



FORTY FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Accra, 10-11 July 2014

SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA. 1/07/14 AMENDING PARAGRAPH 8 OF ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE 3 AND PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE 5 OF PROTOCOL A/P1/5/79 ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, RIGHT OF RESIDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT RELATING TO TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of States and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 3 of the said Treaty particularly paragraph 2 (d) (iii) which mandates member States to ensure the removal of all obstacles to the free movement of persons, goods, services and capital and to the right of residence and establishment;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/79 on the Free movement of Persons, Right of residence and Establishment;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/85 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States relating to the establishment of ECOWAS Travel Certificate for Member States;

CONSIDERING that the objective of the Protocol on Free movement is to ensure the attainment of a borderless region which is integral in the facilitation of regional integration and establishment of a common market;

CONSIDERING that the standardization of travel document constitutes appropriate facilitation of free movement of person and goods;



CONSIDERING also that standardization of the said document constitutes also security checks on movement of persons and goods irrespective of entry and exit points within the Region;

DESIROUS of establishing the usage of 'valid travel document' within the ECOWAS region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Seventy Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which was held from 19th to 20th June 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

AGREE AS FOLLOWS :

ARTICLE 1 : Amendment of paragraph 8 of Article 1 on definitions

The provisions of paragraph 8 of Article 1 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 on the Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment on 'valid travel document' are hereby amended and replaced by new provisions as follows:

New Paragraph 8 of Article 1

A valid travel document shall be a passport, other official biometric national identity card or a laissez-passer issued by a member State or by any other ECOWAS Institution.

ARTICLE 2 : Amendment of paragraph 1 of Article 3

The Provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 3 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are amended as follows:

NEW PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 3

Any citizen of the Community who wishes to enter the territory of any member State shall be required to hold a travel document in accordance with the provisions of new Article 1 paragraph 8 of this Supplementary Act.

ARTICLE 3 : Abrogation of Paragraph 2 of Article 3

The provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are hereby repealed.



ARTICLE 4: Amendment of Paragraph 1 of Article 5

The provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 5 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are amended as follows:

NEW PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 5

Private Vehicles

Private vehicles registered in the territory of a member State may enter the territory of another member State upon presentation of the documents listed hereunder:

1. Valid driving license;
2. Certificate of registration (ownership card of log book);
3. Insurance Policy recognized by member States;
4. Emergency Travel Certificate from Customs.

ARTICLE 5: Amendment of Paragraph 2 of Article 5

The provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 5 are amended as follows:

NEW PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 5

Commercial Vehicles

Commercial vehicles registered in the territory of a Member State and carrying passengers, may enter the territory of another member State under the same conditions provided for private vehicles under Article 4 (1) of this Supplementary Act.

ARTICLE 6: IMPLEMENTATION

1. In order to ensure the effective implementation of this Supplementary Act, the ECOWAS Commission shall set up a monitoring and evaluation Committee which shall monitor and evaluate on the implementation of this Supplementary Act, particularly in relation to security related issues.



2. An Enabling Regulation shall define the composition and the operation of the monitoring and evaluation Committee provided for in Paragraph 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE 7: ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon signature. Consequently the signatory Member States and ECOWAS Institutions undertake to start implementing its provisions upon its entry into force.
2. This Supplementary Act shall be attached as an Annex to the ECOWAS Treaty of which it is an integral part.

ARTICLE 8: PUBLICATION

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the date of its signing by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its official Gazette thirty (30) days after the notification by the Commission.

ARTICLE 9: DEPOSITORY AUTHORITY

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to all the Member States and shall ensure its registration with the African Union, the United Nations Organization and any other organization designated by the Council.

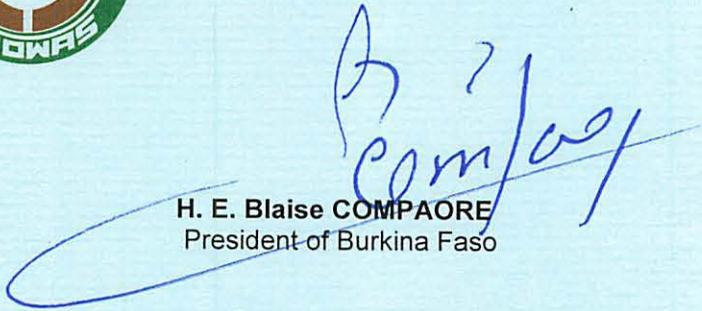
IN FAITH WHEREOF WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, HAVE SIGNED THIS SUPPLEMENTARY ACT.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY 2014

IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGES, ALL THREE (3) TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

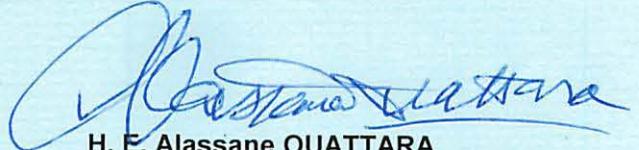


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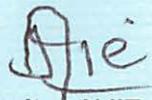


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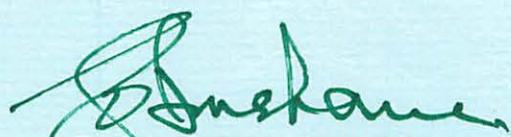
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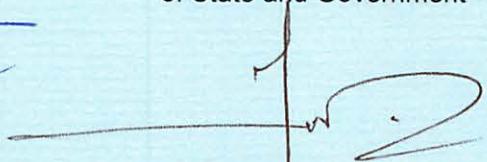
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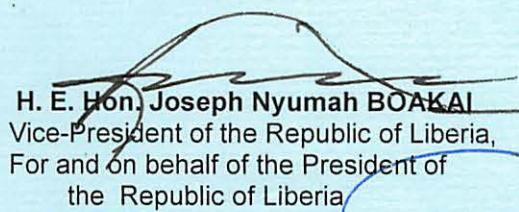
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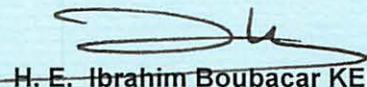
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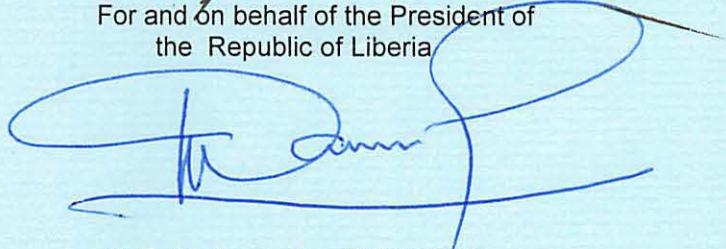
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