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African Iron and Steel Association
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I. BACKGROUND

The setting up of the African Iron and Steel Association (AISA) should contribute to the implementation of the recommendations of the third and fourth Consultations on Iron and Steel (held at Vienna, Austria), of the Sao Paulo (Brazil) meeting on iron and steel technologies and finally the implementation of Decision 7 (IX) adopted by the ninth session of the African Ministers of Industry held at Harare (Zimbabwe) in June 1989. It is also part, in a larger scope, of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action, of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery (PPERA 1986-1990).

Following the African Expert Group Meeting for the Establishment of an African Iron and Steel Association held at Algiers, Algeria, from 12 to 16 November 1989, during which the draft statutes of the Association were discussed, steps were taken to convene a Constitutive Assembly.

The meeting was convened in order to agree on: (i) the official establishment of the African Iron and Steel Association (AISA); (ii) adoption of AISA statutes; (iii) designation of the organs (Board of Directors, General Secretariat).

The meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Arab Iron and Steel Union (AISU) based at Algiers. AISU also contributed towards the preparation of the meeting documentation (Statutes and Criteria of Selection of African Iron and Steel Association Headquarters, Doc. PPD.202/Rev.1.Spec).

II. PARTICIPATION

The meeting was attended by high officials, general managers of public and private enterprises, and iron and steel industry professionals representing the following African countries: Algeria, Angola, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Furthermore, representatives from the Algerian Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Industry and Mines took part in the meeting as well as representatives from UNIDO, the Resident Representative of UNDP in Algeria and the General Secretariat of the Arab Iron and Steel Union.

III. OPENING CEREMONY

Following the official opening, the meeting was addressed by:

Mr. Mesloub, General Director for International Economic Relations of the Algerian Foreign Ministry, welcomed all the participating countries and the representatives of the international organizations and underlined the importance of the meeting for promoting the process of industrialization of African countries and for further enhancing their cooperation.

The Deputy Director-General of the Department of External Relations, Public Information, Language and Documentation Services of UNIDO, after having thanked the Algerian authorities for their generous contribution towards the organization of the meeting, stated the actions taken by the African countries, UNIDO and AISU aiming at promoting this project, and encouraged the participants to establish the Association as foreseen by the Expert Group Meeting held in November 1989.

Mr. M.L. Lachgar, Secretary General of AISU, welcomed all the participants attending the meeting and underlined AISU's determination to further support the establishment of AISA.

The Resident Representative of UNDP in Algeria congratulated the co-organizers (AISU and UNIDO) for the work done and the results achieved towards the establishment of AISA.

Mr. Cherouati, personal representative of the Algerian Minister of Industry and Mines, highlighted the importance of the project as part of the process of industrialization of African countries and underlined the interest of Algeria in the future work of the new organization.

IV. ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

The participants unanimously elected the following bureau:

Chairman : Mr. Timothy Ch. Efobi
Representative from Nigeria

Vice-Chairman : Mr. P.C.C. Moyo
Representative from Zimbabwe

Rapporteur : Mr. Samba Diouf
Representative from Senegal

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting adopted the following agenda:

- Opening ceremony
- Election of the Bureau
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Adoption of the AISA Statutes
- Selection of the Headquarters
- Election of the Board of Directors
- Election of the Secretariat
- Adoption of the meeting's report and closure of the meeting.

VI. ADOPTION OF STATUTES OF AISA

Mr. T. Efobi, Chairman of the meeting, on behalf of the bureau, thanked the participants for the confidence placed on them and declared open the debate. He recalled the work accomplished by UNIDO and AISU as well as the outcome of the Expert Group Meeting held in November 1989. Then he indicated that the main task of the meeting was the creation of the Association and adoption of its statutes.

The floor was then given to Mr. M.L. Lachgar, Secretary General of AISU, who presented the main chapters of the statutes, namely: (i) the setting up of organs (General Assembly, Board of Directors, General Secretariat); (ii) financial resources; (iii) adoption of Rules and Regulations; (iv) criteria for selecting the headquarters of AISA.

A fruitful debate followed with the active participation of representatives from the following countries: Algeria, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Following the discussions on some articles of the statutes of the Association, some clarifications were given and submitted to the approval of the participants. The following amendments were agreed upon:

1. Adoption of variant C of article 56 of the statutes.
2. Adding to Article 17 a third paragraph taking into account companies whose establishment is underway or in pre-exploitation responding to the following criteria:

"Justifying the existence of an investment project in the aforementioned fields and whose importance is evaluated by AISU organs, permitting membership of the company or the managing body of the said project".
3. The 2nd Vice Chairman was listed among the active members.

VII. SELECTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS

The Nigerian and Ethiopian representatives declared that they had been mandated by their respective governments to propose their respective countries for hosting the headquarters of AISA.

At the request of the meeting and taking into account the criteria for selection of the headquarters, some additional information was given by both Nigerian and Ethiopian representatives.

The thirteen countries present participated in the voting and unanimously selected Nigeria to host the headquarters of AISA.

VIII. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 56 C of the Statutes says that the Board should be constituted of fourteen active members and four associate members, elected by simple majority. For practical purposes it was proposed and agreed that all countries attending the meeting, being founding members, be active members.

AISU, having been mandated by its Board of Directors to represent its member countries, was proposed and accepted as an active member of the board of Directors.

The meeting also decided that the Board of Directors' bureau should be constituted as follows:

- Chairman of the Board of Directors : Nigeria
- First Vice Chairman : Zimbabwe
- Second Vice Chairman : AISU

IX. ELECTION OF THE SECRETARIAT

It was proposed that the Secretary General be recommended by the host country after consultations with the concerned authorities and presented to the next General Assembly of the AISA to be held in June/July 1992 in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors' Bureau shall negotiate with the Nigerian authorities all the arrangements that will permit the establishment of the African Iron and Steel Association (AISA).

In addition, the Bureau shall prepare a provisional budget and a programme of work for a period of one year so as to allow the AISA to become operational as soon as possible.

X. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The present report was unanimously adopted during the closing meeting held on the 18th of December 1991.

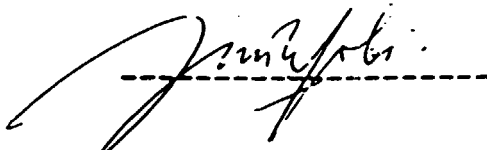
REPORT OF CONSTITUTIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE AFRICAN IRON AND STEEL ASSOCIATION

The undersigned have approved the decisions taken during the meeting related to the establishment of the African Iron and Steel Association.

Algiers, 18th December 1991.

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M. Timothy Chukwuemeka EFOBI
Directeur (Acier)
Federal Ministry of Mines, Power and Steel



ZIMBABWE (1st Vice-Chairman)

M.P.C.C. MOYO
General Manager
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M. Mohamed Laid Lachgar
Secrétaire Général



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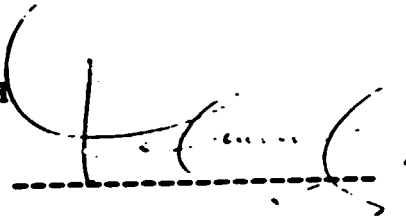
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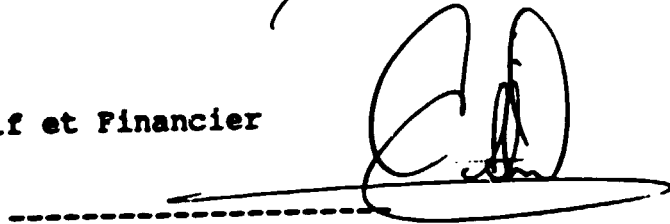
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