos Conference. The assignments will be distributed among the experts so that even if the work is done separately they will be closely co-ordinated and produce a single report. The ECA is responsible for this co-ordination as well as for the physical performance of the work.

The Government of Niger will supervise the strict execution of this recommendation so as to avoid any delay in the preparation of the documents.

5. It is clearly stipulated that the reports must be substantiated by precise studies documented with figures and based on cost prices (ex works and return).