

CHAPTER XXII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 96

Headquarters of the Community

The Headquarters of the Community shall be one and the same as that of the OAU.

Article 97

Working Languages

The working languages of the Community shall be the same as those of the OAU.

Article 98

Legal Status

- 1. The Community shall form an integral part of the OAU.**
- 2. In his capacity as the legal representative of the Community the Secretary-General may, on behalf of the Community:**
 - (a) Enter into contracts; and**
 - (b) Be a party to judicial and other legal proceedings.**
- 3. Subject to prior approval of the Council, the Secretary-General may, on behalf of the Community:**
 - (a) Acquire and dispose movable and immovable property;**
 - (b) Borrow; and**
 - (c) Accept donations, bequests and gifts.**

Article 99

The Treaty and the Protocols

This Treaty and the Protocols shall form an integral part of the OAU Charter.

Article 100

Signature and Ratification

This Treaty, and the Protocols, shall be signed and ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the OAU.

Article 101

Entry into Force

This Treaty shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the deposit of the Instruments of ratification by two-thirds of the Member States of the OAU.

Article 102

Accession and Admission

- 1. Any Member State of the OAU may notify the Secretary-General of its intention to accede to this Treaty.**
- 2. The Secretary-General shall, upon receipt of such notification, transmit copies thereof to all Member States. Admission shall be decided by a simple majority of Member States which shall transmit their votes to the Secretary-General. Upon receipt of the required number of votes, the Secretary-General shall transmit the decision of admission to the concerned Member State.**

Article 103

Amendment and Revision of the Treaty

- 1. Any Member State may submit proposals for the amendment or revision of this Treaty.**
- 2. Proposals for amendment or revision shall be submitted to the Secretary-General who shall transmit the same to Member States within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof at the Headquarters of the Community.**
- 3. The Assembly, upon the advice of the Council, shall examine these proposals at its next meeting within a period of one year, following notification of**

Member States in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article.

4. Amendments or revisions shall be adopted by the Assembly by consensus or, failing that, by a two-thirds majority and submitted for ratification by all Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. They shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the deposit of the instruments of ratification by two-thirds of the Member States with the Secretary-General of the OAU.

Article 104

Withdrawal

1. Any Member State wishing to withdraw from the Community shall notify by giving one-year notice in writing, to the Secretary-General who shall inform Member States thereof. Upon the expiration of such a period, that Member State shall, if the notice is not withdrawn, cease to be a Member of the Community.
2. During the period of one year referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, any Member State wishing to withdraw from the Community shall comply with the provisions of this Treaty and shall be bound to discharge its obligations under this Treaty up to the date of its withdrawal.

Article 105

Dissolution

The Assembly may decide to dissolve the Community and determine the terms and conditions for sharing of the latter's assets and liabilities.

Article 106

Depository of the Treaty

1. This Treaty, drawn up in four (4) original texts in the Arabic, English, French and Portuguese languages, all four (4) texts being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the OAU who shall transmit a certified true copy thereof to the Government of each signatory State.
2. The Secretary-General shall notify Member States of the dates of deposit of the instruments of ratification or accession and shall upon the entry into force of this Treaty register the same with the Secretariat of the United

Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, Heads of State and Government of Member States of the Organisation of African Unity have signed this Treaty.

Done at Abuja, Nigeria on the Third of June

Nineteen Hundred and Ninety One.