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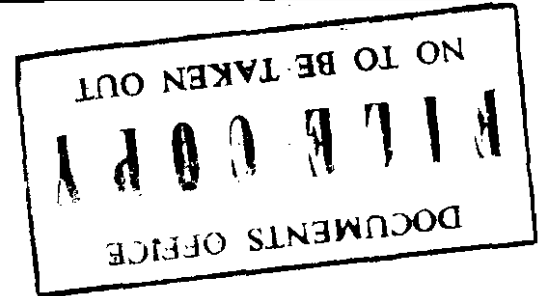
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Subject: Working Parties

Submitted by: the delegations of Dahomey, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast
Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal,
Togo

The Economic Commission for Africa,

1. Recognizing the valuable operational work that is being done in the sub-regions,
2. Bearing in mind the need for co-ordinating the activities of the sub-regions, with a view to enhance their contribution to the development of the continent as a whole,
3. Considering the need for continuing machinery to secure the implementation of the decisions already taken by ECA to promote inter-African co-operation and development,
4. Recognizing the contribution that governmental representatives can make towards securing such implementation,
5. Recognizing also the importance of having representative bodies to maintain continuous oversight of the long-term projects and studies undertaken by the Commission through its secretariat,
6. Bearing in mind also the importance of making the arrangements between the ECA and the OAU more effective,

7. Convinced of the need for economic integration at the African level,

8. Having examined the suggestions of the Executive Secretary to this end, as set out in document E/CN.14/L.244,

I. Requests the Executive Secretary to set up the following Working Parties:

- (a) Working Party on Intra-African Trade;
- (b) Working Party on Monetary Management and Inter-African Payments;
- (c) Working Party on Industry and Natural Resources;
- (d) Working Party on Transport and Telecommunications;
- (e) Working Party on Agriculture;
- (f) Working Party on Economic Integeation;
- (g) Working Party on Manpower and Training.

with terms of reference and constitution as stated in Schedules A and B, respectively,

II. Requests the members of the Working Parties to assist the Executive Secretary in securing the implementation of the Commission's decisions in their respective fields, in ascertaining the wishes of the governments concerning the modalities of such implementation, and in formulating such modifications or further development of previous decisions as may seem necessary for consideration by the Commission.

III. Draws the attention of member States to the importance of considering the delegates appointed to these Working Parties as African experts and not as representatives of their governments.

Schedule A. Terms of Reference

1. Each Working Party will review the resolutions passed by all previous sessions of the Commission and by all Standing Committees, Sub-committees and other meetings under the ECA.

2. Each Working Party will draw up a programme of activities - through correspondence, visits, negotiations etc., as may be appropriate - designed to secure from the governments affected by these resolutions the implementation of the action required through the construction of agreed facilities, the passage of appropriate legislation, the inclusion of the relevant projects in development plans or annual capital estimates, the modification of existing development plans, etc.

3. The relevant items of the Work Programme of ECA will be divided among the Working Parties as follows (references are to the Programme of Work and Priorities E/CN.14/313/Rev.1):

- a) Working Party on Intra-African Trade, including customs problems (Items 4, 77, 82)
- b) Working Party on Monetary Management and International Payments (Items 69-73, 75, 76, 79)
- c) Working Party on Industry and Natural Resources (Items 19-23, 36, 37, 39, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18)
- d) Working Party on Transport and Telecommunication (Items 24, 26, 27, 28, 31)
- e) Working Party on Agriculture (Items 1-4, 40, 41, 42, 45, 48, 49, 50, 53-69)
- f) Working Party on Economic Integration (see para. 4 below)
- g) Working Party on Manpower and Training (Items 1, 2a, 85-93)

4. The Working Party on Economic Integration will co-ordinate the activities of the other Working Parties with a view to harmonizing the economic and social development of Africa as a whole.

5. Each Working Party will also assist the secretariat in formulating recommendations to the Commission as a result of studies carried out under the Work Programmes in its general area of competence. Such studies should be submitted to the appropriate Working Parties. To this end the Working Parties shall be free to ascertain the views of member governments concerned on such recommendations before they are submitted to the Commission.

6. The Working Party may, wherever necessary, submit proposals to the Commission for the extension or modification of previous decisions of the Commission in the light of its experiences in trying to secure the implementation of such decisions.

Schedule B

1. Each Working Party except the Working Party on Economic Integration will consist of ten members, and would be serviced by a member of the ECA secretariat as well as by a staff member of the OAU, if the latter so agrees. The Working Party on Economic Integration will consist of the Chairmen of the other Working Parties. The Working Party should have the power to coopt, if and when desirable, representatives of donor countries, actual and potential. On questions of Extra-Continental Trade and Finance the ECA will work with the relevant committee of the OAU set up to deal with the problems considered by the UNCTAD at Geneva and to be further dealt with by the continuing machinery of UNCTAD.

2. Provision should be made for representatives of Specialized Agencies to be associated with the Working Parties when these deal with matters that fall within the formers' fields of competence.

3. The tenure of the members of the Parties should be quasi-permanent, every person appointed to a Working Party continuing to be its member until the project on hand is completed.

4. The ECA shall prepare the technical documentation for the meetings of the Working Parties. A member of the staff of the OAU Secretariat will by agreement assist in servicing the meetings.
5. The Working Parties will be convened by the Executive Secretary, as and when required, but each Working Party must meet at least once in twelve months.
6. The reports of the Working Parties must be circulated before 31 October of every year.