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**DECISION C/DEC. 1/12/94 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1995 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the provisions of Article 53 of the Treaty relating to the budget of the Community;

Mindful of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of the Community;

Having examined the draft budget recommended by the Fifteenth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Lome from 2 to 14 December, 1994;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the 1995 Financial Year, balanced out in income and expenditure at six million five hundred and forty six thousand, nine hundred Units of Account (UA 6 546 900) is hereby approved.

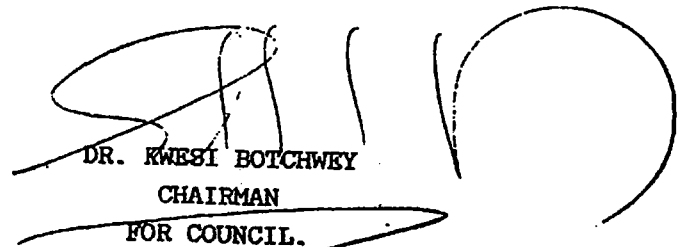
**Article 2**

An amount of six million four hundred and sixty thousand, four hundred Units of Accounts (UA 6 460 400) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States while the balance of eighty six thousand, five hundred Units of Account (UA 86 500) shall be obtained from internally generated resources.

**Article 3**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

**DECISION C/DEC.2/12/94 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1995 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

On the recommendation of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Lome, from 2 to 14 December 1994;

**DECIDES**

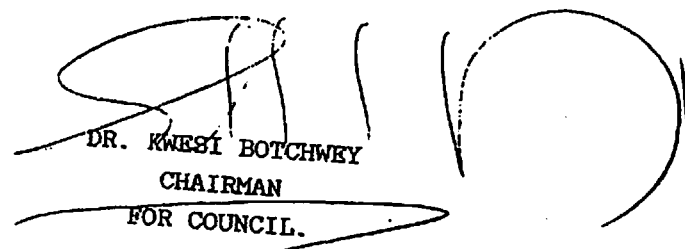
**Article 1**

The Work Programme of the Executive Secretariat for the 1995 Financial Year is hereby approved.

**Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

**DECISION C/DEC.3/12/94 APPROVING THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1993 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Article 10 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the External Auditor;

Mindful of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of ECOWAS adopted in Lome on 30th November, 1989;

Mindful of the Authority Decision A/DEC.3/7/92 dated 29 July, 1992 on the appointment of the firm of Akintola Williams and Company as External Auditor of the Community;

Having examined the report of the External auditor;

and

On the recommendation of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Lome, from 2 to 14 December, 1994;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

The audited accounts of the Executive Secretariat for the 1993 Financial Year is hereby approved.

**Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994

**DECISION C/DEC.4/12/94 ON THE TRANSFER OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TO ABUJA**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Noting the declaration made by the Minister of Planning of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the effect that, pending the time the Secretariat's staff quarters are completed, the Nigerian authorities will make available, at least one hundred housing units to accommodate staff of the Executive Secretariat;

Noting, further, the explanations given by the Executive Secretariat regarding measures it has taken to ensure that movement of staff to Abuja will be done under the best possible conditions;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

The Executive Secretariat is transferred to Abuja.

All Departments in the Executive Secretariat shall move to Abuja at the same time in a properly coordinated manner;

Relocation to Abuja shall be completed before the statutory meetings in July 1995.

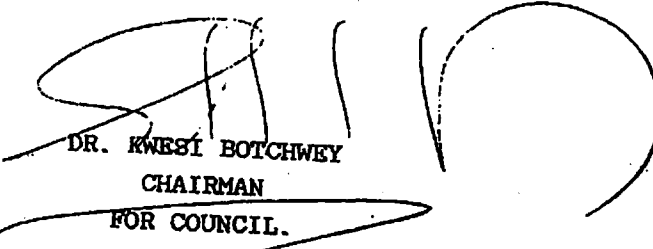
**Article 2**

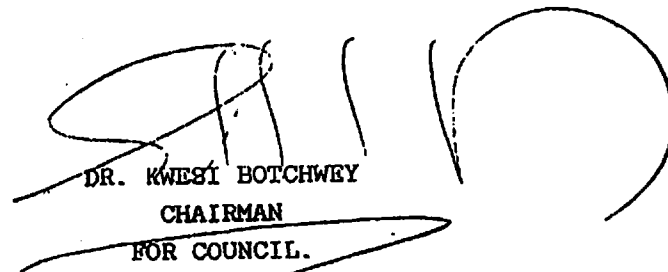
The Executive Secretary shall refer any problems encountered to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

**Article 3**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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**DECISION C/DEC/5/12/94 ON THE SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ALLOWANCES TO STAFF OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decisions C/DEC.3/5/81, C/DEC.4/11/81 and C/DEC.10/11/89 of the Council of Ministers relating to payment of post adjustment allowances;

Mindful of Decision C/DEC.7/12/93 amending Article 33 of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations relating to payment of interim allowance to staff of Community Institutions;

Mindful of the Staff Regulations of the Economic Community of West African States adopted by the twenty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers in Abuja on 6 July, 1991;

Considering the current tight financial situation of the Institutions of the Community and the precarious financial positions of Member States;

On the recommendations of the 32nd Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund and the Fifteenth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

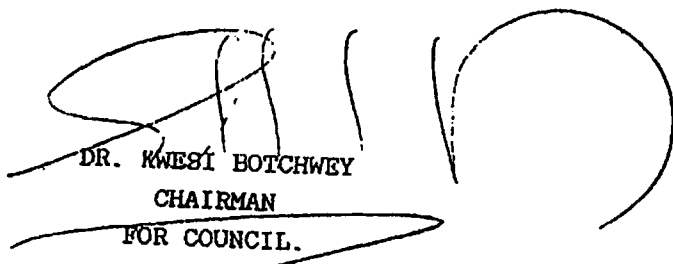
The payment of the following allowances to staff of Community Institutions is hereby suspended for twelve months with effect from 1st January 1995:

- Post Adjustment allowances
- Responsibility allowances
- Interim allowances.

**Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force on the 1st day of January 1995 and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

**DECISION C/DEC.6/12/94 ON THE MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (1995) ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Articles 2, 3, and 27 of the ECOWAS Treaty;

Mindful of Protocol A/P.11/5/79 dated 29 May, 1979 on the free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.5/7/92 dated 29 July, 1992 on the Minimum Agenda for Action (1992/1993) on Free Movement of Persons and Goods;

Considering the Final Communiqué of the Seventeenth Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Abuja from 5th to 7th August 1994 authorising the Council of Ministers to adopt a new Minimum Agenda on Free Movement of Persons for 1995 devoted exclusively through the creation of an enabling environment conducive to the free movement of persons through the elimination of all existing obstacles;

Noting that the major obstacle to integration efforts is the non-application of approved policies and programmes by Member States;

Convinced that the application by Member States of texts relating to free movement of persons constitutes the oasis for the building of ECOWAS;

Convinced that the smooth implementation of all social, cultural and economic activities within the region and consequently, the well being of the peoples of the Community depend on the effective and speedy application of the said texts;

Aware of the need for a new minimum agenda for action whose objective for 1995 will be the facilitation of free movement of Community citizens;

## DECIDES

### Article 1

Member States hereby undertake to lift all remaining obstacles to free movement of persons on their territory. To that end, each Member State shall undertake all activities and implement measures contained in the minimum agenda for action for 1995 on Free Movement of Persons hereto attached.

### Article 2

Each Member State shall forward to the Executive Secretariat, which shall transmit to the Council of Ministers, a report stating measures taken at the national level to implement this Decision.

### Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the implementation of this Decision.

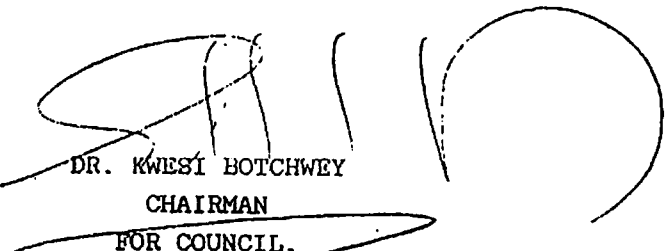
### Article 4

The Executive Secretariat shall present to the thirty-seventh session of Council an updated version of a new Minimum Agenda on free movement of persons and goods.

### Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994

  
DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

## MINIMUM AGENDA FOR 1995

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Implementation of ECOWAS texts by all Member States to achieve harmonious development of all economic, social and cultural activities in the region and to ensure the well being of the citizens of the Community.

### OBJECTIVE '95

Implementation by all Member States of the provisions of all protocols, conventions, decisions, directives and resolutions aimed at facilitating free movement of Community citizens.

### JUSTIFICATION

Outcome of deliberations of:

1. the 33rd session of the Council of Ministers—item 9 of the Agenda;
2. the 35th session of the Council of Ministers — item 12 of the Agenda;

### IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

#### A. Executive Secretariat

1. Detailed inventory and printing of all texts relating to free movement of persons;
2. Printing of pamphlets and leaflets to enlighten and inform wide sections of the population;
3. Printing of sample;
  - ECOWAS travel certificates;
  - ECOWAS residence permits;
  - ECOWAS Customs clearance certificate;
  - Immigration/emigration forms for ECOWAS Member States.
4. Enlightenment and information missions to
  - national structures concerned;
  - economic operators and road users.
5. Assessment, monitoring and follow-up missions to Member States.

#### B. National Structures

1. Preparation of Enabling Texts

All necessary regulatory and administrative steps must be taken to ensure effective implementation of texts relating to free movement of persons:

- ratification of the revised Treaty, protocols and conventions.
- special efforts must be made to prepare enabling texts.

## 2. Printing and Issuance of Documents

- the ECOWAS Travel Certificate;
- the ECOWAS Customs Clearance Certificate;
- the multi-leaf immigration/emigration form for ECOWAS Member States;
- the ECOWAS residence permit.

## 3. Transport and Insurance

- computerisation of vehicle registration to ensure proper control of vehicle movement within the region;
- recognition of the ECOWAS Brown Card which should be provided with a legal and regulatory basis;
- establishment of national Brown Card bureau.

## 4. Information and Enlightenment

- Production of publicity items and information leaflets;
- organisation of information and enlightenment sessions in all languages for economic operators, road users, resident foreigners and the man in the street, to explain the rights and obligations of ECOWAS citizens;
- institutionalisation of an ECOWAS Week, in accordance with the provisions of Decision A/DEC.10/5/82;
- designation within the Ministry of Information of correspondents to be responsible for the production, transmission and exchange of news and programmes on ECOWAS (cf. Decision C/DEC.1/5/90).

## 5. Payment Arrangements

- abolition of discriminatory measures preventing Community citizens from effecting payment for services in local currency while travelling within the region;
- payment of airport tax, hotel bills and all tickets in local currency by Community citizens.

## 6. Reduction of the Number of Road Check-points

- check-points along inter-state roads as defined within the convention regulating ECOWAS inter-State road transport;

### Merging of Check-points

- this will reduce to one the number of check-points between the border and the first major town.
- harmonisation of methods employed by border control services;
- introduction of a free movement corridor for ECOWAS citizens;
- organisation of consultations between officers from both sides of the border in order to harmonise working methods and facilitate free movement of persons.

## C. REGIONAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

This is a neutral and independent committee responsible for post-evaluation of the Minimum Agenda.

This Committee shall be composed as follows:

- 2 representatives from the West African Road Transporters Union;
- 2 representatives from the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce;
- 1 representative from the Council of ECOWAS Brown Card Bureaux;
- 1 representative from WAPTOURS Association.

**DECISION C/DEC.7/12/94 RELATING TO THE LIST OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS APPROVED IN 1994 TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the Protocol defining the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States, and the subsequent Acts and Decisions amending it;

Mindful of Decision C/DEC.3/5/80, dated 25 May, 1980 of the Council of Ministers relating to the proof and the verification of the Community origin of products and the procedure relating to the circulation of goods within the Community;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83, dated 30 May, 1983 as amended by Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 dated 29 July, 1992 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of the Community;

Mindful of Decision C/DEC.3/6/88 dated 21 June, 1988 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial products and enterprises to benefit from the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

On the recommendation of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission which met in Lagos from 2 to 4 November, 1994;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

The attached list of industrial enterprises and products fulfilling the conditions of the ECOWAS rules of origin, is hereby approved to benefit from the Community trade liberalisation scheme.

**Article 2**

The Executive Secretariat shall allocate, to each product and enterprise concerned a number, which must feature on the Certificate of Origin and on the ECOWAS Customs Declaration Form and shall inform Member States accordingly.

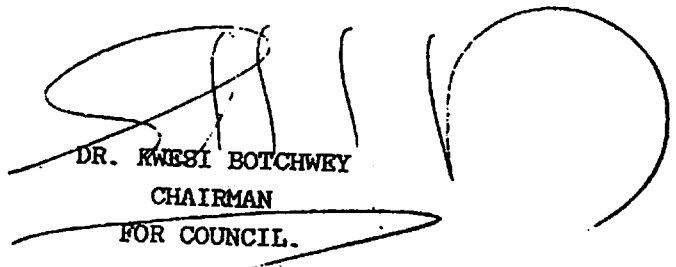
**Article 3**

Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

**Article 4**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994

  
DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.



**LIST OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS SATISFYING  
THE CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY ORIGIN**

Identity of Enterprises by Member State	Customs Nomenclature	Products
<b>I. BENIN</b>  1. Société béninoise de Brasserie (SOEBRA) PK 35 Route de Porto Novo BP 135.  2. Compagnie Industrielle et de Négoce Internationale (OVERSEAS) BP 214 COTONOU  3. Société Béninoise de Textiles "SOBETEX" PK 5 Route de Porto Novo <del>Novo</del> BP 208	2203-00	Malt Beer (Béninoise/Castel) – in containers of less than 0.5 or less – in containers of 0.5 to 1.1
	2202-10	– aerated water, to which has been added sugar and sweetening agents or fragrances (FIZZI)
	2204-21	– other wines must be obtained from grapes in which fermentation has been prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol, in containers not exceeding 2 l in volume
	2204-29	– Other wines
	2208-30	– Whiskies
	2208-40	– Rum
	2208-50	– Gin
5208-52	– Printed cotton fabric containing not less than 85% woven cotton cloth, weighing over 100g/m <sup>2</sup> (FANCY)	

4. Complexe Textile du Bénin COTEB BP321 PARAKOU	52 09 11	Plain weave
	52 09 12	3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill
	52 09 31	Woven fabrics of cotton, dyed; plain weave
	52 09 32	3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill
	52 09 39	Other fabrics; dimity, damask and the like
	61 09 10	T-shirts, singlets and other vests
	61 03 19	Suits: of cotton
	62 03 22	Ensembles; of cotton Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts: cotton
	62 03 42	
	62 07 91	Dressing gowns
	63 02 31	Other bed linen; of cotton
	63 02 51	Other table linen; of cotton
	63 02 60	Toilet linen and kitchen linen; of cotton.

<b>II. GHANA</b>		
1. Tema Steel Company Ltd. Heavy Industrial Area TEMA	2804-40	- Oxygen
2. UNILEVER (GH) Ltd. Kwame Nkrumah Avenue, Accra	3401-11	- Toilet soap
	1517-90	- Other preparations made from vegetable oils (Holsum Bread Fat)
3. Benson Oil Palm Plantation Ltd.	1511-10	- Palm oil
4. Astek Fruit Processing	2009-90 2009-40	- Mixtures of juices - Pineapple juice
5. Nestle Ghana	0402-29	- Milk
	1901-10	- Preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale (cerelac)
	1806-90	- Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa (choco-milo, milo chocolim).

<b>III. NIGERIA</b>		
1. Industrial & Farm Equipment Company Ltd. 113, Demurin Street, Alapere, Ketu, Lagos.	8716·80	- Other hand-driven vehicles (wheel- barrows)
	8201·10	- spades and shovels
2. Northern Nigeria Fibre Products Jos Plateau State	6305·10	- Jute bags
	5703·90	- Carpets
	6301·90	- Blankets
3. NIMCO (NIG) Ltd. 70/72 Lagos-Ibadan Road  Iperu-Remo Ogun State	3506·10	- Gum or other adhesive for retail trade, not exceeding 1 kg in weight
	3506·99	- Other gums or adhesives
4. DAUPHIN NIG. LTD. 83, Itire Road Surulere, Lagos	3506·99	- Other gums and adhesives
5. ELEGANZA Industries Limited Oregun, Lagos	9617·00	- Other assembled vacuum containers
	3304·99	- Other beauty or skin care products
	9608·10	- Fountain pens and ball point pens
6. STRETCH FIBRES (NIG) LTD. 118 Trans- Amadi, Port-Harcourt	5608·11	- Fishing nets
7. HORIZON FIBRES (NIG) LTD. Ikorodu, Lagos.	5402·33	- Textured polyster thread
8. LUCKY FIBRES (NIG) Ltd. Ikorodu, Lagos.	5402·10	- Highly resilient thread made of nylon or polymide
	5607·49	- Other strings, ropes of polythylene
	5702·42	- Floor coverings, made of velvet manu- factured from synthetic or man-made textiles material.

9. LEATHER CREATION LTD. 24, Oba Akran Avenue Ikeja Lagos.	4202-11 4202-31 4202-31	- Briefcases - Wallets - Shopping bags
10. NULEC Industries Ltd.	39 23 40	Audio Cassettes
11. Kolington Technical Industries Ltd.	84 18 10	Combined refrigerator- freezers
	39 24 90	Other household articles (buckets)
12. Nestle Food Nigeria	21 04 10	Preparation of soups and broths (Maggi cubes)
	21 06 90	Other food preparation (meat extract)
13. Eurolink Nig. P.O. Box 1994	30 04 90	Medicaments
14. Nigeria Breweries P.O. Box 545, Lagos	22 03 00	Beer
<b>IV. SENEGAL</b>		
1. Colgate Palmolive (Senegal) km2, BCCD BP. 3753	FX 3402-20 FX 3402-20	Washing powder Liquid detergent
<b>V. TOGO</b>		
1. Nouvelle Sototoles BP 9106, LOME	72 10 41	41 Flat-rolled products of iron, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated; otherwise plated or coated with zinc; corrugated (galvanised or corrugated iron sheet).
	72 10 49	Flat-rolled products of iron of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated; otherwise plated or coated with zinc; (other plated galvanized iron sheets)

**DECISION C/DEC.8/12/94 APPROVING THE 1995 COMPENSATION BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR PROJECTED LOSS OF CUSTOMS REVENUE BY MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.8/5/79 dated 29 May, 1979 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the consolidation of import duties and equivalent taxes and non-tariff barriers;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 dated 28 May, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the application of the compensation procedures for loss of revenue suffered by Member States as a result of the trade liberalisation programme;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May, 1983 as amended by Decision A/DEC.6/6/89 dated 30 June, 1989 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States;

Mindful of Decisions C/DEC.6/12/88, C/DEC.2/5/90, C/DEC.5/7/92, C/DEC.4/7/93 and C/DEC.11/12/93 of the Council of Ministers establishing lists of industrial products approved for inclusion in the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

On the recommendation of the 33rd Meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, held in Lagos, from 2 to 4 November, 1994;

On the advice of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Lome from 2 to 11 December, 1994.

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

An amount of Sixteen Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Units of Account (UA 16.887.500) is hereby approved as the 1995 compensation budget for projected loss of revenue from the trade liberalisation scheme.

**Article 2**

Contributions due towards the 1990, 1991, 1992,

1993 and 1994 budgets amount to Forty-Five Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Three Units of Account (UA 45.568.223). A breakdown of contributions to the budget is contained in Tables I and II attached hereto.

**Article 3**

Each Member State shall pay its contribution into the special fund being managed by the ECOWAS Fund which constitutes the permanent resource exclusively for the payment of loss of revenue incurred by Member States as a result of the implementation of the trade liberalisation scheme.

**Article 4**

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund shall be responsible, in their respective capacities, for the implementation of this Decision.

**Article 5**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
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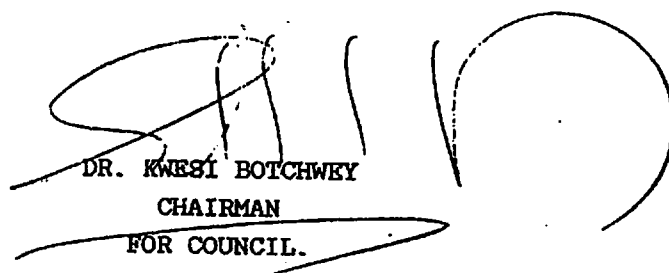
  
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CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

TABLEAU 1/TABLE 1

CONTRIBUTION DES ETATS MEMBRES AU BUDGET DE COMPENSATION 1990-1995  
 CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBER STATES TO THE COMPENSATION BUDGET 1990-1995

Etats Membres Member States	Contributions Au Budget 1990/ Contributions To 1990 Budget	Contributions Au Budget 1990/ Contributions To 1991 Budget	Contributions Au Budget 1992/ Contributions To 1992 Budget	Contributions Au Budget 1993/ Contributions To 1993 Budget	Budget 1994/ 1994 Budget	Budget 1995/ 1995 Budget	Total
BENIN	147.332	—	—	401.369	—	1.781.631	548.701
BURKINA FASO	151.374	—	—	—	—	—	151.374
CABO VERDE	11.995	—	—	—	—	—	11.995
COTE D'IVOIRE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GAMBIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GHANA	19.918	965.312	769.179	—	9.638	1.730.968	3.495.015
GUNEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GUINE BISSAU	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LIBERIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MALI	16.559	—	—	—	—	—	16,559
MAURITANIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NIGER	19.688	—	—	—	—	—	19.688
NIGERIA	936.827	624.988	818.727	4.400.427	19.267.162	12.280.590	38.328.715
SENEGAL	130	—	—	—	45.000	52.352	97.482
SIERRA LEONE	—	—	—	75.104	—	—	75.104
TOGO	—	—	—	—	—	1.041.598	1.041.598
	<b>1.303.823</b>	<b>1.590.300</b>	<b>1.587.900</b>	<b>4.876.900</b>	<b>19.321.800</b>	<b>16.887.500</b>	<b>45.568.223</b>

**TABLEAU II**  
**TABLE II:**

**PARTICIPATION DES ETATS MEMBRES AUX ECHANGES INTRA-COMMUNAUTAIRES DES PRODUITS AGREES POUR 1995 ET LEUR CONTRIBUTION AU BUDGET DE COMPENSATION/PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER STATES IN THE INTRA-COMMUNITY APPROVED PRODUCT EXCHANGE IN 1995 AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMPENSATION BUDGET**

<b>Etats Membres/ Member States</b>	<b>Valeur des Exportation/ Value of Exports UC</b>	<b>Pourcentage des Exportations par Etat Membre/ Percentage of Exports per Member State</b>	<b>Montant des Contributions/ Amount of Contributions UC</b>	<b>Observation/ Remarks/</b>
<b>BENIN</b>	8.176.200	10,55	1.781.631	
<b>GHANA</b>	7.940.000	10,25	1.730.968	
<b>NIGERIA</b>	56.334.500	72,72	12.280.590	
<b>SENEGAL</b>	236.400	0,31	52.352	
<b>TOGO</b>	4.780.000	6,17	1.041.958	
	77.467.100	100	16.887.500	



## DECISION C/DEC.9/12/94 ADOPTING AN ECOWAS PRIORITY PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON INFORMATION

### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision C/DEC.1/5/90 relating to the formulation and implementation of an ECOWAS information policy and programme;

Considering that the ECOWAS Information Programme and other approved policies relating to information have remained largely unimplemented by Member States;

Noting that one of the major obstacles to ECOWAS integration efforts is the lack of knowledge of the grassroots population of Member States of ECOWAS programmes, activities and objectives;

Convinced that the implementation of a programme of action to promote ECOWAS would increase and encourage involvement of the grassroots communities, media practitioners, professional associations and non-governmental organisations in the Community integration process;

On the recommendation of the Sixth Meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 8 to 10 November, 1994;

### DECIDES

#### Article 1

The ECOWAS Priority Programme of Action on Information attached to this Decision is hereby adopted.

#### Article 2

1. Each Member State shall submit a yearly report, through the Executive Secretary, to the session of Council preceding the Summit of Heads of State and Government, indicating the action taken at national level to give effect to this Decision.
2. The Executive Secretariat shall also submit a report on action taken at Community level to give effect to this Decision.

#### Article 3

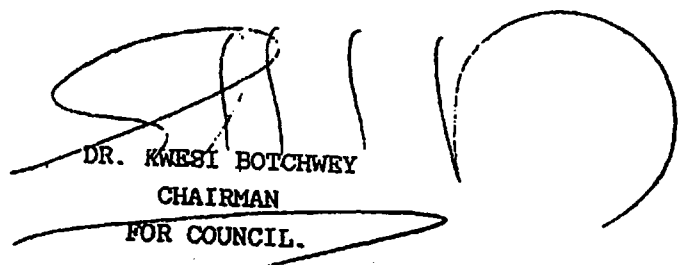
The Executive Secretary shall monitor the implementation of this Decision and shall, where necessary,

assist Member States in its implementation.

#### Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

### PRIORITY PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON INFORMATION

The following Programme of Action is largely derived from Decision C/DEC.1/5/90 relating to the formulation and implementation of an ECOWAS Information Policy and Programme.

The activities and measures set out in Decision C/DEC.1/5/90 were further expanded with additional recommendations from the Conference of Ministers of Information and media experts on Information, Communications and African Integration held in Dakar, Senegal from 4 to 6 November, 1991.

On the recommendation of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission which met in Lagos from 8 to 10 November, 1994 Council hereby calls on Member States and various concerned groups, especially media practitioners, at all levels, to mobilize for an effective implementation of the following activities and measures aimed at promoting the West African integration process through national and official languages, images and symbols.

#### At the National Level

- national and private radio and television stations devote, at least on a monthly basis, a programme entitled *ECOWAS TIME* which will seek to popularize and promote ECOWAS objectives and the West African Community;

- national and private radio and television stations should encourage co-production and exchange of programmes aimed at fostering regional integration;
  - national and private newspapers and magazines should devote, at least on a bi-monthly basis, a special page on news and reports on ECOWAS TODAY. This page which will be a forum on ECOWAS, its programmes and its Member States will encourage adequate monitoring and promotion of the West African regional integration process;
  - national and private newspapers co-produce and exchange feature articles on the many facets of the West African realities;
  - West African national news agencies and PANA increase their coverage of the political and socio-economic realities of West Africa;
  - national ECOWAS experts and leading national personalities in the various socio-economic fields (trade unions, universities, sports, religion, women and youths, etc) should be closely associated with media houses' efforts to promote ECOWAS goals and programmes;
  - Member States may establish a NATIONAL MEDIAL FUND ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION to improve and increase reporting on the West African regional integration process;
  - Member States should establish within an appropriate national structure an ECOWAS Information Centre (ECOWAS INFO-CENTRE) for the collection and distribution of information on and about ECOWAS;
  - WAJA, PANA, URTNA, WANAD, CIERRO and national media institutions in collaboration with ECOWAS Information Department, should accord greater priority to the dissemination of information and public enlightenment on the ECOWAS region throughout and beyond West Africa;
  - designated ECOWAS correspondents should be given the necessary assistance to perform their duties;
  - the ECOWAS flag be displayed alongside the national flags of Member States in any appropriate location, especially in the offices of the Heads of State, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and public buildings. This would be a symbol of commitment to ECOWAS;
  - during the week of the anniversary of the founding of ECOWAS, ECOWAS Day be celebrated in each Member State in the form of:
    - a broadcast of a message on the state of the Community from the Executive Secretary;
    - seminars and conferences, round-table discussions on radio and TV, newspaper feature articles on ECOWAS objectives, activities and on Member States;
    - designing, printing and sale of commemorative postage stamps depicting images of Community ideals;
    - cultural, musical and film shows on the realities of our Community and its Member States;
    - Sporting activities among and between Member States to foster cordial and fraternal relationships between our peoples, particularly the youth population;
    - promotion of good sportsmanship by each Member State at all times;
    - quizzes, essays and song competitions, debates on ECOWAS and its Member States, student exchange programmes in order to inculcate the Community spirit among youths and school children;
    - adoption and strengthening of the teaching of ECOWAS in the curricula of educational institutions including mass literacy programmes;
    - posters, stickers, billboards, jingles and slogans about ECOWAS and its activities;
    - rallies, mobilisation campaigns and formation of national and regional socio-professional associations that would pursue programmes aimed at promoting their own interests within an integrated Community;
    - any other form a Member State may consider befitting.
- At the Community level, the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat will undertake**
- to convene a meeting of media experts followed by a conference of Ministers of Information to consider and recommend for adoption a Declaration of Principles on the practice of journalism, including Principles of Pluralism, the protection of the profession and the role of media practitioners in the West African regional integration process;

- to establish a REGIONAL MEDIA TRUST FUND to encourage reporting and broadcasting regional integration matters within the Community during and after the 1995 ECOWAS YEAR, and to develop co-production and programme exchange schemes, training, exchange of information on technical matters, etc.
- to institute an ECOWAS PRESS CARD that would be issued to competent and qualified journalists selected in each Member State by the Ministry of Information, the West African Journalists Association or any other recognised national media organisation;
- to organise an annual REGIONAL FORUM which will bring together regional and international opinion leaders, journalists, development experts, business community, professional associations, etc, to debate on issues of interest to the Community for the promotion and development of the West African region;
- to institute and organise a meritorious award to be known as THE ECOWAS ORDER OF MERIT to ordinary West African citizens who have distinguished themselves in various fields and have made outstanding contributions to the development of the ECOWAS region. Subsequently, such prominent West African citizens shall be appointed ECOWAS GOODWILL AMBASSADORS who will further the cause of integration both within and outside the Community.
- to launch a competition for the creation of an ECOWAS Anthem to be broadcast on all significant occasions or activities touching on the life of ECOWAS or of its Member States.

#### **DECISION C/DEC.10/12/94 DECLARING 1995 AS ECOWAS YEAR**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision C/DEC.1/5/90 relating to the formulation and implementation of an ECOWAS Information policy and programme;

Aware that 1995 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the founding of ECOWAS;

Desirous of commemorating the anniversary by vigorously promoting all Community programmes and activities;

On the recommendation of the Sixth Meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 8 to 10 November, 1994;

#### **DECIDES**

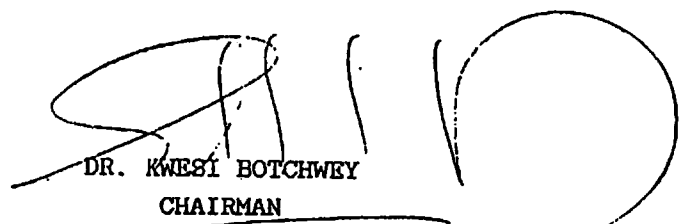
##### **Article 1**

1. The year 1995 is hereby declared ECOWAS YEAR with the theme "MAKING ECOWAS BETTER KNOWN".
2. All Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all measures necessary for the implementation, throughout 1995, of all activities and events set out in the ECOWAS Priority Programme of Action on Information adopted by Decision C/DEC.9/12/94.

##### **Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994**

  
DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

#### **DECISION C/DEC.11/12/94 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECOWAS CONSULTATIVE REGULATORY COMMITTEE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Considering the pressure on public operators to liberalise the services and conditions of access to national networks;

Considering the need to have a regional regulatory framework conducive to the emergence of a single, well regulated and well planned network;

On the recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 28 October, 1994;

### DECIDES

#### Article 1

There is hereby established an ECOWAS consultative regulatory committee for telecommunications.

#### Article 2

The committee shall be composed of heads of telecommunications services in Member States.

#### Article 3

The ECOWAS consultative regulatory committee for telecommunications shall make proposals to:

- establish a standardised procedure for licensing, declaration and authorisation;
- identify factors and mechanisms likely to stimulate investments in telecommunications;
- create consultative mechanisms which will give due regard to the interests of operators and users;
- introduce procedures necessary to ensure an efficient regulatory policy, particularly with regard to frequency management and approval of terminal equipment;
- define procedures for the settlement of disputes.

#### Article 4

The committee shall present a report on its activities to Council through the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission.

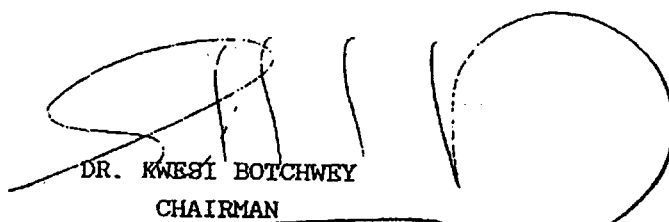
#### Article 5

The Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to implement this Decision.

#### Article 6

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY  
OF DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

### DECISION C/DEC.12/12/94 RELATING TO THE INSTITUTION OF A BIENNIAL MEETING ON TELEPHONE TRAFFIC AND TARIFFS

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Recognising the need for ECOWAS to adopt a uniform tariff structure for telecommunications services between Member States;

On the recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 28 October, 1994;

### DECIDES

#### Article 1

There is hereby instituted a biennial meeting on telephone tariffs and traffic.

#### Article 2

The biennial meeting on telephone tariffs and traffic shall be attended by the representatives of national

technical committees monitoring the inter-State telecommunications network.

### Article 3

The biennial meeting on telephone tariffs and traffic shall determine the numbers of inter-State circuits and routing plans.

### Article 4

The biennial meeting shall present a report on its activities to Council through the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission.

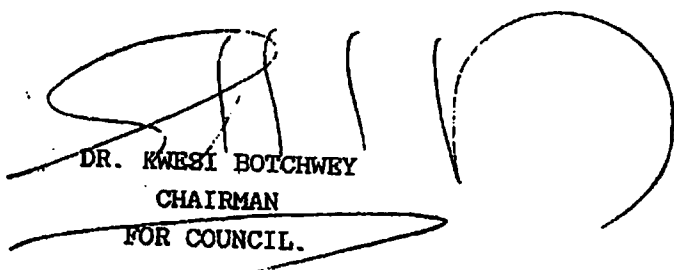
### Article 5

The Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to implement this Decision.

### Article 6

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DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

## DECISION C/DEC.13/12//94 ADOPTING AN ACTION PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF RATIONALISATION OF WEST AFRICAN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (IGOs)

### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Recalling Decisions A/DEC.8/5/83, A/DEC.5/5/90 and A/DEC.12/7/91 on the rationalisation of West African inter-governmental organisations;

Recognising the need to energise and accelerate the integration process in the region in order to ensure the effective development of national economies in West Africa;

Bearing in mind the mandate given to the Executive Secretariat by the Authority of Heads of State and Government to engage consultants to carry out a study, as a prelude to evolving a flexible, pragmatic plan for the rationalisation of all inter-governmental organisations in the West African region;

Considering the survey of ECOWAS and other West African inter-governmental organisations carried out by the Consultant, the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP);

Having considered the report of the meeting of experts and heads of West African inter-governmental organisations held in Accra from 19 to 22 September, 1994 to consider the conclusions drawn by the IDEP survey;

### DECIDES

#### Article 1

The action plan and schedule of rationalisation of inter-governmental organisations in West Africa are hereby adopted as contained in the annex to this Decision.

#### Article 2

The supreme authority of each IGO shall direct the executive head concerned to collaborate fully with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to facilitate execution of the action plan and schedule of rationalisation.

#### Article 3

The practical modalities for the merger or transformation of specific IGOs shall be identified in a study to be conducted, once a formal decision has been taken by its competent political organ in favour of rationalisation.

#### Article 4

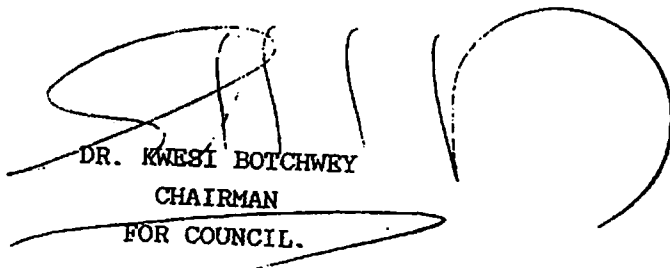
The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and the authorities of the IGOs concerned shall take all necessary measures to ensure implementation of this Decision.

#### Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature

and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
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<b>Time-Frame</b>	<b>Major Actions Required</b>	<b>Major Parties Involved</b>
October 1994– December 1995	Decision by policy organs on rationalisation	ECOWAS policy organs
December 1994– June 1995	Confirmation by IGO policy organs of decisions of ECOWAS policy organs on rationalisation	IGO policy organs
From January 1995 onwards	Mobilisation of technical and financial resources for implementing the rationalisation	Secretariats of ECOWAS and IGOs
From January 1995 onwards	Convening of a meeting on coordination of IGOs	ECOWAS Secretariat
From January 1995 onwards	Preparation of project document within ECOWAS	ECOWAS Secretariat
January — December 1995	Completion of merger of WAHC and OCCGE into WAHO	WAHC, OCCGE, ECOWAS Secretariat
January — December 1995	Completion of transformation of WACH into an ECOWAS specialised agency (WAMA)	Central Banks, ECOWAS Secretariat
January — December 1996	Harmonisation of ECOWAS, UEMOA and MRU activities	ECOWAS Secretariat, UEMOA, MRU & their policy organs
January 1995 – December 1995	Restructuring and strengthening of the ECOWAS Secretariat	ECOWAS Secretariat
January 1996 – December 1996	Review of ECOWAS programmes and activities	ECOWAS Secretariat
January 2001 – December 2005	Transformation of IGOs into specialised agencies	ECOWAS Secretariat
	Completion of the rationalisation of expanded multipurpose IGOs	ECOWAS Secretariat
	Transformation of multipurpose "parent" IGOs into specialised agencies of ECOWAS	ECOWAS Secretariat

**DECISION C/DEC.14/12/94 ON NEW RATES OF HOUSING ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO STAFF OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations adopted by the twenty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers in Abuja on 6 July 1991;

On the recommendations of the twenty-third session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund and the fifteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

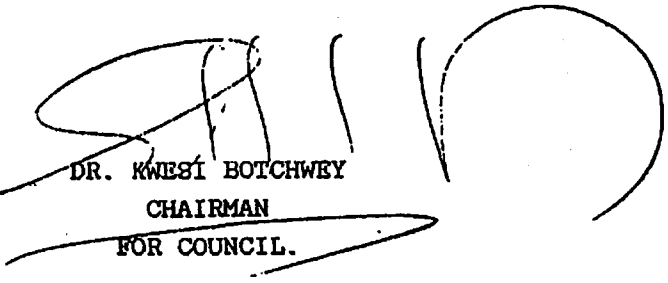
With effect from 1 January 1995, the following shall be the new rates of housing allowance payable to the staff concerned.

G6 — G5	:	12%
G4 — G3	:	16%
G2 — M	:	20%

**Article 2**

This Decision shall enter into force on the 1st day of January, 1995 and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY  
OF DECEMBER, 1994

  
DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.1/12/94 RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE CFA FRANC ON THE ARREARS OWED BY MEMBER STATES IN RESPECT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS' BUILDINGS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

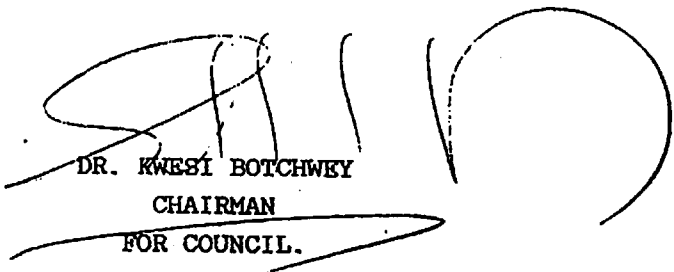
Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Considering the recommendation made in the Report of the thirty-second session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Lome from 12 to 14 December, 1994;

**PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To adopt the Decision and table relating to the impact of the devaluation of the CFA Franc on the arrears owed by Member States in respect of the construction of the Headquarters' buildings.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994

  
DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.2/12/94 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES TO MONITOR THE INTER-STATES TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;



Considering the current status of the West African PANAFTTEL network;

Considering that with the dissolution of the PANAFTTEL Coordination Bureau, ECOWAS is now exclusively responsible for coordinating and monitoring the network;

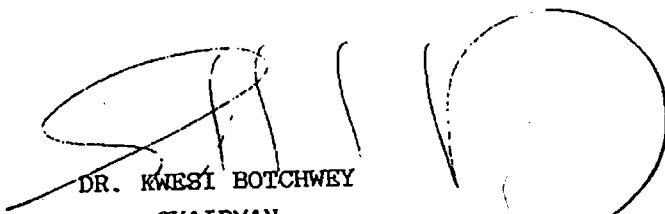
Considering that these functions cannot be carried out effectively without the close collaboration of national telecommunications Administrations;

On the recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 28 October, 1994;

**PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To adopt the Decision relating to the establishment of national technical committees to monitor inter-State telecommunications network.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994

  
 DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
 CHAIRMAN  
 FOR COUNCIL.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.3/12/94 ON SPECIAL REDUCED RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ON ECOWAS DAY (28 MAY)**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Considering the contribution of ECOWAS Institutions to the financing, coordination and maintenance of

the inter-State telecommunications network since the first priority programme was launched in 1979;

Considering the clear success achieved by the programme and its positive impact on the performance of the inter-State network;

Desiring to celebrate the success annually;

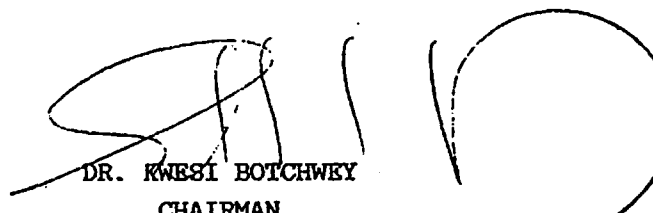
Considering also that the 28th day of May of each year has been declared as ECOWAS Day to commemorate the establishment of ECOWAS and to promote all Community programmes and activities;

On the recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos, from 25 to 28 October, 1994

**PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To adopt the Resolution on the granting, to the public, of special reduced rates for telecommunications services on ECOWAS Day (28 May) each year.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994.

  
 DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
 CHAIRMAN  
 FOR COUNCIL.

**RESOLUTIONS C/RES.4/12/94 RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF ACCOUNTS AND SETTLEMENT OF DEBIT BALANCES BETWEEN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS OF MEMBER STATES**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Considering the increasing imbalance noted in traffic flow between Member States;

Considering the world-wide trend which consists in exchanging accounts between telecommunications administrations;

Aware that non-exchange of accounts penalises some ECOWAS Member States' Administrations with regard to the handling of both terminal and transit traffic;

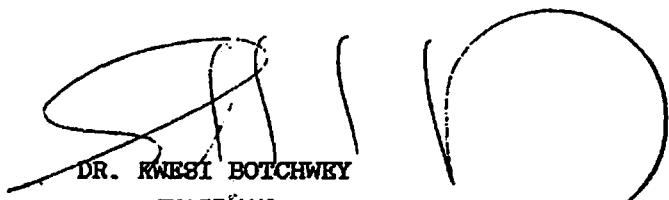
Recognising that the non-settlement of accounts constitutes a substantive impediment to the promotion of intra-community traffic;

On the recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission which met in Lagos from 25 to 28 October, 1994;

#### **PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To adopt the Resolution on the exchange of accounts and settlement of debit balances between ECOWAS telecommunications administrations.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

#### **RESOLUTION C/RES. 5/12/94 RELATING TO THE FIXING OF MAXIMUM TARIFFS FOR INTRA-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision C/DEC/5/11/87 on the adoption of the revised ECOWAS telephone tariffs;

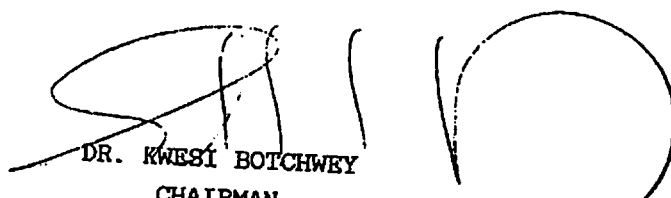
Recognising the need for ECOWAS to adopt a uniform tariff structure for telecommunication services between Member States;

On the recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 28 October, 1994;

#### **PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To adopt the Resolution on the establishment of maximum tariffs for intra-Community telephone services.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

#### **RESOLUTION C/RES.6/12/94 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION (WAJA)**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Mindful of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.9/8/94 establishing regulations for the granting to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) the status of observer within the Institutions of the Community dated 6 August, 1994;

Considering the important role that media organisations and practitioners can play to consolidate a West African Community spirit and to ensure an increased public awareness of the ideals of ECOWAS;

Anxious to promote an organic relationship between the Institutions of the Community and West African media organisations and practitioners;

Noting that the West African Journalists Association (WAJA) is a regional organisation of media practitioners which is committed to work for the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Community as enshrined in the ECOWAS Treaty;

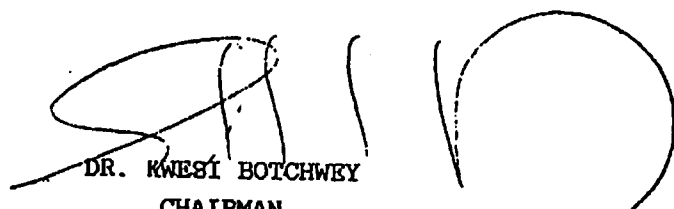
On the recommendation of the sixth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 8 to 10 November, 1994;

Having examined the application of the West African Journalists Association for observer status within the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States;

**PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS  
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

To adopt the Decision granting the Status of Observer to the West African Journalists Association.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 17TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 1994



DR. KWESI BOTCHWEY  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.