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Note by the Director-General

In document L/3181 of 21 February 1969 contracting parties were notified of the request by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD that the CONTRACTING PARTIES nominate a person to replace Mr. Osman Ali as member of the Advisory Committee, the latter having been elected Chairman of the Committee. In the same document contracting parties wishing to propose candidates were invited to do so.

In this connexion I have now been advised that the Government of the Ivory Coast would be prepared to make available Ambassador Béné Nioupin, should the CONTRACTING PARTIES wish to nominate him for appointment to the Advisory Committee. The Curriculum Vitae of Ambassador Nioupin is attached.

This matter will be referred to the Council of Representatives at its next meeting.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name and first name: NIOUPIN, Béné

Date and place of birth: 1 November 1921 at ALEPE

I. Education

1. Elementary:

Public elementary school of Grand-Bassam, 1930-35, CEPE
Higher elementary school of Bingerville, 1935-38, CEPS
William Ponty Training College, 1938-41: Diploma in Education

Thereafter, entered the public service of Ivory Coast from 1941 to 1947
as African Secondary School Teacher

2. Secondary:

From 1948 to 1951: Studies for Bachelor of Arts

3. University:

From 1951 to 1957: Paris Law Faculty: degree ("licence") in law
Sorbonne: Arts Faculty: degree ("licence") in Arts
(after independent study)

From 1957 to 1959: Paris Law Faculty: doctorate in higher economic
studies
Institute of Political Studies: studied economics
and international relations

II. Career in the public service

Recalled by the Government of the Ivory Coast in November 1959 and served
during 1959 and 1960 as:

Head of the General Education Service of the Ivory Coast; he
reorganized the service and established most of the existing literacy
centres. During the same period he acted for several months as
substitute for the Secretary-General of the Department of Education.

1960-61: Post-graduate course at the International Institute of Social Studies
at The Hague, where he worked entirely in English.

Subjects studied: public administration; international relations;
economics

Result: Diploma of the Institute

Individual thesis: "Relations between the European Communities and the African and Malagasy States"

Group thesis: "Organization and Central Administration of Statistics in the Netherlands"

III. Diplomatic career

In 1961, on the conclusion of his post-graduate course, he was called to the Diplomatic Service and helped the Chief of Mission to set up the Ivory Coast Embassy to the three Benelux countries and the European Communities; from that date he held the rank of First Counsellor.

From 1961 to 1968 he was Assistant Chief of the Ivory Coast Mission to the European Communities, and in this capacity he attended a number of international conferences, including the negotiations on the Yaoundé Convention and the First United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Since March 1968 he has been Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Ivory Coast accredited to the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies.

He is also Permanent Representative accredited to UNIDO, Vienna.