

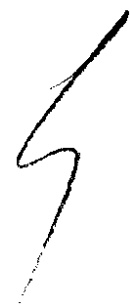
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1. Among the items of the agenda of the "Standing Committee on Trade" in its first session held in Addis Ababa in September 1962 was the item of Fairs and Exhibitions (Item 7C). After discussing this item, the Committee recommended unanimously that the secretariat should study the problems connected with the arrangements of an African Trade Fair.
2. In confirmation of the Proposal made by the delegation of the U.A.R. in the Committee that Cairo be selected as the site of the first Trade Fair, the U.A.R. Government has the pleasure to inform the Executive Secretary of the ECA of its readiness to hold the first Trade Fair in Cairo, and requests him to extend the invitation to the Standing Committee on Trade at its second session and the Commission at its sixth Session.
3. The U.A.R. Government suggests Spring or Autumn as suitable time for holding the said Fair. The Executive Secretary is requested to inform the U.A.R. Government of its approval at least six months before the proposed date.
4. Further more, the U.A.R. Government is ready to delegate a representative to participate in the work of the experts group which the Standing Committee on Trade proposed to establish in order to assist in studying the different questions relating to the arrangement of the Fair.

5. Facilities which can be granted to participating countries are as follows:
- 1) The Fair area shall be considered a customs area to which exhibits could be sent directly without having to pass through the Customs area at the port.
 - 2) Admitting the entrance of goods provisionally until the goods are reexported against a letter of guarantee from the Embassy of the participating country.
 - 3) Establishment of an office at the Fair area to facilitate the formalities of issuing import licences and customs certificates.
 - 4) Sales of gifts and souvenirs shall be admitted to certain extent.
 - 5) Imported goods may be sold under given conditions.
 - 6) Free distribution of gifts within certain amount for each country is permitted.
 - 7) Publications and printed matters do not need an import licence. However, the Direction of the Fair should be furnished with ten copies of each publication in order to issue a permission for its distribution.
 - 8) Importation of food-stuffs and spirits is allowed. Importation licences shall be granted to a certain amount for each country.
 - 9) There exist at the Fair grounds, shipment and clearance offices, tourist offices for accommodation and travelling facilities and for clearance of goods.
 - 10) Banking transactions could be made through branches of the main banks existing at the fair grounds.

- 11) There exists at the fair grounds post and cable facilities as well as telephone office for home and long distance calls.
- 12) There exist at the fair grounds restaurant of different classes.
- 13) A special place at the fair shall be reserved for the meeting of business men, and for translation and typing facilities.
- 14) There exist at the Fair grounds insurance offices for insuring goods, pavillions, and individuals.