

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
LOME, 22 - 23 NOVEMBER 1984

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The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held its seventh Ordinary Session at Lome, Republic of Togo on 22 and 23 November 1984.

Present at the Summit were the following Heads of State and Government, and accredited representatives :-

- His Excellency, Brigadier Mathieu KEREKOU
- President of the People's Republic of BENIN ;
- His Excellency, Captain Thomas SANKARA,
President of FASO ;
- His Excellency, Mr Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY,
President of the Republic of IVORY COAST
- His Excellency, Colonel Lansana CONTE,
President of the Republic of GUINEA
- His Excellency, Brigadier Joas BERNARDO VIEIRA,
President of the Republic of GUINEA-BISSAU ;
- His Excellency, Commander-in-Chief Samuel KANYON DOE,
President of the Republic of Liberia ;
- His Excellency, Colonel Sanyi KOUNTCHE,
President of the Republic of NIGER ;
- His Excellency, General Muhammadu BUHARI,
Head of State of the Federal Republic of NIGERIA ;
- His Excellency, Mr. Abdou DIOUF,
President of the Republic of SENEGAL ;

- His Excellency, Dr Siaka STEVENS,
President of the Republic of SIERRA LEONE ;
- His Excellency, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA,
President of the Republic of TOGO ;
- for the Republic of GHANA: Honourable Mr. J. F. ANNAN,
Vice-Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council,
representing His Excellency, Flight Lieutenant Jerry John
RAWLINGS, Head of State of the Republic of GHANA ;
- for the Republic of CAPE VERDE: Honourable Mr. Pedro
VERONA PIRES, Prime Minister, representing His Excellency
Mr. Aristides PEREIRA, President of the Republic of
CAPE VERDE ;
- for the Republic of MALI: Honourable Mr. Oumar COULIBALY,
Minister of Economic Affairs and National Planning, repre-
senting His Excellency, General Moussa TRAORE, President
of the Republic of MALI ;
- for the Republic of GAMBIA: Honourable Dr. Momodou S. K.
MANNEH, Minister of Economic Planning, representing
His Excellency, Mr. Dauda Kairaba JAWARA, President of the
Republic of GAMBIA ;
- for the Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA: Honourable
Mr Sidi Ould Ahmed DEYA, representing His Excellency,
Lieutenant Mohammed Khouna Ould HAIDALA, President of the
Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA ;

Attending the Session as Observers were :

- the Administrative Secretary General of the Organisation
of African Unity
- the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for
Africa.

During the opening ceremony, speeches were made by
His Excellency, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, Founder Chairman of
the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Togolese People's
Rally, President of the Republic and Head of State

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by His Excellency Colonel Lansana CONTE, President of the Republic of Guinea, Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government.

Following these two speeches, their Excellencies Presidents Muhammadu BUHARI, Thomas SANKARA and Siaka STEVENS also made statements at the opening session.

The Authority listened to the report of the Executive Secretary and the reports on the November, 1983, July 1984 and November, 1984 sessions of the Council of Ministers. His Excellency Felix Houphouet BOIGNY, President of Ivory Coast then addressed the Summit.

In full consciousness of the magnitude of the economic crisis that has been afflicting Sub-Saharan Africa for several years now and whose origin may be traced not only to the global economic recession and persistent drought, but also to desertification and serious structural problems, and convinced that reforms undertaken by African Governments should be accompanied by an increase in aid for development and its adaptation to the specific needs of the affected countries, the Heads of State and Government adopted :

- ✓ (i) a Declaration on the creation of a Special Fund for Sub-Saharan Africa; and

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(ii) a Resolution on the economic recovery of West Africa. X

The texts of these are attached to this Communique.

The Authority also took the following decisions:-

1. Supplementary Protocol relating to the amendment of Article 9.1(c) of the ECOWAS Treaty

By this Decision, the Authority amended Article 9.1(c) of the ECOWAS Treaty signed at Lagos on 28 May, 1975 to read as follows:

Article 9, new paragraph 1(c) "the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission."

2. Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products ✓ E

The Authority adopted a decision relating to the implementation of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 concerning the adoption of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of the Community.

3. Protocol on Community Enterprises

This decision relates to the adoption of the Protocol on Community Enterprises.

4. Rationalisation of cooperation efforts within the West African sub-region

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By the provisions of this decision, the Authority requested that an in-depth analysis of the earlier studies be undertaken, in compliance with Authority Decision A/DEC.8/5/83 taken in Conakry in May, 1983.

5. Resolution relating to support towards the creation of ECOBANK Commercial Bank

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The Authority adopted a resolution on Community support to be given for the creation of a multinational commercial bank, ECOBANK Incorporated, and the acceptance in principle of the proposal that the Community participate in the equity capital of the said bank, through the ECOWAS Fund.

6. Redistribution of Statutory Posts

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The Authority assigned statutory posts to the following Member States with effect from the following dates:-

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| Executive Secretary | Sierra Leone | 1/1/85 |
| Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs) | Burkina Faso | 21/7/85 |
| Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) | Guinea Bissau | 12/9/85 |
| Financial Controller | Niger | 1/12/85 |
| External Auditor | Mauritania | 1/1/85 |
| Managing Director | Senegal | 1/1/85 |
| Deputy Managing Director | Gambia | 1/12/85 |

7. Date and Venue of next Summit

It was decided that the Eighth Session of the Authority be held at Republic of on 28 and 29 May, 1985.

Their Exeellencies the Heads of State and Government thanked their Brother and Friend, His Excellency General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic and Head of State, the Government and people of Togo for the very warm and genuine African welcome, the friendly and brotherly atmosphere, and for all the facilities they enjoyed during their stay in the Republic of Togo.