

CHAPTER XVII FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 82

Regular Budget of the Community

- 1. The annual regular budget of the Community, which constitutes an integral part of the OAU regular budget, shall be prepared by the Secretary-General and approved by the Assembly upon the recommendation of the Council.**
- 2. The budget shall be funded by contributions made by Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment of the OAU. Upon the recommendation of the Council, the Assembly shall determine the conditions under which the financial contributions of Member States may be supplemented or, where necessary replaced by the proper resources of the Community.**

Article 83

Special Budgets

Special budgets shall be made available, where necessary, to meet the extra-budgetary expenditure of the Community. The Assembly shall determine the contributions of Member States to special budgets of the Community.

Article 84

Sanctions Relating to Non-Payment of Contributions

- 1. Upon the decision of the Assembly, any Member State of the Community having arrears in the payment of its contribution to the budget of the Community, shall not have the right to vote or participate in taking decisions of the Community if the amount of its arrears is equal to, or is in excess of the contribution payable by such State for the last preceding two financial years. Such Member State shall cease to enjoy other benefits arising by virtue of this Treaty as well as the right to address meetings. In addition, it shall lose the right to present candidates for vacant posts within the Community and shall not be eligible for office in the deliberative organs of the Community. The Assembly may, where necessary, impose other sanctions on a Member State for non-payment of contributions.**
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Assembly**

may suspend the application of the provisions of the said paragraph if it is satisfied, on the basis of a satisfactory explanatory report by the Member State through the Secretary-General, that the non-payment of contributions is due to causes and circumstances beyond the control of the said Member State.

3. The Assembly shall decide on the modalities for the application of this Article.

Article 85

Financial Rules and Regulations

The Financial Rules and Regulations of the OAU shall govern the application of the provisions of this Chapter.

Article 86

Board of External Auditors

The selection procedure, terms of appointment, and duties and responsibilities of the Board of External Auditors shall be defined in the financial rules and regulations.