

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

8TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 17 - 19 NOVEMBER, 1980

1. The Council of Ministers held its 8th Session in the Conference Hall of Hotel du 2 Fevrier in Lome, Togo from the 17th to 19th November, 1980. All Member States were represented. The Mano River Union and CEAO were represented in an observer capacity at the meeting. The list of participants is attached to this Report.

2. OPENING SESSION

The Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Togolese Minister of Planning and Administrative Reform, Honourable Kouadjolou DOGO welcomed his colleagues and all delegates to Lome on behalf of the Head of State, President General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, Founding Chairman of the Togolese Peoples' Rally and President of the Republic of Togo, the Government and People of Togo. The Chairman informed the meeting that a series of preparatory meetings had been held in Lome since 16th October, 1980; the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund had also met. The reports of these meetings were being submitted to Council for consideration. He called attention to the Community Work Programme that had been agreed upon at the Dakar 1979 Summit and urged that while executing that Programme, the Community also has to think seriously about the mounting problems being posed by the energy crisis. He proposed that some joint action be taken to solve the sub-region's energy problems. Finally, the Chairman thanked the Council for cooperating to make his tenure of office an easy one; he equally thanked the Executive Secretary and his staff for their dedication and

sense of duty shown while he was Chairman of the Council.

3. The Nigerian Minister of National Planning, Honourable Mrs. Adenike OYAGBOLA on behalf of her colleagues thanked the Chairman of Council for his excellent performance during the past year and successfully steering the affairs of the Council through an important stage of the Community. She appealed to the Council and all Member States to be suitably prepared for the next stage of the evolution of the Community - the implementation of the various programmes and measures adopted. She underscored the importance of each Member State discharging fully its obligations to the Community.

4. ELECTION OF BUREAU

For reasons of efficiency and economy, the Council decided that the mandate of the Chairman of Council of Ministers should coincide with that of the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government; the Council therefore requested the present Chairman to continue in office till May, 1981.

The Secretariat assumed the role of Rapporteur.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

After some amendments to a draft submitted by the Executive Secretary, the following

Executive Secretary's Report:

2. Recommendations from meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of communications.
3. Report of Sub-commission on Postal Services.
4. Report of meeting of Heads of ECOWAS Customs Administrations.
5. Report of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission.
6. Report of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission.

7. The External Auditor's Report.
8. Financial Controller's Report.
9. Report of meeting of Board of Direct of ECOWAS Fund.
10. Report of meeting of Finance Experts.
11. Procedure for renewal of term of Executive secretary and reappointment of ECOWAS Statutory Appointees.
12. Any other Matters.

6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary presented his Report which covered activities of the Community since the last Session of Council and included the following sections:

Objectives of the Work Programme for the period May 1980 - May, 1981;

Running of the Institutions of the Community since the last Session of Council;

Community relations with other economic co-operation organisations;

Summary of Specific Issues placed before Council for Decision or Information.

After some general comments, Council took due note of the Executive Secretary's Report and thanked him and his staff for the good work done in the execution of the Community's various programmes and activities.

7. REPORT OF ECOWAS MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Report of the Ministerial meeting on Telecommunications was presented by the Executive Secretary. It was noted that the

ministerial meeting fully endorsed the Programme already adopted and Council decided to adopt the two resolutions made at that meeting, viz:

- Resolution relating to the Programme for Investments and Telecommunication Equipment on ECOWAS Member States and
- Resolution relating to the Financing of the Telecommunications Priority Programme.

8. REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF POSTAL SERVICES
(AGENDA ITEM 3)

After listening to the presentation by the Executive Secretary of the Report of the meeting of Directors of Postal Services, the Council took note of the Report and approved the Postal Programme attached to the Report. It was decided to recommend to the Authority the adoption of the Postal Programme.

9. AGENDA ITEM 4:

REPORT OF HEADS OF ECOWAS CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS

In his presentation of the Report of the meeting of the heads of Customs Administrations, the Chairman of that meeting drew attention to the usefulness of the meeting of both the Customs officials and the Statisticians; the meeting afforded the officials, the opportunity to make their contribution to the drawing up of the activity programmes and they are in a better position now to implement these programmes. The Council took note of the Report and considered it as an information document on the implementation of the Trade and Customs Programme. The Council referred the document to the relevant Commission for consideration.

10. AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT OF THE TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, MONETARY AND PAYMENTS COMMISSION

The Chairman of the above Commission presented the Report of the Commission and drew attention to matters over which the Commission could not come to a unanimous decision. Council took note of the Report of the Commission and decided as follows:

(a). INTER-STATE ROAD TRANSIT CONVENTION

The Executive Secretary ;should take steps to prepare a suitable Draft ECOWAS Inter-State Road Transit Convention.

(b). TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS

The Council referred the issue of Trade Liberalisation and Development scheme for traditional handicrafts to the appropriate Commission for consideration and the submission of its proposals to the next Council meeting.

(c). DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY CITIZEN

Council requested the Executive Secretary to send the papers on the Definition of the Concept of Community Citizen to all Member States so that the competent national authorities could examine this important issue and communicate their comments to the Executive Secretary, who should then reconvene the appropriate Commission for the purpose of making fresh proposals to the next meeting of the Council

11. AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Council took note of the Report of the meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission which adopted the ECOWAS Industrial Policy and Programme.

12. AGENDA ITEMS 7, 8 & 10
FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council decided to consider items 7, 8 & 10 of the Agenda together since the Reports of the External Auditor, the Financial Controller and the Financial Experts raise inter-related issues. After a discussion of these issues, the following decisions were made:

(a). The Committee of Finance Experts should be convened to draft ECOWAS Financial Regulations and a Common Budgetary Nomenclature to be applied by both the Executive Secretariat and the Fund.

(b). The above Committee should define the role and functions of the Financial Controller and the External Auditor.

(c). The Finance Experts should consider and make recommendations to Council on the ECOWAS Post Adjustment Scheme and the upward review of Salaries - the principle was accepted that both issues would affect the Community personnel at both Lagos and Lome. Meanwhile, the 10% of the salaries of officials allocated for the Post Adjustment Scheme in the Secretariat Budget should be retained.

(d). The Honorarium of the External Auditor should be fixed at 14,500 Units of Account and await the definition of the duties of the External Auditor.

(e). Council approved the interim per diem allowance increase of 20%, 25% and 30% to Statutory Appointees and Directors, other Professional Staff and General and Auxilliary Staff respectively - pending the results of a more detailed study.

(f). The Chairman of Council should consult with the Honourable Minister from Nigeria on the assistance the Federal Government of Nigeria could give the Secretariat in solving the housing problem of the professional staff.

(g). The Council approved and fixed at 6,456,965 Units of Account, the Executive Secretariat's Budget for the 1981 Fiscal Year as amended by the Finance Experts. The Council urged all Member State to meet their financial obligations so as to ensure the smooth running of the Community.

13. AGENDA ITEM 9: REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Council took note of the Report of the 6th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECCOWAS Fund held in Lome on 13 and 14

were taken:

- (i) adoption of the 1981 Work Programme of the Fund
- (ii) approval of the Budget of the Fund for 1981 Fiscal Year
- (iii) approval of the financing scheme for the Telecommunications Programme.

It was decided that the issue of commemorative stamps should be studied further before approval could be given for the execution of the project.

14. AGENDA ITEM 11 - RENEWAL OF THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE STATUTORY APPOINTEES

Since the terms of office of the Statutory Appointees would be expiring at different periods, the Council of Ministers decided to examine the appointments of those officers that are within its jurisdiction and whose terms of office expire before the next session of the Council in May, 1981.

Thus:

(a) The current Managing Director of the Fund, Mr. R. C. Tubman, whose term of office expires on the 31st December, 1980, had his appointment renewed on the recommendation of the Board of Director for another four years.

(b) The terms of office expiring after the Council of Ministers meeting holding just before the conference of the Authority in May 1981 shall be examined and a decision taken during the meeting of the Council.

The officers concerned are

The Deputy Executive Secretaries responsible for Administration and Economic Affairs;

The Deputy Managing Director of the Fund and

The Financial Controller.

Concerning the Officers whose appointments are made by the Authority:

(a) The Council of Ministers decided to defer consideration of the appointment of the External Auditor till the meeting of the Council which will precede the next Conference of the Authority. For the time being, the Council decided to propose to the Chairman of the Authority that the contract of the incumbent External Auditor, Messrs. R. A. Dillsworth & Co. should be extended up to May, 1981.

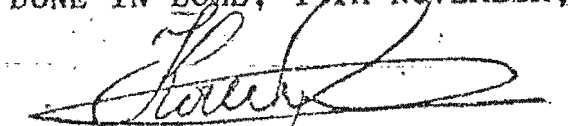
(b) With regard to the Executive Secretary, whose term of office had been extended by the Authority to the Summit of May, 1981 at which time the Heads of State and Government would nominate the Executive Secretary, the Council was informed of the willingness of the government of the Ivory Coast to have the term of office of Dr. Aboubakar DIABY-GUATTARA extended for a further period of four years. Council took note of this declaration and decided to forward it to the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

15. AGENDA ITEM 12: OTHER MATTERS

The Executive Secretary informed the Council of the need to set up an ECOWAS Tender Board. In this regard the Council called upon the Executive Secretary to submit proposals to the relevant Commission.

16. The Report of the Eighth Session of the Council of Ministers was adopted as amended.

DONE IN LOME, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1980



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