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SUBJECT: Inter-State Conference on Drought Relief for the Sahel

1. The agenda of meetings at the Inter-State Conference held in Ouagadougou, August 30 - September 12, 1973, was conducted as follows:

- (a) Aug. 30 - Sept. 6: Meetings of Experts of the six States -- Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Niger and Chad (Annex 1). Mr. A. Otten of PMWA attended this session.
- (b) Sept. 7 - 11: Conference of Ministers of the six States. Mr. H. Wyss of PMWA and Mr. J. Crosnier of WAPED attended the conference. Mr. Wyss gave a statement on behalf of the World Bank (Annex 2).
- (c) Sept. 11 - 13: Conference of Heads of State. Mr. R. Chaufournier, Vice President of Western Africa Regional Office, and Mr. M. Bazin of Programs I Department, attended the conference. Mr. Chaufournier made a statement on behalf of the World Bank (Annex 3).

2. At the level of the Experts, four Commissions were created to study programs of assistance over the short, medium and long term to prevent a recurrence of the calamity:

- (i) Agriculture and Agricultural Hydraulics (Annex 4A);
- (ii) Environment and Climatology (Annex 4B);
- (iii) Livestock Raising and Grazing Lands (Annex 4C);
- (iv) Problems common to the above study areas: statistics, research, training, infrastructure, sociological aspects such as health education, and problems of coordination (Annex 4D).

3. At the level of the Ministers, the conclusions reached during the conference are set out in the Paper CILSS/COM.I/73/MIN/RAP./Rev.1 (Annex 5). The projects proposed for the Sahelian countries are divided into national and sub-regional; the cost of the former is estimated at about US\$312 million, and the latter at US\$500 million. These figures are about one-third the amounts formulated by the Experts.

4. At the level of the Heads of State, the six Presidents issued the Declaration shown in Annex 6, and reached the following decisions:

- (a) To adopt the Program Report presented by the Ministers (Annex 7);
- (b) To create an Inter-State Permanent Committee - "Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte Contre la Secheresse dans le Sahel" (CILSS), based in Ouagadougou. The Chairman is the President of Upper Volta, Gen. Sangoule Lamizana. The Regional Coordinator is the Minister of Agriculture of Upper Volta, Mr. Antoine Dakoure; he is designated to serve for two years. The Technical Coordinator and Regional Secretary is Dr. Vet. Ibrahima Konate from Mali. The Statutes of CILSS are set out in Annex 8.

The Heads of State of the six countries issued a Final Communiqué on September 12, 1973 (Annex 9).

Attachments:

- Annex 1 - List of Participants
- Annex 2 - Statement of Mr. Wyss
- Annex 3 - Statement of Mr. Chaufournier
- Annexes 4A, B, C, D - Reports of the Commissions
- Annex 5 - Program Report of the Ministers
- Annex 6 - Declaration of the Heads of State
- Annex 7 - Resolution No. 1
- Annex 8 - Statutes of CILSS
- Annex 9 - Final Communiqué of the Heads of State