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and
NIGERIA**

**Memorandum of Understanding on the carrying out of
studies for economic co-operation in West Africa
(with annexes). Signed at Lagos, on 2 July 1968**

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No. 9146. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ¹ BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA, REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE UNITED NATIONS, REPRESENTED BY THE ECA, ON THE CARRYING OUT OF STUDIES FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IN WEST AFRICA. SIGNED AT LAGOS, ON 2 JULY 1968

I. THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROJECT

1. On the basis of the decisions of the Conference of Heads of State and Government in West Africa held in Monrovia from 17-24 April, and in accordance with preliminary discussions with the Nigerian authorities, the ECA has arranged for the provision of resources from the United Nations, in particular for financial and staff backing from the U.N. Centre for Development Planning, Projections and Policies, New York, for the carrying out of the studies requested.

2. A team of approximately eight Economists and Sectorial Specialists has been mounted to prepare these studies. In view of the limitations of time and staff, the UN is able to offer assistance for studying the following aspects of West African cooperation : agricultural and industrial production, transport and telecommunications, trade and general projections of the economic growth of West Africa by main branches of activity during the period 1970-1980. Other essential aspects, in particular manpower, education and training, health and culture may either be studied by the government's own experts in conjunction with the UN team or in a later series of studies by the UN agencies on behalf of the member countries.

3. The work of the team will be carried out during the period mid-July to mid-November i.e. until the studies have been submitted to the Governments within the deadline called for by the Monrovia Decisions and possible follow-up discussions have been completed. The UN team will be based in Nigeria, in particular at the premises of the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Ibadan. While in Nigeria the members of the team will be accorded all the rights, immunities and privileges which are usually

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accorded to UN officials and experts assigned to work with the Federal Government of Nigeria.

4. The estimated total cost of the project as so far outlined by the ECA in consultation with the CDPPP amounts to \$ 106,200 as shown in Annex I. The United Nations will provide for all items in that budget with the exception of : (a) the two local Secretaries (estimated cost \$ 4,000) and (b) miscellaneous local expenses of the team (documentation, cables etc., estimated cost \$ 3,000). These two items will be provided by the Government of Nigeria through the Institute of Social and Economic Research, Ibadan. The Government of Nigeria will also provide local transportation, office space plus utilities, office equipment, and the use of data processing and document reproducing equipment, including subordinate personnel to operate these facilities. The team will have full access to the library and other documentary collections of the University of Ibadan and the Institute.

5. The members of the team will be resident in Ibadan and will be temporarily attached to the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research. The Government of Nigeria, through the auspices of the Institute, will assist with the arrangement of accommodation in Ibadan and of transit facilities for periodic visits to Lagos.

II. SUPERVISION AND CONTROL

6. The team will work in collaboration with the Nigeria Committee for this project whose membership is as follows :

Chairman :

Dr. H. M. I. Onitiri, Director, NISER, University of Ibadan, Ibadan ;

Vice Chairman :

Mr. P. O. Ahimie, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development, Lagos ;

Members :

Mr. S. O. Sodipo, Deputy Secretary (Transport) Ministry of Transport, Lagos ;

Mr. A. Adegboye, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Lagos ;

Mr. Olu Adeniji, Head of Africa Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos ;

Mr. J. A. Hart, Principal Telecommunications Engineer, Ministry of Communications, Lagos ;

Mr. O. A. Adesoye, Head of Economic Division, Ministry of Trade, Lagos.

Liaison Officers :

Mr. E. O. Martins, Head of External Economic Relations Division,
Ministry of Economic Development, Lagos ;

Mr. M. Shittu, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development,
Lagos.

7. The leader of the team will review the scope and technical aspects of the project from time to time in consultation with the Committee, and the Committee will facilitate, by all possible measures, the work of the team.

8. The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Economic Development will secure the arrangements for the work of the team with the member-states of the West African Group including, in particular, the issuing of letters of introduction for members of the team when they undertake field travels in West Africa.

9. While the leader of the team will be responsible for defining the conclusions which the team feels professionally able to draw from the evidence, the Government of Nigeria will give it guidance on all matters of policy and will be solely responsible for the utilisation of the study within the West African Regional Group for the purposes of fostering economic co-operation in the sub-region.

III. SCOPE OF THE STUDIES

10. The outline of the study as shown in Annex II has been agreed upon between the ECA and the CDPPP and forms the basis for the size of the team and of the budget for the project. It has been formulated in the light of the decisions of the Monrovia Conference of the Heads of State and Government of West Africa and the conclusions of previous sub-regional meetings.

11. It envisages an all-West Africa Study, in view of the existing membership of the Accra Articles of Association and the Monrovia Protocol and of the above-mentioned decisions. The geographical scope of the study is to be maintained as the 14 countries belonging to the West African sub-region.

12. The representatives of the Government of Nigeria will arrange for the supply of statistical and other relevant information from all the member-states of the West African Regional Group as may be required for the work of the team.

13. The attached outline provides for further re-definition of the depth and scope of the study by the leader of the team in consultation with the Nigerian Government. It is agreed, however, that the study will cover the three items shown in paragraph two of Annex II.