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To: The Special Representative of the Secretary-General
in the Congo, the Chief of Civilian Operations,
and staff

Provisional Financial Rules of the United Nations
Fund for the Congo

(Promulgated by the Secretary-General, with effect
from 12 April 1961, in accordance with the terms
of article 14 hereunder)

Article 1 - Applicability

1.1 These rules shall govern the financial administration of the United Nations
Fund for the Congo.

Article 2 - Financial Year

2.1 The financial year shall be the calendar year except that the first financial
period shall run through 31 December 1961.

Article 3 - The United Nations Fund for the Congo Account

3.1 In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1474 (ES-IV) of
20 September 1960, there is established a United Nations Fund for the
Congo Account (hereinafter called "the Congo Account") to which shall be
credited all contributions, donations, and miscellaneous income for the
United Nations Fund for the Congo and against which all payments on behalf
of that Fund shall be charged.

Article 4 - Custody of Funds

4.1 The Secretary-General shall act as custodian of the funds in the Congo Account
and shall designate the bank or banks in which such funds shall be kept.

Article 5 - Contributions and other Gifts and Donations

- 5.1 The United Nations Fund for the Congo shall consist of voluntary contributions received from Member Governments of the United Nations or of any specialized agency of the United Nations serving as its agent in the administration of the Fund, as well as such voluntary unconditional gifts or donations from any non-governmental source as the Secretary-General may accept.
- 5.2 Contributions shall be made in currencies deemed by the Secretary-General to be usable for purposes of the Fund.
- 5.3 No contributing Government shall receive special treatment with respect to its contribution nor shall negotiations for the use of currencies contributed to the Congo Account take place between the contributing country and the Central Government of the Congo.
- 5.4 All income, except contributions, gifts, donations and direct refunds of expenditures, shall be classified as miscellaneous income for credit of the Congo Account.

Article 6 - Investments

- 6.1 Moneys not required immediately may be invested by the Secretary-General in accordance with established policies of the United Nations.
- 6.2 Income from investments shall be credited to the Congo Account as miscellaneous income.

Article 7 - Charges against the Congo Account

- 7.1 The Congo Account shall be charged with costs incurred for restoration of the economic life of the Congo and carrying on its public services, the financing of which from the Congo Fund has been duly approved.

Article 8 - Approval of Expenditure Plans and Reserving of Funds

- 8.1 Proposals for financing activities, projects and other operations of the Congo from the Congo Fund, whether submitted by the Central Government of the Congo or developed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Central Government, shall be accompanied by a plan of expenditure showing full financial implications for the Congo Account.

- 8.2 In considering such expenditure plans for final approval and implementation, the Secretary-General shall take into account the financial status of the Congo Account, in order that the total financial obligations entailed shall not exceed the balance of funds on hand plus funds which the Secretary-General estimates will be received prior to the period in the future when such funds will be required to liquidate the obligations to be incurred.
- 8.3 Approval by the Secretary-General of an expenditure plan shall constitute an authorization to reserve funds in the Congo Account for incurring financial obligations and making payments in respect of the approved plan.
- 8.4 The Secretary-General may adjust a plan of expenditure in consultation with the Central Government of the Congo.
- 8.5 Agreements with the Central Government of the Congo concerning the financing of governmental activities, projects or other operations from the Congo Account shall include the stipulation that the implementation of all expenditure plans approved for financing from the Congo Account is conditional upon availability of funds.
- 8.6 Upon the termination of assistance towards any specific activity, funds reserved in excess of obligations incurred in respect thereof shall become available for other purposes chargeable to the Congo Account in accordance with article 7.1.

Article 9 - Obligations and Expenditures

- 9.1 For disbursements made by the Secretary-General, or on his behalf as authorized by him, the appropriate policies and practices of the United Nations for its operational programmes relating to the obligating and expenditure of funds, shall apply. Obligations recorded will be carried forward until their liquidation.
- 9.2 For disbursement made by or through the Central Government of the Congo, obligations and expenditures shall be accounted for to the Secretary-General in accordance with the terms to be agreed between the Government and the Secretary-General.^{1/}

^{1/} The use of an audit certificate procedure would be the ultimate objective.

Article 10 - Rates of Exchange

10.1 For the purpose of recording contributions in the Congo Account, the official par values or other appropriate exchange rates agreed between the Secretary-General and the contributing Governments shall be used.

Article 11 - Financial Procedures and Practices

11.1 The Secretary-General shall establish appropriate financial procedures and practices, including those relating to administrative delegation of his authorities and to internal control and internal audit. Unless otherwise determined by the Secretary-General, these procedures and practices shall accord with the normal financial policies and practices of the United Nations for its operational programmes.

11.2 The provisions for financial reporting and audit in respect of funds disbursed through the Central Government of the Congo or a specialized agency or other organization designated by the Secretary-General are to be agreed between the Secretary-General and the Government or the agency so designated.

Article 12 - Accounts and Financial Reports

12.1 The Secretary-General shall report as appropriate to the General Assembly on the status of expenditure plans and expenditures under the Congo Fund and on the financial status of the Congo Account.

12.2 The Controller of the United Nations shall prepare and certify as correct the annual accounts showing the status of the Congo Account, and the Secretary-General shall submit them as approved by him to the Board of Auditors not later than 31 March following the end of the financial year.

Article 13 - External Audit

13.1 The Congo Account shall be audited by the United Nations Board of Auditors and a copy of the annual accounts with audit certificate and the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors thereon shall be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly.

Article 14 - Effective Date

14.1 These rules shall, after review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, enter into force upon promulgation by the Secretary-General and may be amended by the Secretary-General with notification to the Advisory Committee.

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