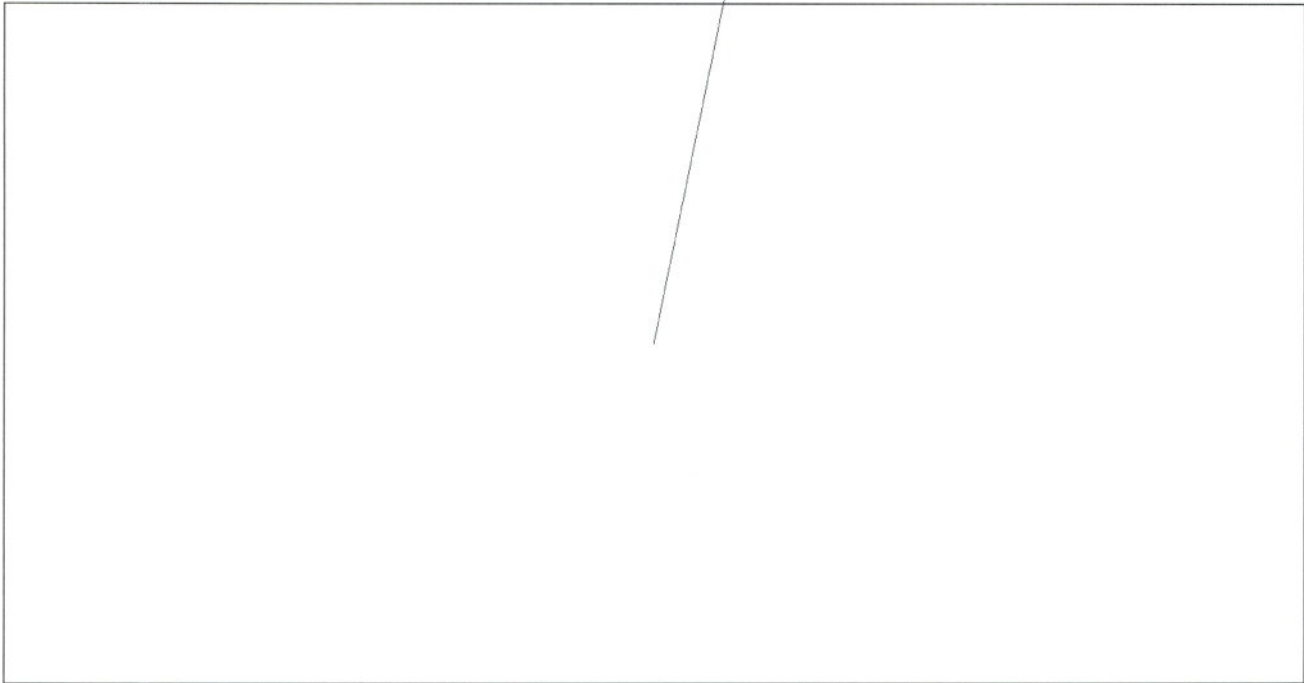


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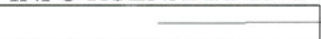
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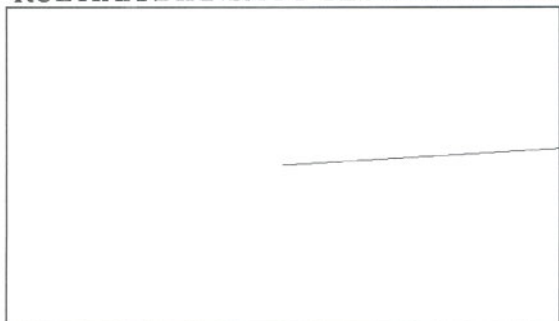
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THE OAU ACCOMPLISHMENTS/OR

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THE OAU - AN ASSESSMENT OF A MANDATE
IT IS AFRICA'S TIME FOR DEMOCRATIZATION AND TRANSPARENCY.
THE FAMOUS GLASNOST. THEREFORE A GROUP OF AFRICAN DIPLOMATS IN
ADDIS ABABA TOGETHER WITH SOME OAU STAFF MEMBERS OF ALL THE
CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS HAVE DECIDED
TO
ANALYSE WITH OBJECTIVITY AND LUCIDITY THE 8 YEAR TERM OF DR
SALIM AHMED SALIM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU (1989-1997).
TO BEGIN WITH, IN EARLY 1993, THE PROPOSAL MADE BY
SENEGALESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR DJI BO KA TO REELECT

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DR SALIM AHMED SALIM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU,
UNANIMOUSLY

AND BY ACCLAMATION DURING THE CAIRO SUMMIT OF 1993, WAS A VIOLATION OF THE OAU CHARTER, ARTICLES XVI AND XVIII. THESE ARTICLES ARE SUPPLEMENTED BY THE RULE OF PROCEDURE NO. 32 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WHICH STIPULATES THAT: "THE ASSEMBLY SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION BY SECRET VOTE AND A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY."

DR SALIM AHMED SALIM, THE INCUMBENT SECRETARY GENERAL WAS A CANDIDATE TO HIS OWN SUCCESSION FOR A SECOND TERM. TO THE UTMOST AMAZEMENT AND EMBARRASSMENT OF THE DELEGATES PARTICIPATING AT THE 57TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, IN FEBRUARY 1993) THE AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL IN ADDIS ABABA READ A MESSAGE OF HIS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO COUNCIL WHICH HE PROPOSED THE REELECTION OF DR SALIM UNANIMOUSLY AND BY ACCLAMATION AT THE CAIRO SUMMIT MEETING.

ACCORDING TO THE ESTIMATION OF DR SALIM AND HIS FRIEND (AT THAT TIME) THE AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL IN ADDIS ABABA, IT APPEARED VERY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR DR SALIM TO BE REELECTED THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCEDURE OF VOTING GIVEN HIS NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT. HENCE THE MANOEUVRE TO GET HIM REELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

THAT ARROGANT PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY SENEGAL WAS AN AMBITION TO DICTATE TO HIM HOW TO FULFILL HER DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITHIN THE OAU. MOREOVER, THE SENEGALESE PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDATION WAS INTENDED TO PROVE TO

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THAT SENEGAL IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL STATE AND TRUE LEADER OF AFRICA. IN THIS RESPECT THEREFORE, TO HELP SENEGAL TO ACCAPARATE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AIDES AND ASSISTANCE.

AS ALREADY MENTIONED, THE SENEGALESE RECOMMENDATION WHICH WAS BOTH HUMILIATING AND CONTEMPTUOUS WAS DONE WITH SOME SELF INTEREST. THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN USING THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS ITS INSTRUMENT FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ADVANTAGES MAKING HIM A HOSTAGE OF SENEGALESE POLITICS SINCE HE HAD TO SHOW THAT HE OWED THANKS TO SENEGAL FOR HIS REELECTION. INDEED HE TRIED TO SHOW THAT HE OWED THANKS TO SENEGAL BUT THE FRUITS OF THAT EXERCISE HAVE NOT BEEN ENCOURAGING. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OAU EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK, WHICH HAS RESULTED INTO SERIOUS COMPLAINTS BY THE AFRICAN GROUP IN NEW YORK IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. ANOTHER CASE IS THAT SENEGAL WANTED TO GET TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE OAU FROM DR SALIM AS A STRATEGY FOR THE 3RD TERM REELECTION OF MR BABACAR NDIAYE OF SENEGAL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AS WELL AS THE ELECTION OF THE SENEGALESE CANDIDATE TO THE POST OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FAO. THE ADB REELECTION WAS A FAILURE.

THE OAU MEMBER STATES SUPPORTED SENEGAL'S PROPOSAL IN GOOD FAITH WITHOUT KNOWING THE REALITY AND THE REAL SITUATION PREVAILING WITHIN THE OAU UNDER MR SALIM'S ADMINISTRATION.

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MEMBER STATES AND OAU STAFF CAN NOW ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF DR SALIM FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS AS FOLLOWS:

ADMINISTRATION

INJUSTICE, INTRIGUES, ARBITRARY DECISIONS, TRICKS, MEDIOCRITY AND CORRUPTION HAS THROWN THE OAU'S ADMINISTRATION INTO A ROTTEN SITUATION. THE STAFF OF THE OAU ARE DAILY HUMILIATED, OFTEN DEMORALIZED WITH A BLANK FUTURE AT SIGHT. DURING THE 8 YEAR MANDATE, THE CURRENT SECRETARY GENERAL HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY WEAK LEADER. HE IS AFRAID OF TAKING DECISIONS, I.E.HE TOTALLY LACKS DECISION-MAKING UNLESS INFLUENCED. HE ALWAYS TRIES TO ESCAPE BLAME AND AFRAID TO EXERCISING HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY. THIS WEAKNESS HAS CAUSED HIM FAIL ADMINISTRATIVELY. SIMPLE DECISIONS HAVE EITHER REMAINED UNRESOLVED FOR YEARS OR TAKEN TOO LONG TO RESOLVE. AT PRESENT, THE MAJORITY OF THE STAFF ARE DISILLUSIONED, DISSATISFIED, A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH HAS CREATED A BIG GAP OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND THE STAFF. ON THE WHOLE, THERE IS EVIDENT LACK OF CONTROL AND COORDINATION IN THE HOUSE. THIS HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN SEVERAL INSTANCES INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS CARRYING OUT THEIR OWN BUSINESS, TAKE DECISIONS AND SCRAMBLE FOR PUBLICITY WITH NO REGARD TO OTHERS. HE RARELY STAYS IN ADDIS ABABA TO THE EXTENT THAT HE HAS LOST TOUCH WITH THE STAFF. EVEN THE LOW-LEVEL MISSIONS THAT HE COULD DELEGATE HIS ASSISTANTS OR EVEN SENIOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF, HE TAKES THEM PERSONALLY. WHY? IT APPEARS THAT APART FROM CAMPAIGNING FOR A 3RD TERM, HE IS HURRIEDLY SELF-AGGRANDIZING. THE RESIDENT AMBASSADORS IN ADDIS ABABA STRONGLY SHARE THIS VIEW. HE HAS NO TIME FOR STAFF GRIEVANCES AND WELFARE. AT THE LEVEL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT, IT IS BEYOND IMAGINATION TO HAVE THE SAME SECRETARY GENERAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS OF 3RD TERM.

FOR THE ENTIRE 8 YEAR PERIOD THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY MANIPULATED BY TWO GROUPS WITHIN THE OAU GENERAL SECRETARIAT KNOWN IN THE OAU CIRCLES AS "MAFIA GROUP". THESE TWO GROUPS USE THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES AND

INTERESTS. THEY HAVE BEEN DECIDING ON THE RECRUITMENT, TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS AND EVEN DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AGAINST THE STAFF. MR SALIM'S ROLE HAS ONLY TO APPROVE AND SIGN THEIR PROJECTS AND WILL. THAT IS HIS INSTRUMENT FOR REELECTION.

THIS MAFIA GROUP HAS HIJACKED THE WHOLE OAU ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY AND STRUCTURE BY APPOINTING THEIR FRIENDS IN THE IMPORTANT POSTS OF THE OAU. THE TWO GROUPS DON'T FIGHT EACH OTHER. THEY HAVE RATHER ESTABLISHED MODUS VIVENDI AND A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE VERY CLOSELY.

THE FIRST MAFIA GROUP KNOWN AS THE ARAB GROUP IS LED BY DR SAID DJINIT FROM ALGERIA, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. HE IS ASSISTED BY AMBASSADOR GASHUT, A LIBYAN NATIONAL FORMER DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION NOW DIRECTOR

OF ESCAS AND MR LAMINE LABAS (ALGERIAN), HEAD OF CONFERENCE

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DIVISION. THE GROUP IS THERE TO LOOK AFTER THE INTERESTS OF ARABS IN THE OAU. AS A RESULT OF THEIR GRIM JOB WHICH GOES WITHOUT COMMENTS 60% OF THE TOTAL OAU DECISION MAKING MACHINERY

IS CONTROLLED BY THE ARAB GROUP.

THE SECOND MAFIA GROUP IS KNOWN AS THE "RWANDESE DIASPORA BAND". IT WAS UNTIL JUNE 1996 UNDER MR BANDORA MUSINGA, A RWANDO-TANZANIAN, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS WELL AS HIS JUJU MAN. BANDORA'S MAIN ACCOMPLICES WERE EMMANUEL GASANA, A RWANDO-UGANDAN, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE OAU PERMANENT MISSION TO BRUSSELS AND MR GIDEON KAINAMURA, ANOTHER RWANDO-UGANDAN, FORMER HEAD OF COOPERATION

DIVISION IN EDECO DEPARTMENT. ALL THREE HAVE NOW LEFT THE OAU AFTER SPENDING OAU FUNDS TO INSTALL A TUTSI GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA. THE BAND OF THREE HAS A GREAT INFLUENCE ON MOST OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, CONDUCTED HIS DEALINGS, DID A LOT OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, CONTROLLED THE FINANCE AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENTS, COOPERATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISIONS AS WELL AS MANY REGIONAL OFFICES. CUNNING WIT AND CHAMPION OF THE MANIPULATION, FALSIFICATION AND INTRIGUES, BANDORA HAS THE MOST ILL-OMENED AND MOST NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL. BESIDES, BANDORA WENT VERY OFTEN ON MISSIONS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY AND HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MANIPULATE HIM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF THE RWANDESE DIASPORA AND THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT. ALL THAT WAS WELL KNOWN BY THE RWANDESE GOVERNMENT THAT

THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL WAS ILL ADVISED AND MISLED BY BANDORA

AS FAR AS THE RWANDESE CONFLICT WAS CONCERNED. THE EXPANSION OF THE TUTSI EMPIRE AND THE TUTSI-LED GOVERNMENTS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION (FROM UGANDA TO RWANDA, BURUNDI AND ZAIRE) IS KNOWN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

MOREOVER, ARROGANT AND WELL KNOWN PLAYBOY IN ADDIS ABABA, BANDORA OFTEN INVITED FEMALE STAFF OF THE OAU AND PROPOSED TO THEM PROMOTIONS, MISSIONS, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANTAGES PROVIDED THEY ACCEPT TO BE ABUSED BY HIM. EVERYBODY IN THE OAU WAS DISMAYED BY LEARNING THAT TWO INCOMPETENT LADIES, GIRLFRIENDS OF BANDORA WERE PROMOTED TO HIGHER POSTS.

THE RESULT OF THE HIJACKING OF THE OAU'S INSTITUTIONS BY THE ARAB-RWANDESE MAFIA HAS BEEN TERRIBLE AND INCREDIBLE:

- PRIORITY FOR TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS AND RECRUITMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS AND THE FRIENDS OF THE MAFIA GROUP. THEREFORE, MOSTLY THE MEDIOCRE, THE BOOTLICKER WERE PROMOTED AND TRANSFERRED. THIS IMPUNITY HAS LEFT THE MAJORITY OF THE OAU STAFF DEMORALIZED AND FRUSTRATED. ONE AFRICAN AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ABABA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE OAU IS A MEDIOCRE ORGANIZATION WHERE ONLY MEDIOCRE DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND CAREERS.

- THE MAFIA GROUP HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO DEFEND THE INTERESTS

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OF THEIR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE OAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEARNED WITH DISMAY THAT MR GASANA BORROWED AND PAID

HIMSELF, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ACCOUNTANT, US \$31,500.00 FOR PURCHASING HIS CAR WHILE THE CEILING OF THE CAR LOAN AMOUNTS TO US \$15,000.00 IN HIS CASE. IN FACT MR GASANA DIDN'T BUY A CAR AND ONLY REIMBURSED US \$15,000.00 TO THE OAU. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST HIM SINCE HE WAS PROTECTED BY MR BANDORA.

- MANY PAYING MEMBER STATES DO NOT HAVE EVEN ONE OFFICER WORKING IN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT. SOME AFRICAN SUB-REGIONS ARE UNDER REPRESENTED. FOR INSTANCE, THE SOUTHERN SUB-REGION, ALTHOUGH ITS MEMBERS HAD SPONSORED, SUPPORTED AND PLAYED AN IMPORTANT AND DECISIVE ROLE IN THE ELECTION OF MR SALIM IN 1989, THE WHOLE REGION HAS ONLY 4 PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AT THE LEVEL OF P3, A JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL RANK, AND ONLY ONE P4 POSITION ONLY APPOINTED IN LATE 1996. NO POSITION AT P5/P6 WHICH ARE THE MAJOR DECISION-MAKING POSITIONS APART FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. WHY?

- SOME COUNTRIES IN THE EASTERN REGION PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE NOT REPRESENTED.

- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SENEGAL, SOME COUNTRIES IN THE CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA ARE TOTALLY IGNORED.

- REGIONAL OFFICES SUCH AS GENEVA AND BRUSSELS WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL MAINLY WITH DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION MATTERS, DO NOT HAVE ECONOMISTS WORKING THERE. THESE OFFICES ARE ACTUALLY UNABLE TO KEEP THE OAU HEADQUARTERS INFORMED ON THE NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON WITHIN UNCTAD, ILO, GATT/WTO, EEC ETC. EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. BUT GENEVA AND BRUSSELS OFFICES SPEND CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE OAU BUDGET

TO ENUMERATE INCOMPETENT AND USELESS OFFICERS.

- WHEN DR SALIM TOOK OFFICE, HE DECLARED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE HOUSE THAT HIS OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN TO ALL THE STAFF IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THEIR PROBLEMS. THE REALITY IS DIFFERENT. THE MAFIA GROUP HAS ISOLATED THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY REFUSING THEIR APPOINTMENTS. EVEN THE MEMOS SENT BY THE STAFF TO PUT FORWARD THEIR CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES ARE IGNORED AND THROWN OUT

BY THE MAFIA GROUP WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE.

SECURITY AND WELFARE OF THE STAFF

THE SECRETARY GENERAL DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE SECURITY AND WELFARE OF THE STAFF. HE IS KNOWN AS "KING ME FIRST". HE SACRIFICES THE STAFF TO ATTAIN HIS SELFISH GOALS. IN ALL THE STAFF MATTERS HE LOOKS AT HIMSELF FIRST. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HAS PUT HIMSELF IN THE POCKETS OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT HIS REELECTION. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT HE IS DEPENDING ON PRIME MINISTER MELES ZENAWI TO BACK UP HIS CANDIDATURE FOR A THIRD TERM REELECTION. INSTEAD OF CARRYING EXPEDITIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HOST, HE BEGS THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACT AGAINST THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT,

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INTERNATIONAL LAW AND STAFF INTERESTS. HE WOULD RATHER HAVE ALL THE STAFF MISTREATED EVEN KILLED AS LONG AS HIS SURVIVAL IS GUARANTEED AND PROTECTED. WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING FEW CASES AMONG SEVERAL OTHERS:

1. IN 1991 BEFORE THE TAKE-OVER OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND ON THE EVE OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE ABUJA SUMMIT, SEVERAL EVENTS TOOK PLACE WHICH REQUIRED THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. ACCORDING TO THE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE FROM 21 MAY 1991 TO 6 JUNE 1996 WHICH INCLUDED THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM AND THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY OF THEN EHADG IN THE CAPITAL OF ADDIS ABABA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL ACTIONS AND DECISIONS ON THE SECURITY OF THE STAFF. INSTEAD, HE LEFT THE HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT PROPER DIRECTIVES. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO ABUJA, HE WAS AWARE OF THE SERIOUS POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. WHEN SCHOOLS HAD CLOSED UP, SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAD EVACUATED THEIR FAMILIES, HE STILL LEFT FOR ABUJA WITH THE ENTIRE CABINET LEAVING BEHIND A MERE LIAISON OFFICER WHO WAS HIMSELF AWAY FROM ADDIS ABABA. IT WAS WHILE IN ABUJA, ON 26 MAY 1991 THAT HE DECIDED TO SEND AMBASSADOR BROWNSON DEDE AND MR PLACIDE AHOLOU, THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RESPECTFULLY TO HANDLE THE EVACUATION OF THE STAFF (THANKS TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE NATIONAL FUNDS USED TO EVACUATE AFRICAN FAMILIES). THE WEAKNESS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN TAKING DECISIONS GOES TO THE EXTREME SACRIFICE OF HUMAN LIVES. HE WOULD RATHER GO FOR POMP AND BE SEEN IN BIG LIGHTS THAN SAVE HUMAN LIVES. FOLLOWING THAT EXPERIENCE, A SECURITY PLAN WAS DRAWN-UP NOT ONLY FOR THE HEADQUARTERS, BUT ALL REGIONAL OFFICES FOR HIS CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT TILL TO-DATE, NOTHING HAS COME UP. PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SECURITY PLAN IN CASE OF NEED AND NOT WAIT TILL CAUGHT-UP IN CONFUSION. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THAT STAFF MEMBERS ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND WHOEVER

IS HOLDING AUTHORITY CANNOT OPERATE WITHOUT THEM.

2. DUTY FREE CARS: ACCORDING TO THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT, THE OAU STAFF MEMBERS ARE PRIVILEGED TO BUY A DUTY-FREE CAR AFTER EVERY THREE YEARS. THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FIVE YEARS WITHOUT ANY CONVINCING REASON. NO RATIONALE.

3. STAFF DETENTION: A CAMEROONIAN NATIONAL WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT ON 19 APRIL 1996 AND DETAINED ON THE SAME DAY. NO ONE PLANS, INTENDS OR LIKES TO MAKE AN ACCIDENT. BECAUSE THE STAFF WERE ANGERED BY THAT ACT AGAINST A FELLOW STAFF MEMBER (WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN DONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION) AND DUE TO THE LACK OF AN APPROPRIATE PROTEST FROM THE

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SECRETARIAT, THEY DECIDED TO PEACEFULLY DEMONSTRATE IN THE COMPOUND OF THE SECRETARIAT ON 26 APRIL 1996. THE REACTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE DEMONSTRATION WAS "I WISH THE POLICE HAD FIRED BULLETS AT THEM". THE HOST WAS TICKLED, THE STAFF MEMBER WAS RE-DETAINED. BECAUSE THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS IN THE POCKETS OF THE HOST, STAFF CAN BE MISHANDLED WITH IMPUNITY.

4. THE CASE OF MAJOR CUNIBERT ZONGO: A TANZANIAN NATIONAL AND FORMER CABINET ATTACHE BROUGHT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FROM HIS NATIONAL ARMY. IT IS SAID THAT MAJOR ZONGO FOUND HIMSELF IN A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS DUE TO THE FRUSTRATIONS AND ILL-TREATMENT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL. IT IS ALSO AN OPEN SECRET THAT ON THE INSTRUCTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, ZONGO HAS BEEN DETAINED SINCE LAST OCTOBER 1996 TO-DATE. THERE IS NO SIGN OF HIS RELEASE BECAUSE THE SECRETARY GENERAL WHO FEELS HIS RE-ELECTION COULD BE JEOPARDIZED HAS NOT DECIDED WHEN TO RE-INSTRUCT THE ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE HIS LANGUISHING FORMER AIDE DE CAMP. IT IS VIEWED BY THE RESIDENT AMBASSADORS IN ADDIS ABABA, OTHER DIPLOMATS AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS INCLUDING THE RED CROSS THAT WHATEVER ZONGO COULD HAVE DONE THIS IS EXTREMELY IMMORAL AND INHUMAN ON THE PART OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

BY NOW MEMBER STATES AS WELL AS STAFF MEMBERS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THEIR KING IS NAKED. A MAN WHO IS KNOWN IN THE SOCIAL CIRCLES TO SEXUALLY ABUSE SPOUSES OF HIS SUBORDINATES PARTICULARLY THOSE OF HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANTS DESERVES NO RECOGNITION OF ANY SORT. THE RECENTLY MADE PUBLIC SEXUAL SCANDAL OF PRESIDENT CANAN BANANA WHICH IS STILL FRESH IN OUR MINDS, AN EMBARRASSMENT NOT ONLY FOR ZIMBABWE, BUT OAU AND AFRICA AS WELL IS ENOUGH FOR THE TIME BEING. IT IS TOO SOON TO DISCLOSE AND HEAR YET ANOTHER IMMORAL SCANDAL INVOLVING ANOTHER

PROMINENT AFRICAN FIGURE!

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO POLITICS

SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF MR SALIM TO THE OAU, WHAT ACHIEVEMENTS CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR ON THE OAU'S INFLUENCE, ROLE OF AFRICA IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS? WHEN HE CAME IN LATE 1989 LIBERATION WAS ON ITS LAST LAP. HE DID NOTHING IN THAT CONTEXT EXCEPT TO HOIST THE NEW FLAGS OF INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AND NEW SOUTH AFRICA AND ENJOYED THE POMP. THE ELECTION OF KOFI ANNAN TO THE TOP UN POST, SALIM, SELFISH AS EVER, WANTED THE JOB FOR HIMSELF. NO RESOLUTION OF A SINGLE CONFLICT. ONLY BIG NOISES, DAILY MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS WITHOUT CONCRETE AND TANGIBLE RESULTS BUT ALL THIS IS ORGANIZED FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION GEARED FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES.

OAU CLOSES ITS EYES AND EARS WHEN IT COMES TO THE SIX YEARS OF CIVIL WAR IN LIBERIA. MR SALIM HAS RARELY VISITED THE PLACE. ONLY NIGERIA THROUGH ECOMOG HAS BEEN TRYING AT ITS OWN COST TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS. WHEN MR SALIM APPOINTED PRESIDENT BANANA AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT TIME TO TOUR THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, THIS WAS A RE-ELECTION STRATEGY

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AND NOTHING ELSE.

SOMALIA, A COUNTRY FEW MILES AWAY FROM THE HEADQUARTERS, HAD TO BE HANDLED BY THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO BRING THE BLOODSHED TO AN END, ORGANIZE HUMANITARIAN AIDES AND START POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. FROM THE OAU, ONLY APPEALS, PRESS RELEASES AND BRIEFINGS IN ADDIS ABABA. MR SALIM NEVER WENT THERE ALTHOUGH THERE WAS AN ON-AND-OFF OF A JUNIOR OFFICER IN SOMALIA, TO OBSERVE AND REPORT. OAU HAS BEEN MADE A TOOL BY THE AMERICANS THROUGH ETHIOPIA; THE SODERE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED

IN A TOTAL IGNORANCE OF THE OAU WHICH WAS INFORMED ONLY TO ATTEND THE FINAL DECLARATION.

IN ETHIOPIA, THE USELESS OAU IS HATED CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENCE OF ERITREA. FOR 30 YEARS OAU WITNESSED THE WAR WITH ITS ATROCITIES IN SILENCE. HOWEVER, THE OAU RUSHED TO CONFIRM THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM. MR SALIM, AS USUAL, CHOSE THE TIME OF THE REFERENDUM IN ERITREA TO VISIT HIS COUSINS IN THE GULF STATES.

AS REGARDS TO ANGOLA, SADR, SUDAN, DJIBOUTI, MOZAMBIQUE, TOGO , ZAIRE, LIBYA, ALGERIA ETC. THE OAU HAS BEEN ESCAPING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. IS THERE DEMOCRATIZATION IN MOTION OR IN PROGRESS? FOR THE OAU, DEMOCRATIZATION MEANS TO SEND, ONLY AT THE EVE OF ELECTIONS, HIGHLY PAID OAU OBSERVER TEAMS WHILE THE GAME IS OVER. THE OAU TEAMS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE WHOLE PROCESS, THE PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONSTITUTIONS OF THE ELECTORAL LISTS, CIVIL EDUCATION, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENTS ETC.

ON CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ON THE CRISIS UNTIL FOUR HEADS OF STATE DECIDED AT THE OUAGADOUGOU FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE OAU.

ON REFUGEES AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, MR SALIM WAS NOT EVEN BOTHERED TO ANSWER THE BURKINA FASO'S INVITATION TO ATTEND A MEETING ORGANIZED ON THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT.

IN THE FIELD OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS THE OAU HAS NEVER INVOLVED ITSELF IN THE CREATION OF A CULTURE OF TOLERANCE. NO SEMINAR, WORKSHOP OR ANY ACTIVITY. WE SALUTE MEMBER STATES, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NGO'S WHO HAVE INVESTED IN THIS FIELD. ON ITS PART, OAU HAS SPENT HUGE SUMS OF MONEY ON STERILE MISSIONS ONLY TO VISIT OFFICIALS.

ABOUT THE PEACE FUND. USING THE OAU, THE AMERICANS ARE PUTTING MONEY TO BE USED ON ACTIVITIES OF THEIR INTEREST IN AFRICA, AT THE MOMENT DICTATED BY THEMSELVES. IN ANY CASE THE AMERICANS KNOW THAT THE MONEY HAS BEEN MISUSED BY THE SECRETARY

GENERAL WHO HAS TAKEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECRUIT HIS FRIENDS OR FOLLOWERS. THIS IS THE CASE FOR HIS PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CABINET, A WELL KNOWN FORMER ECA STAFF MEMBER SACKED BECAUSE

OF HIS FALSE DIPLOMAS AND COULD NOT PERFORM. A LIAR, AND ACADEMIC FAILURE WITH A DISTORTED PERSONALITY WHO HAS BEEN

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HAVING SHORT CONSULTANCIES AND COULD NOT DELIVER IS ENGAGED IN THE CABINET OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO TERRORIZE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND SQUANDER THE ORGANIZATION'S FUNDS. HE HAS NO SPECIALIZATION BUT POSES TO KNOW EVERYTHING. HE HAS NOW BEEN RECRUITED AS SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT DIVISION. THE MISUSE OF FUNDS GOES TO THE FORMER OAU ASG, THE ETHIOPIAN YILMA TADESSE, AN INFLUENT LEADER OF THE FORMER DERG REGIME OF MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM. AMB. YILMA WAS APPOINTED AS A CONSULTANT FOR DRAFTING THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TREATY, THEN AFTER HE BECAME LEADER OF OAU ELECTIONS OBSERVER MISSIONS. HE IS NOW OAU TEAM LEADER WITHIN MINURSO, AT THE TIME WHEN THE WORK OF THE MINURSO IS FROZEN. MEANWHILE AMB. YILMA RECEIVES US \$235 PER DAY FROM THE OAU, US \$60 FROM THE UN, AND HE IS BEING GIVEN FOOD, ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION IN WESTERN SAHARA. OTHER OAU STAFF ARE DENIED HALF PER DIEM.

TO REFLECT ON THE PAST AND PRESENT, AFTER THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA, AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO OF NIGERIA WAS HURRIEDLY REMOVED

FROM THAT COUNTRY AND THE POLITICAL OFFICER WHO WAS NO.2 WAS ALSO REMOVED IN PREFERENCE OF AN OFFICER FROM THE BUREAU FOR REFUGEES. THIS OFFICER WAS SUPPOSEDLY TO HAVE LEFT 6 MONTHS EARLIER BECAUSE THE REFUGEES WORK WAS OVER. TO THE SURPRISE OF EVERYBODY, WHEN THE WINDHOEK OFFICE WAS CLOSED, THE SAME OFFICER FROM THE BUREAU FOR REFUGEES CAME BACK TO ADDIS ABABA TO BE RE-ASSIGNED TO WORK AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN RWANDA. UP-TO-DATE, THE SAME OFFICER IS STILL IN RWANDA WORKING FOR THE MALICIOUS INTERESTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN THAT COUNTRY. WHY IS THE OAU STILL KEEPING AN OFFICE IN RWANDA WHEN THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT CLAIMS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF CONFLICT SITUATIONS OF THE OAU? WHAT IS THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT DOING IN BURUNDI AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE MILITARY IF IT IS NOT MISUSE OF FUNDS FOR THE HIDDEN INTERESTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL? WHY SHOULD BURUNDI GULP THE LION'S SHARE OF THE OAU PEACE FUND? WHY NOT ANGOLA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, SOMALIA, MOZAMBIQUE ETC?

THE CHICKEN WITH GOLDEN EGGS IS THE MECHANISM OF CONFLICT PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION. MR SALIM SEEMS TO HAVE MADE A VERY BIG DISCOVERY. IT IS THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A MECHANISM THAT PREVENTED HIM FROM TAKING DIPLOMATIC STEPS OT TO

ORGANIZE AFRICAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE? WHY COULDN'T HE CONVENE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETINGS OF MINISTERS AS WAS THE CASE IN THE PAST? THIS PROJECT IS USED AS A WAY TO CONVINCING MEMBER STATES TO REELECT HIM SO THAT HE CAN ACHIEVE WHAT HE HAS STARTED. THE NEW MECHANISM DOES NOT SEEM TO BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS PROPOSED AND FAILED EARLIER. AND YET THE SECRETARY GENERAL CAN MOVE AND INTERVENE EVEN WITHOUT THE MECHANISM.

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REGARDING COOPERATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MATTERS, THE OUTCOME AMOUNTS TO ALMOST NIL DUE TO THE LACK OF VISION, ORIENTATION AND APPROPRIATE PROJECT PLANNING. THE OAU HAS GIVEN UP ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH ARE HANDLED BY THE ECA AND THE UNDP. APART FROM THE 1991 ABUJA TREATY ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN 1994 AND WHOSE REALITIES ARE YET TO BE SEEM; TOGETHER WITH THE POLICY SUPPORT UNIT WITHIN EDECO; EDECO AND ESCAS DEPARTMENTS' MAIN OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES ARE TO GO AND PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS AT MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE UN AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. IN BRIEF, THE OAU HAS BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN A WORTHLESS APPENDIX OF THE UN AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

AT ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY, THE OAU CELEBRATED UNITY, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. BUT THERE IS NO UNITY AS WE KNOW, PEACE HAS BECOME RARE IN OUR CONTINENT AND WHO DARES TO SAY DEVELOPMENT IN FRONT OF POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT AND DEATH!

JUNE 1997 HARARE ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT THE PRESENT SECRETARY GENERAL IS USING PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA OF SOUTH AFRICA (AFRICA'S GIANT), PRESIDENT PAUL BIYA OF CAMEROON (OAU CURRENT CHAIRMAN) AND PRIME MINISTER MELES ZENAWI (OAU HOST) FOR HIS 3RD TERM RE-ELECTION. A MAN WHO IS PREACHING DEMOCRATIZATION TO MEMBER STATES SHOULD DEMONSTRATE IT HIMSELF AND STOP THE HABIT OF EMBARRASSING AFRICAN LEADERS FOR SELFISHNESS, SWITCHING FROM ONE LEADER TO THE OTHER. WHAT PRESIDENT MANDELA DID FOR HIM FOR THE UN POST BUT FAILED IS ENOUGH AND THE MAN SHOULD BE GRATEFUL NOT TO EMBARRASS HIM FURTHER.

WE APPEAL TO THESE DISTINGUISHED LEADERS NOT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE 3RD TERM RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESENT SECRETARY GENERAL BY CONTINUOUSLY IMPOSING THE MAN ON AFRICANS. HE DOES NOT DESERVE IT AT ALL. ALTHOUGH THE CHARTER IS QUIET ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS, REASON AND WISDOM SHOULD PREVAIL. AFTER ALL, THE CHARTER WHICH HE SWORE TO RESPECT IS CLEAR ON THE ELECTION PROCEDURE, AGAINST THE MANOEUVRE PLAYED IN 1993 WHEREBY MEMBER

STATES WERE EMBARRASSED, DENIED THEIR DEMOCRATIC AND SOVEREIGN RIGHT! AT THIS TIME OF DEMOCRATIZATION, AFRICANS SHOULD BE LEFT FREE TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES.

THEIR EXCELLENCIES HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS ARE REQUESTED TO ACT IN A MANNER THAT WILL INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN AND CONVINCED THE BROAD MASSES OF AFRICA INCLUDING THE OAU STAFF-MEMBERS THAT BY DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AT

THE OAU THEY ARE DEFENDING THEIR OWN INTERESTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.

MOREOVER, IN THIS ERA OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC CHANGES, WHY NOT TRY TO HAVE THE SECRETARY WHO IS A STATESMAN AND MORE OF AN ECONOMIST AND ADMINISTRATOR THAN JUST A POLITICIAN?

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