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Exchange of letters constituting an agreement regarding the International Conference of Experts in Support of Victims of Colonialism and *Apartheid* in Southern Africa to be held in Oslo from 9 to 14 April 1973 (with annexed memorandum and agreed summary of conclusions reached at the meeting of the Organizing Committee held at Oslo on 25 and 26 January 1973). New York, 8 March 1973

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Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la Conférence internationale d'experts pour le soutien des victimes du colonialisme et de l'*apartheid* en Afrique australe qui doit se tenir à Oslo du 9 au 14 avril 1973 (avec mémorandum annexé et résumé des conclusions qui se sont dégagées des réunions du Comité d'organisation lors de sa réunion tenue à Oslo les 25 et 26 janvier 1973). New York, 8 mars 1973

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY AND THE UNITED
NATIONS REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
EXPERTS IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM AND *APART-
HEID* IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO BE HELD IN OSLO FROM 9 TO
14 APRIL 1973

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PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK

New York, 7th March 1973

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 2910² adopted by the General Assembly 2nd November, 1972, to discussions in the Organizing Committee for the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and *Apartheid* in Southern Africa, and to conversations between this Mission and the Secretariat of the United Nations, and am directed by my Government to state the following:

The Conference will be organized in conformity with the provisions of the memorandum annexed hereto. Reference is also made to the annexed agreed summary of conclusions from the meeting of the Organizing Committee held in Oslo on 25th and 26th January, 1973.

The Convention on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations³ shall be applicable in respect of the Conference. The Government of Norway undertakes to apply to participants who are representatives of African Liberation Movements those provisions of the Convention which refer to representatives of members, and to individual experts those provisions which refer to experts on missions for the United Nations. The privileges and immunities granted under the Convention to officials of the United Nations shall also be applied by the Government to officials of the Organization of African Unity performing functions in connection with the Conference. The Convention on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies⁴ shall be applicable with respect to officials of such agencies attending the Conference.

All participants and persons performing functions in connection with the Conference who are not nationals of Norway shall have the right of entry into and exit from Norway. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted by the Government free of charge and as speedily as possible.

The Government shall furnish at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference without interference of any kind and so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquility.

The United Nations Association of Norway, which will act as the technical secretariat of the Conference, will enter into all contracts with respect to lease of premises, rental of means of transportation and employment of local personnel in its own name, as principal, and will incur all obligations deriving from such contracts under Norwegian Law.

¹ Came into force on 8 March 1973 by the exchange of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, twenty-seventh session, Supplement No. 30 (A/8730)*, p. 4.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 33, p. 261. For the final and revised texts of annexes published subsequently, see vol. 71, p. 318; vol. 79, p. 326; vol. 117, p. 386; vol. 275, p. 298; vol. 314, p. 308; vol. 323, p. 364; vol. 327, p. 326; vol. 371, p. 266; vol. 423, p. 284; vol. 559, p. 348, and vol. 645, p. 340.

The Government shall hold the United Nations and its personnel harmless in respect of any actions relating to the above aspects of the activities of the Conference, save as such actions arise out of the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of United Nations personnel.

If the foregoing is agreeable to the United Nations, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your Excellency's reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Norway and the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed — Signé]

OLE ÅLGÅRD

Permanent Representative of Norway
to the United Nations

The Secretary-General of the United Nations

MEMORANDUM ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM AND *Apartheid* IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO BE HELD IN OSLO 9TH TO 14TH APRIL, 1973

The present memorandum contains the basic guidelines for the arrangement of the Conference:

1. *Introduction*

The International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and *Apartheid* in southern Africa will be held in Oslo 9th to 14th April, 1973.

The main purpose of the Conference is to formulate, through an extensive exchange of views, a programme for future action in order to hasten the process of decolonization and elimination of *Apartheid* in southern Africa.

2. *Organization*

The Conference will be organized by the United Nations in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity.

The OAU shall appoint a Secretary-General for the Conference.

The UN Secretariat shall be responsible for the administrative affairs of this Conference and the over-all coordination of the Conference.

The United Nations Association of Norway will continue to act as the technical secretariat of the Conference. This secretariat, which is located in Oslo, will also be able to assist during the Conference itself if so requested.

An Organizing Committee is established with the following members:

- One representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;
- One representative of the OAU;
- One representative of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- One representative of the African Liberation movements recognized by the OAU.

The next meeting of the Organizing Committee will be held in Oslo on January 25/26, 1973.

A working group consisting of representatives of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the OAU and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations will meet regularly in New York to discuss the various practical administrative aspects of the arrangements of the Conference within the framework of the basic guidelines agreed upon in this memorandum.

3. *Participation*

The Conference will be organized as a meeting of experts, not as a formal conference between government representatives. The number of participants will be limited to approximately 200.

Invitations to participate in the Conference shall be extended to the following countries, organizations and individuals:

- 1) States Members of the Security Council, the UN Special Committee on Decolonization, the UN Special Committee on *Apartheid*, and the UN Council for Namibia;
- 2) The Chairmen of the three UN bodies concerned with Decolonization, *Apartheid* and Namibia;
- 3) The Nordic countries;
- 4) UNESCO, WHO, FAO, ILO, UNICEF and UNHCR;
- 5) States Members of the OAU Liberation Committee;
- 6) The Chairman of the OAU Liberation Committee;
- 7) The 9 African Liberation movements recognized by the OAU.

Countries being member of more than one of the committees mentioned will receive only one invitation.

Each country and organization is invited to send a maximum of 2 participants. It is understood that some of the liberation movements might wish to send more than 2 representatives, but not exceeding 5.

In addition to the above-mentioned list of participants, invitations will be extended to about 25 individuals noted for expertise or leadership in non-governmental organizations which are primarily concerned with the racial and colonial problems in southern Africa. A list of such individuals will be drawn up by the UN Secretariat in cooperation with the OAU and submitted to the working group as soon as possible, and agreed upon by the members of the Organizing Committee before 15 December 1972.

The invitations will be extended to the countries, organizations and individuals mentioned above by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The agenda of the Conference, the list of participants and information on other arrangements will be communicated later to those who are invited.

The dead-line for answering the invitation to participate in the Conference will be 15 January, 1973.

The UN Secretariat will immediately inform the technical secretariat in Oslo through the Permanent Mission of Norway whenever any of the invitations has been accepted.

4. *Financing and budgetary questions*

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2910 (XVII) of 6 November, 1972,¹ the United Nations will provide the necessary staff and services for the Conference, i.e. interpreters, translators, bilingual secretaries and substantive staff who will help draft the reports of the rapporteurs and serve as secretaries of the committees.

As agreed upon at the meeting of the Organizing Committee in Rabat in June 1972, the OAU shall cover the expenses for the Secretary-General of the Conference and three political officers who will assist in servicing the Conference at Oslo. Expenses in Addis Ababa including secretarial help, preparation of documents, duplication etc. will be covered by the OAU.

The remaining parts of the Conference budget are to be covered by voluntary contributions from the Nordic countries, and are set out in the annex of this memorandum.

The travel expenses and per diem referred to in part I of the annexed cost estimate for 18 representatives from African liberation movements recognized by the OAU will be covered by the

¹ Should read: "2 November 1972".

announced contribution from the Norwegian Government in the amount of 31,469.40 US dollars. Should the total number of representatives of the liberation movements be larger than 18, the extra travel expenses and per diem will not be paid over the Conference budget.

The budgetary provisions of parts II, III, IV, V and VI of the same annex will be covered by the expected contributions from the other Nordic countries.

The technical secretariat is authorized to make the necessary payments for expenses which are envisaged in the annex. The accounts for the annexed part of the budget will be audited by an authorized Norwegian auditing firm.

5. *Agenda*

The agenda of the Conference will be the following:

- 1) Assessment of the present situation in the various fields of action on decolonization and *Apartheid*:
 - Diplomatic action;
 - Political and economic action;
 - Legal action;
 - Action vis-a-vis public opinion;
 - Moral and material assistance to the peoples of the various territories;
- 2) Main needs and requirements;
- 3) Future action to be taken (by UN, OAU, governments, non-governmental organizations and liberation movements) in support of victims of colonialism and *apartheid*.

In order to discuss most effectively the points mentioned above, the Conference will conduct its proceedings either in plenary session, or in two Conference committees meeting simultaneously.

The official languages of the Conference will be English and French.

The meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the United Nations General Assembly.

6. *Documentation*

a) The UN will provide background documentation of the following topics:

—United Nations action on *apartheid* and colonialism;

—A detailed paper on all present funds and programmes of assistance to the victims of *apartheid* and colonialism, and contributions to these programmes. This paper will be based on material from UN and OAU and also on enquiries to a number of organizations, donor Governments etc.

b) The OAU will prepare the following documentation:

—OAU action on *apartheid* and colonialism;

—A paper on the question of collaboration of Governments and economic interests with South Africa, the territories under Portuguese administration and the Smith regime, with statistics and bibliography (with the cooperation of the United Nations).

c) A leader of the liberation movements will be requested through the OAU to submit a paper on the question of what the liberation movements expect from the international community.

d) The Chairmen of the three UN Committees and the Chairman of the OAU Liberation Committee will be requested to submit short papers with proposals for discussion.

e) A paper on the role and significance of anti-*apartheid* movements and other organizations supporting the struggle for freedom in southern Africa. This paper should be submitted by a prominent leader in one of these movements or organizations.

These papers should be submitted in final version before 15 March, 1973.

In addition to the documentation mentioned above, the UN, the OAU, the Nordic countries and the liberation movements may supply such further documentation as they deem appropriate.

A N N E X

I. <i>Travel Expenses and per diem for representatives of the Liberation Movements</i>		
18 representatives from liberation movements:		
Transport — Dar/Oslo/Dar	18 × 1,026.80	18,482.40
Excess baggage	18 × 157.50	2,835.00
Per diem	18 × 46 × 12	9,936.00
Terminal expenses	18 × 12	216.00
		<u>31,469.40</u>
II. <i>Administrative expenses</i>		
Rent of conference halls and offices		3,500.00
Rent of typewriters, reproduction equipment and office equipment		1,500.00
Rent of interpretation equipment, recording machine (including tapes) and other conference equipment including technical staff (tax excluded)		5,000.00
Printed matters, duplicated documents, posters etc.		3,000.00
Secretariat in Oslo 1972/73, part-time and later full-time staff, remuneration for Conference Administrator		9,000.00
		<u>22,000.00</u>
III. <i>Hire of local transport</i>		
4 cars for technical and administrative staff		2,000.00
IV. <i>Communication</i>		
Telephone, cable and postage in Oslo before, during and after the Conference		3,500.00
V. <i>Expenses for 1 meeting of the organizing committee in Oslo — Jan. 25 and 26</i>		
Transport — Addis/Oslo/Addis	900.00 × 1	900.00
Transport — New York/Oslo/New York	494.00 × 1	494.00
Transport — Dar/Oslo/Dar	1,026.80 × 1	1,026.80
Per diem	3 × 3 × 46	414.00
Terminal expenses	3 × 12	36.00
		<u>2,870.80</u>
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>61,840.20</u>
VI. <i>Miscellaneous unforeseen expenses</i>		
Travel		692.90
Documentation during the Conference		2,500.00
Most of the estimates are based on present and actual costs. Therefore any increase in cost between now and May 1973 could be met from this provision		5,000.00
Miscellaneous		10,000.00
		<u>21,000.00</u>
	TOTAL BUDGET	<u>80,033.10</u>

AGREED SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Point 1. Conference purpose

The Organizing Committee agreed upon a definition of the Conference purpose which was presented to the press as a communique upon the conclusion of the meeting.

Point 2. Open or closed Conference—press and information arrangements

The Organizing Committee was of the opinion that the plenary meetings ought to be open while the committee meetings ought to be closed. The Committee would recommend this to the Conference but it was agreed that the final decision should be left to the Conference itself.

It was further agreed that after each conference committee meeting a thorough press briefing had to be given by the Political Secretary General of the Conference or his representative in case the committee meetings were closed.

Point 3. Constitution of Conference

- A) Election of Conference president, committee chairmen, bureaus.
- B) Opening procedures—keynote speakers.

The following procedure was agreed upon for the opening of the Conference:

United Nations Under-Secretary General Djermakoye will open the Conference on behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General and afterwards make the following recommendations as agreed by the Organizing Committee:

—that Ambassador Ålgård be elected president of the Conference, and

—that Ambassador Sahnoun be elected the Political Secretary General of the Conference.

If this was accepted, Ambassador Ålgård would then take the seat of the presidency and make a short statement, and Ambassador Sahnoun would make a short statement as Secretary General. The other elections would follow.

It was agreed to elect two vice presidents of the Conference who would automatically become chairmen of the two committees of the Conference.

The Foreign Minister of Tanzania, Mr. Malecela was agreed upon as candidate for one of the committee chairmanships.

The Conference itself would appoint rapporteurs for the Plenary and for the committees.

It was agreed that keynote speeches should be given by the following:

1. The Foreign Minister of Norway (speech of welcome);
2. United Nations Secretary-General or his representative;
3. The Foreign Minister of Morocco in his capacity as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the OAU. The Organizing Committee decided to send a special invitation to him;
4. The Secretary General of the OAU;
5. One representative of the Liberation movements.

The keynote speakers would be left in their quarters until the elections were over and they would then be escorted to the Conference Hall.

The chairmen of the following organs will then be requested to introduce papers on the main topics of the Conference:

- The Committee of 24;
- The Committee on *Apartheid*;
- The Council for Namibia;
- The OAU Liberation Committee.

Furthermore, the President of the Security Council for the month of April will be requested to address the Conference on the role of the Security Council in the process of decolonization and elimination of *apartheid*.

Point 4. Conference report to United Nations Secretary-General

It was agreed that a full report of the proceedings of the Conference was to be submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General together with a summary by the Conference President of the results of the Conference. The United Nations Secretary-General himself would report to the General Assembly.

It was agreed that committee reports should be made available to the press.

Point 5. Status of Invitations

It was agreed that two further persons, one from each of the AAPSO and WPC, would be invited in their personal capacity as experts and such experts are to be listed by name only, not by their organizations. Also Mr. Perrera, Secretary General of the WFUNA, is to be invited as an expert.

The list of invitations was thereby finally closed.

Point 6. Preparation of documents

Owing to budgetary considerations it was agreed that the total number of papers to be reproduced by the United Nations and by the Technical Secretariat in Oslo was to be limited to 21. No translations will be made by the Secretariat, and the papers will not be mailed to the participants but distributed at the beginning of the Conference. The United Nations and the OAU will prepare their papers on stencils that will be reproduced in Oslo. The expert papers are also to be typed on stencils by the United Nations and sent to Oslo for reproduction.

Point 7. Conference budget, a question of telex expenses

Mr. Lehmkuhl stated that the OPI was asking for only one cable a day (1500 words) from Oslo to Geneva out of the Conference budget, and that the press releases would be relayed from there at OPI's own expense. This was accepted by the Committee.

The question of radio and TV coverage and possible financial implications was left for consideration at a later date. The United Nations and OAU were to pay for telephone and telegrams by their representatives to the respective headquarters. Personal and private calls to be paid by the participants themselves.

Point 8. Short name of Conference

Though the full official name of the Conference was to be used whenever possible the Committee agreed upon the following short name for the Conference:

In English: UN/OAU Oslo Conference;

In French: Conférence ONU/OUA d'Oslo.

Point 9.

As a result of discussions between the representative of the United Nations Secretariat Mr. Platzer and representatives of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a draft letter was presented to the Committee to be forwarded to the United Nations in New York for its consideration before the exchange of letters between the United Nations and Norway.

Point 10. Other questions

1. Division of labour between the two Conference committees.

It was agreed that the topics for discussion at the Conference should be divided between the two committees as follows:

- A) Committee I. Moral and material assistance;
- B) Committee II. International action.

Committee I is to discuss direct assistance (material, humanitarian).

Committee II is to discuss diplomatic action, political action, legal action and action vis-a-vis public opinion.

Both committees are to discuss main needs and requirements. Both committees are to discuss future action to be taken (by United Nations, Governments, non-governmental organizations and liberation movements) in support of victims of colonialism and *apartheid*.

2. Microphones

The Technical Secretariat promised to do everything to provide one microphone per three participants.

3. Observers

There will be no category of observers to the Conference.

4. Security

The Norwegian Government shall furnish at its expense such police protection as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of the Conference without interference of any kind and so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquility.

5. Final comments

The printed programme for the Conference shall show the distribution of labour between plenaries and committees.

The next meeting of the Organizing Committee is to convene on April 5, 1973.

II

8 March 1973

PO 230 SOAF (6)

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 March 1973 which reads as follows:

[*See letter I*]

In reply thereto I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the United Nations and that your Excellency's letter and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between Norway and the United Nations on the matter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

I. S. DJERMAKOYE

Under-Secretary-General
Special Adviser on African Questions

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations
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