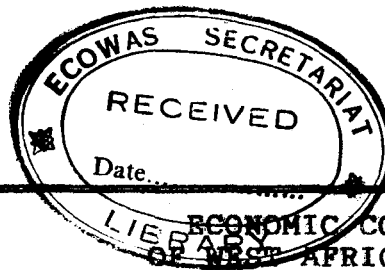


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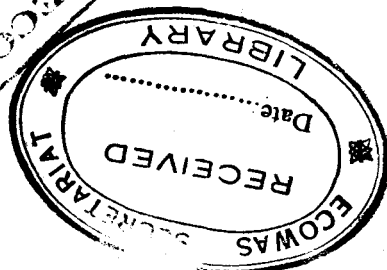
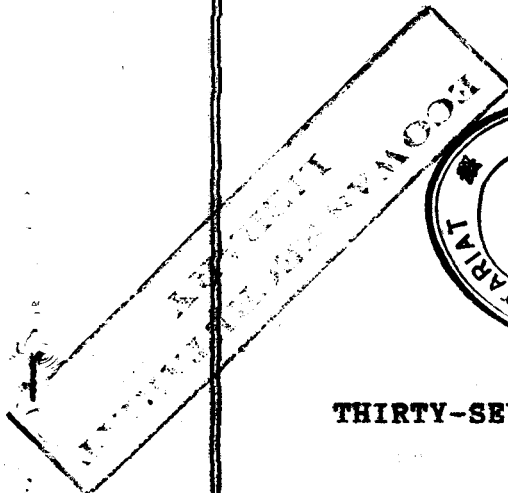


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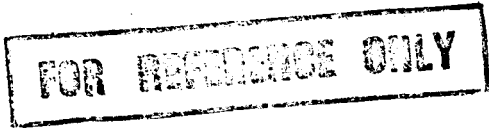
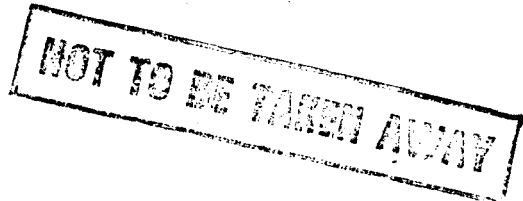
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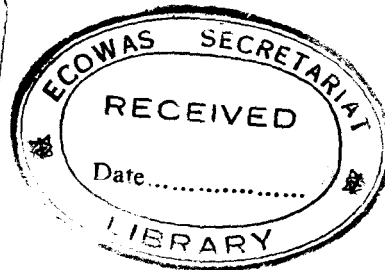
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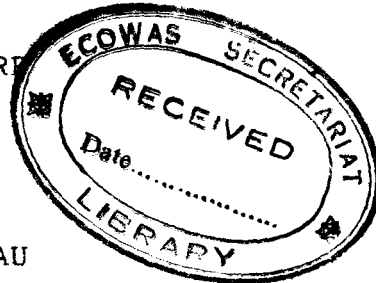


I. INTRODUCTION

1. The thirty-seventh session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held at the International Conference Centre, Accra from 24 to 27 July 1995.

2. The following Member States were represented :

- REPUBLIC OF BENIN
- BURKINA FASO
- REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE
- REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE
- REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA
- REPUBLIC OF GHANA
- REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
- REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU
- REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
- REPUBLIC OF MALI
- ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA
- REPUBLIC OF NIGER
- FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
- REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL
- REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
- TOGOLESE REPUBLIC



The organisations and institutions below also attended as observers :

- West African Women's Association (WAWA)
- West African Clearing House (WACH)
- Conseil de l'Entente
- Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
- Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- African Development Bank (ADB)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
(UNIDO)

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

A list of participants is attached as an annex to this report.

II. OPENING SESSION

3. In his opening speech, Dr. Kwesi Botchwey, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of the Republic of Ghana, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, welcomed Ministers, Central Bank Governors and their respective delegations, on behalf of President Jerry John Rawlings and the Ghanaian Government and people. The Chairman of Council reviewed progress made by ECOWAS in its twenty years of existence and stated that the regional organisation had had a low impact on economic development in Member States. He stressed the need to identify factors obstructing regional integration and to propose remedial solutions. Among these factors, the Chairman noted, were the lack of political will in Member States, as portrayed by the non-implementation of Community programmes and irregular payment of financial contributions to the budgets of the Community Institutions. He urged countries in the sub-region to take their destiny into their own hands by playing a more effective role in regional integration efforts.

4. Analysing the economic situation in the sub-region, the Chairman of Council stressed the need for Member States to create a healthy economic environment conducive to growth. He stated that policies needed to be adopted to bring about an increase in public and private savings, to yield funds for greater investments in the sub-region. He called for a favourable

environment to facilitate market integration in West Africa and reduce the cost of commercial transactions. He added that such market integration would encourage economies of scale conducive to the development of the production sectors.

5. The Chairman of Council made a brief review of the Community work programmes and referred specifically to the deliberations of the Consultative Forum, implementation of the Minimum Agenda for Action, the first ECOWAS Trade Fair and a number of other programmes in infrastructural and production sectors.

6. In conclusion the Chairman of Council stressed the need to adopt a regional approach to resolving critical issues pertaining to sub-regional development. He expressed the hope that this session of Council would analyse objectively problems facing ECOWAS and take decisions that would move the Community towards the effective integration of West African economies.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

7. The following bureau was elected :

Chairman	:	Republic of Ghana
Rapporteurs	:	Republic of The Gambia Republic of Guinea

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

8. The Agenda was adopted as follows :

1. Opening Session
2. Election of Bureau

3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Presentation and Consideration of the annual report of the Executive Secretary
5. Consideration of the Report of the Seventeenth meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks
6. Consideration of the Report of the Third Consultative Forum of the Ministers of Finance and Planning & the Committee of Governors of Central Banks
7. Consideration of the Report of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund
8. Consideration of the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Enhancement of the Resources of ECOWAS Fund.
9. Consideration of the Report of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees
10. Consideration of the Report of Ministers of Health
11. Consideration of the Reports of the Technical Commissions :
 - i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money & Payments
 - ii) Administration and Finance
12. Consideration of the Memorandum on the Report of the Meeting of Legal Experts

13. Consideration of the Memorandum on the Status of Financial Contributions
14. Consideration of the Memorandum on the Status of Ratification of ECOWAS Protocols and Conventions
15. Consideration of the Memorandum on the Disposal of the Ship - MV "Sea Rose" in the custody of ECOMOG
16. Consideration of the Draft Agenda for the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government
17. Other matters
18. Adoption of the Report
19. Closing Session.

V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 3 Presentation of the report of the Executive Secretary

9. The ECOWAS Executive Secretary, Mr. Edouard Benjamin, presented his 1994/95 annual report entitled "Addressing the Problem of Implementation". The report highlighted the poor economic performance in the sub-region in 1994 and indicated that there had been a marked overall downturn in economic activity within ECOWAS despite the favourable trends in UEMOA countries. Average real GDP growth in West Africa dropped from 2.3% in 1993 to 1.8% in 1994. The sharp fall in production in Nigeria due to domestic political tension and economic regulatory measures introduced in 1994, and civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone

were some of the factors responsible for the declining economic growth in the sub-region.

10. The report stated that growth prospects should be good because of the expected rise in world commodity prices and the economic changes that have taken place in most ECOWAS countries. The devaluation of the CFA franc, for example, had resulted in greater competitiveness of UEMOA states and the creation of a growth-inducing economic environment. Countries outside the CFA zone had also intensified their adjustment efforts.

11. In the chapter on the performance of the Community, the Executive Secretary gave an account of the implementation of ECOWAS socio-economic programmes since the 1994 Summit. In particular, he drew Council's attention to the harmonisation of macro-economic policies, the first ECOWAS Trade Fair, cooperation programmes in the field of production, regional peace and stability and the activities of the ECOWAS Fund.

12. The report noted that the Community, which was celebrating twenty years of existence, had again been faced with lack of commitment from Member States regarding implementation of ECOWAS integration programmes. As a result, the performance of the Community institutions during the review period had been seriously affected by persistent cash flow problems. Only two countries owed no arrears of contributions to the Executive Secretariat and two other States had fulfilled their financial obligations to the ECOWAS Fund. The Executive Secretary stated that the considerable arrears accumulated had made it impossible for the Community Institutions to implement their programmes properly.

13. Speaking on the need for effective implementation of Community acts and decisions as a means of accelerating regional integration, the Executive Secretary focused on other areas which affected programme implementation. Among these were technical preparation for meetings by Member States, inappropriate domestic measures to promote implementation, insufficient allocation of resources for regional integration and inadequate capacity of the institutions to design regional integration programmes.

14. The Executive Secretary's report also laid emphasis on the need to remove impediments to regional integration, involvement through firmer commitment of Member States to the integration process and greater popular and private sector involvement in integration efforts.

15. The Executive Secretary concluded his report by highlighting the need to create an environment conducive to regional integration, supported by the pursuit of the concepts of democratisation and economic liberalisation.

16. Council congratulated the Executive Secretary on the quality of his report. Having discussed the issues raised therein, Council took due note of the report and made the following observations and recommendations :

- i) Council noted that the performance of the Community Institutions was below expectation and that this had seriously affected their credibility. This was due in large measure to the non-implementation of decisions adopted by Member States in all sovereignty and the irregular payment of contributions by Member

States to the budgets of the Community.

- ii) With regard to the implementation of Community Acts and Decisions, Council appealed to all Member States to ratify the revised Treaty by December 1995 and the other Protocols and Conventions before July 1996. Council also directed the Executive Secretariat, in future, to prepare a memorandum on the status of ratification of Acts and Decisions as well as the implementation of integration programmes. The Secretariat was requested to translate the legislative texts into Portuguese before September 1995 to enable Cabo Verde and Guinea-Bissau to have their respective parliaments ratify these texts within the prescribed time limits.
- iii) On the strengthening of the capabilities of Member States to ensure more effective execution of Community programmes, Council recognised the important role of national units in the implementation process. The Secretariat was urged to convene regular meetings of heads of ECOWAS units to work out ways of enhancing their performance.
- iv) Concerning the critical financial situation of the institutions, Council expressed concern at the extremely high level of arrears and enjoined Member States to respect the July 1994 Abuja resolution on payments of arrears. Member States which were yet to negotiate and sign payment

whose countries which had already signed such agreements were advised to respect the terms of the payment schedule. Council added that failure to comply with these directives would result in the application of sanctions, as envisaged in the revised Treaty.

- v) With respect to repayment of loans granted to Member States by the Fund, Council directed the Management of the Fund to continue to apply the relevant sanctions to defaulting states.
- vi) Members of Council reaffirmed the commitment of all Member States to the consolidation of regional integration. Council stressed that this must manifest itself in concrete action, notably by the application of Community programmes and payment of financial contributions.
- vii) Council called on the institutions to rationalise expenditure and manage available resources more effectively.
- viii) Council took note of efforts being made by the Federal Republic of Nigeria to make available 100 housing units to the Executive Secretariat in Abuja. The Secretariat was directed to finalise the loan agreement for the construction of staff residences in Abuja with the Nigerian authorities.

Item 5 Consideration of the report of the Seventeenth Meeting
of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks;

and

Item 6 Consideration of the report of the third
Consultative Forum

17. The Chairman of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks and the Chairman of the Consultative Forum presented the report of the seventeenth session of the Committee of Governors and the report of the third Consultative Forum respectively. Both reports focused essentially on the harmonisation of economic and financial policies and the formulation of a regional development programme.

18. Council congratulated the Committee of Governors and the Consultative Forum on their serious approach to issues pertaining to the development of the sub-region.

19. Council reiterated the need to strengthen the Forum's role in the monitoring of the harmonisation of economic and financial policies by ensuring greater ministerial participation at its meetings.

20. On development issues, Council expressed concern about the difficult economic situation in the sub-region despite more than ten years of pursuing structural adjustment programmes. Council urged Member States to continue their pursuit of economic reforms by adopting growth-inducing budgetary and monetary policies. This strategy would give all countries the same orientation and facilitate attainment of the goals of a single ECOWAS monetary zone and harmonisation and convergence of economic and financial policies. This would also ensure the greater success of SAPs.

21. Council also expressed concern at the high level of the debt stock and debt service in ECOWAS Member States, a situation which greatly undermined development efforts in the sub-region. Emphasis was laid on the need to obtain substantial external debt relief in order that the sub-region may have the resources needed to finance its development. Council, having taken note of the information that Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Mauritania had been accorded debt relief treatment under the Naples Facility, urged the Executive Secretariat to evaluate the new mechanism for the treatment of debt and to evaluate its implications for West Africa. The Secretariat was also directed to monitor developments with regard to multilateral debt restructuring.

22. Council called on the Executive Secretariat to accelerate work on the preparation of the regional development programme and to assemble the necessary body of expertise for the study. Council appealed for the speedy reconstitution of the resources of the African Development Fund (ADF) and IDA in order to make available adequate concessionary funds to support development efforts.

23. Council underscored the need to coordinate integration policies in the sub-region. In this regard, the Secretariat was requested to liaise with UEMOA to explore ways of strengthening regional cooperation.

24. Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee of Governors and the Consultative Forum regarding the status of the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme and decided as follows:

- Debtor central banks should settle all their WACH arrears by May 1996, in line with the recommendation

adopted by the Committee of Governors at its May 1990 meeting in Banjul;

- WACH should work together with the Secretariat and the Central Banks to study the modality of introducing a West African traveller's cheque, for consideration by the Governors;
- The Secretariat should, in conjunction with WACH, expedite action on the study on a Credit and Guarantee Fund, to be presented to the Committee of Governors for appraisal;
- Member States should effect the speedy removal of all non-tariff barriers, particularly those of a monetary nature;
- Member States which are yet to ratify the Protocol establishing WAMA should do so as soon as possible;
- Council urged the Governors to embark upon the following medium and long term measures:
 - readjustment and harmonisation of exchange rates;
 - adoption of an ECOWAS exchange rate system comprising a central parity and a fluctuation margin to be determined;
 - liberalisation of exchange control;
 - maintenance of fiscal discipline;
 - adoption of a market-oriented approach in the utilisation of available instruments of monetary policy.

25. Council was of the view that harmonisation of economic and financial policies was a means of achieving the objective of regional integration. The Secretariat was therefore directed to continue to look into ways of fine-tuning the convergence criteria and to define a clearer and more detailed mechanism for multilateral surveillance. Council called on Member States to accord Central Banks the necessary autonomy and independence to enable them fulfil their price stabilisation role.

26. Council urged Member States to support the bid for the headquarters of the African Centre for Monetary Studies (ACMS) to remain in Dakar.

Item 7 Consideration of the report of the Board of Directors

27. The Chairman of the Board of Directors presented the report of the thirty-third session of the Board.

28. After deliberations, Council took note of the report of the Board of Directors and considered the following issues:

i) ECOBANK

29. Council deplored the fact that the minority shareholders enjoy more privileges than the majority shareholder who played a major role in the establishment of the bank. Council therefore directed Management to take the necessary steps first to obtain preferential status and then to obtain cancellation of the status altogether. If this should become impossible, the Fund was requested to engage the services of legal experts to rectify the situation. In the meantime, the Fund Management should not make any more investments in ETI.

30. Council decided to set up a commission of inquiry composed of the Governors of BCEAO and Bank of Ghana to carry out investigations into the investments made in ETI by the former Fund Managing Director who is the current Chairman of the ETI Board of Directors, with a view to determining whether his actions were due to errors of judgement or whether they were deliberately carried out as a result of conflict of interests.

ii) Loan granted by the Fund towards the construction of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat Headquarters

31. Council recalled Decision A/DEC/5/7/87 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government directing the ECOWAS Fund to contribute 60% of the amount required for the construction of the Executive Secretariat Headquarters in Abuja.

32. Council also recalled that at its December 1994 session, it was accepted in principle that the amount of UA 10 650 298 disbursed by the Fund be treated as a concessional loan granted to the Executive Secretariat, and that the Administration and Finance Commission had been directed to define modalities for sharing the debt among Member States for repayment and to present a report to the Authority for consideration.

33. This proposal was also part of the measures aimed at strengthening the Fund resources to enable non-regionals to participate in the Fund's capital.

34. In view of the objections raised by some delegates with regard to this proposal, Council decided to submit the following

three options to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for a decision:

- a) The Executive Secretariat Headquarters should be considered as an asset of the Fund, given the Fund's participation in the construction of the Headquarters. The Secretariat should, therefore, be made to pay a rent or to acquire it on hire purchase. An agreement on the transaction should be concluded between the Executive Secretariat and the Fund.
- b) The Fund's contribution should be transformed into a long-term loan granted to Member States. A three-year moratorium beginning from the end of the arrears payment rescheduling agreement period is therefore proposed. Council decided to refer the issue of the assessment formula to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for a decision.
- c) The Fund's contribution should be considered as a grant to the Executive Secretariat.

iii) Issue of BCCI and Meridien International Bank Limited

35. Council expressed great concern at the freezing of the ECOWAS Fund resources at the BCCI (US\$ 6 376 071.58 and £2 330 725.69) and Meridien International Bank Limited (US\$ 3 600 000) both of which have gone into liquidation.

36. Council took note of the efforts being made by the Fund Management to recover the frozen amounts and directed it to intensify its efforts by taking immediate legal action.

37. Council requested the Commission of inquiry composed of the Governors of BCEAO and Bank of Ghana to examine the placement policies, and the measures taken by the Management of the Fund to recover the funds and to determine the culpability of the officials who made the investments.

38. Concerning the disciplinary measures taken against the Treasurer of the Fund, Council endorsed the view expressed by the Board of Directors that this falls under the purview of Management. Council however mandated its Chairman to hold consultations with the Fund Management to ensure that the disciplinary measures taken against the official are in line with the provisions of the Staff Regulations.

iv) Cancellation of the balance of the ADB Line of Credit

39. Council took note of the cancellation by ADB, at the request of the Fund Management, of the balance of the line of ADB credit granted for the implementation of certain projects and commended the initiative taken by the Fund Management.

40. The Fund Management was requested to provide in future all necessary information demanded by Member States concerning projects and, in particular, the information on the projects in Senegal.

Item 8 Report of the 5th Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the enhancement of the Fund's financial resources

41. The Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee presented the report of the Committee's Fifth Meeting. After an exchange of

views, Council approved:

- the revised budget amounting to UA 698 057 for the study on the enhancement of the Fund's financial resources;
- the selection of Maxwell Stamp Plc to conduct the study for the restructuring of the Fund;
- the schedule for the conduct of the study as embodied in the report of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee.

42. The Fund Management was directed to initiate negotiations with the consultancy firm without delay with a view of reducing both the duration and cost of the study.

Item 9 Consideration of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Sub-Committee on selection and evaluation of the performance of statutory appointees

43. Presenting the report, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee observed that adequate information had not been made available to facilitate the evaluation of the statutory appointees.

44. In order to ensure an objective and accurate evaluation, the Secretariat was directed to provide each committee member with the following information:

- curriculum vitae of statutory appointees;
- the schedule of duties of each statutory appointee;
- list of directives given to each statutory appointee by Council;
- a report by each statutory appointee stating how far the mission assigned by Council had been implemented;

- a summary of the duration, objectives and outcome of missions undertaken.

45. A month before each summit meeting of the Authority, the Chairman of the sub-committee shall send a report to members on the level of performance expected of the statutory appointees to be evaluated. A team would visit the Executive Secretariat and the Fund to gather all necessary information.

46. The sub-committee was of the view that this new system of appraisal would result in enhanced performance of the staff members concerned and should therefore not be perceived as a sanction.

47. Council adopted the report of the sub-committee.

Item 10 Consideration of the Report of Ministers of Health

48. The report of the second meeting of the Ministers of Health was presented by its Chairman, Commodore Steve OBIMPEH, Ghana's Minister of Health. The report stressed the necessity for accelerating the process of merging the "Organisation de Coordination et de Coopération pour la Lutte Contre les Grandes Endémies (OCCGE)" and the West African Health Community (WAHC), on the expansion of the implementation committee and the creation of a ministerial committee to monitor the merger.

49. Council adopted the recommendation of the Assembly of Ministers of Health and the draft decision relating to the merger of OCCGE and WAHC, attached as an annex to this report.

Item 11 Consideration of the reports of Technical Commissioners

i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments

50. The report of the 34th meeting of the Commission presented by its chairman focused on the following:

- Applications for approval of new industrial products and enterprises for inclusion in the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;
- Implementation of the trade liberalisation programme;
- Draft Protocol establishing Value Added Tax in Member States;
- Draft Protocol on conditions for the application of the Community Levy for financing the activities of the Community.

51. Council adopted the list of fifty-eight new industrial products for inclusion in the trade liberalisation scheme. The decision establishing the list of industrial enterprises and products is attached as an annex to this report.

52. Council also approved the recommendations pertaining to the implementation of the trade liberalisation scheme, compliance with approval procedures and realisation of the ASYCUDA regional project.

53. With respect to the draft protocol establishing Value Added Tax (VAT) and the Protocol on the conditions for application of the Community Levy to generate funds for Community activities, Council decided that in view of the highly technical and political nature of these issues, they should be examined by a

special meeting of tax and customs experts. The special meeting should take place before the November 1995 session of Council to which the experts would submit their report.

54. Council requested Member States to forward to the Executive Secretariat by the end of September, their technical observations on the two draft Protocols so that these would be reflected in the memorandum for presentation to the special meeting.

55. Council further directed the Executive Secretariat to take necessary measures to translate documents into Portuguese to facilitate participation of Cabo Verde and Guinea Bissau at statutory meetings, and to accelerate the ratification of Community texts by these Member States.

ii) **Report of the Administration and Finance Commission**

56. In adopting the report of the Administration and Finance Commission which was presented by its Chairman, Council expressed the view that the missions for the recovery of contributions were necessary and should be undertaken by the institutions as quickly as possible.

Item 12 Consideration of the Memorandum on the meeting of Legal Experts

57. The memorandum presented by the Chairman of the Legal Experts focused on the reconstitution of the archives of the Executive Secretariat, harmonisation of commercial laws of Member States and establishment of an ECOWAS Committee of Legal Experts.

Secretariat to reconstitute the archives of the Secretariat without delay; the exercise was to be undertaken in accordance with the procedure proposed by the Committee of Experts.

59. Council approved the setting up of a committee of eminent persons to study the issue of harmonisation of commercial laws, pending the entry into force of the revised Treaty which envisages the creation of a Commission on Political, Judicial and Legal Affairs, Regional Security and Immigration.

60. Council approved the recommendation concerning the establishment of a committee of legal experts to meet once a year.

Item 13 Consideration of the Memorandum on the status of financial contributions

61. Council expressed concern at the high amount of arrears of financial contributions to the various budgets of the Community. As at 25 July 1995, Member States owed a total of US\$ 40, 404,512 to the budget of the Executive Secretariat and US\$ 104,323,770 to the account of the ECOWAS Fund. Council urged all Member States to conclude a schedule of payment of arrears and to respect the provisions and conditions of such agreements.

item 14 Consideration of the memorandum on the status of ratification of Protocols and Conventions

62. The tables of ratification of the revised ECOWAS Treaty, the protocols and conventions showed that, as at 25 July 1995, only eight Member States had ratified the revised Treaty. Council repeated its appeal to all Member States to ratify the revised

Treaty before the end of December 1995 and the other acts and decisions of the Community before July 1996.

Item 15 Consideration of the Memorandum on the Merchant Ship "MV SEA ROSE" in the Custody of ECOMOG

63. Council took note of the memorandum presented by the Executive Secretariat on the seizure by ECOMOG of the Merchant Ship "MV Sea Rose" with a consignment of uniforms, arms and ammunition. The dispute between ECOMOG and the Government of Liberia was referred to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for a decision to be taken. The Secretariat was requested to submit to the Authority a detailed memorandum on this matter.

Item 16 Consideration of the draft agenda of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

64. The draft agenda of the eighteenth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government was adopted.

Item 17 Other Matters

65. The Assistant Director-General and the Regional Representative of FAO in Africa read a letter on behalf of Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of FAO. The letter contained an FAO plan to organise a World Food Summit in Rome in November 1996 aimed at raising awareness, increasing political will at the highest level, and sensitising public opinion on the unacceptability of continued food insecurity in a world with a constantly growing population, and of the need to redress this situation. Council approved this initiative and recommended

that the Authority pass a resolution to support the participation of the sub-region at the Summit and lend support to EEC programmes and policies.

66. With regard to the fourth United Nations Women's Conference scheduled to take place in Beijing in September 1995, Council decided to submit a draft resolution to the Authority to support the West African Women's Association and national bodies for the advancement of women in order to ensure their effective participation in the Beijing Conference.

67. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria informed Council of the proposal by Mrs. Ebun Akinola Oyagbola, Chairperson of the International Delphic Council and a former Council member to organise "Delphic Games". Council took note of this information and called on the Executive Secretariat to study the project and submit it to the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission for consideration.

68. With regard to West African representation on the Board of Directors of the Global Environmental Facility, Council noted that the information available to it was insufficient to allow a decision to be taken on the choice of the two representatives.

69. In view of the urgency of the matter, Council decided to refer to the Authority of Heads of State and Government the choice of the two countries and the alternate country to represent the sub-region.

Item 18 Adoption of Report

70. This report was adopted.

Item 19 Closing Session

71. In his closing remarks, Mr. Victor SELORMEY, the Ghana Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, acting on behalf of the Chairman of Council, thanked members of Council for their active participation in the deliberations. He recalled the necessity for all Member States to manifest greater commitment in support of ECOWAS activities. In this regard, he advised that Member States should honour the undertaking made at this session to pay their contributions, ratify and apply the protocols and conventions of the Community. The Minister proposed that to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of ECOWAS and immortalise the Community ideal, a major street in each national capital should be named "ECOWAS Street".

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1995.

VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR THE CHAIRMAN
OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (E C O W A S)

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF ECOWAS
ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995

DECISION C/DEC.1/7/95 RELATING TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF ECOWAS FUND

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 A/DEC.2/6/88 and A/DEC.10/6/89 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Study on Enhancing the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS FUND;

CONSIDERING THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE FUND ;

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1 :

The budget for the enhancement of the financial resources of the ECOWAS Fund amounting to Six hundred and ninety eight thousand and fifty-seven Unit of accounts (UA 698 057) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

The ECOWAS Fund shall negotiate and, if satisfied, sign a Restructuring Study Agreement with the firm of Maxwell Stamp Plc, London, United Kingdom.

ARTICLE 3

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 ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995


MR. VICTOR DELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (E C O W A S)

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF ECOWAS
ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995

DECISION C/DEC.2/7/95 RELATING TO CLAIMS BY CONSORTIUM
D'ENTREPRISES (CDE) IN RESPECT OF THE FUND'S
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

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 of the 33rd Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Accra, from 18 to 20 July, 1995 ;

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1 :

1. The claims of Consortium d'Entreprises and the counter claim of the ECOWAS Fund in respect of the Fund's Headquarters building is hereby settled.
2. The Management of the ECOWAS Fund is authorised, to pay Consortium d'Entreprise (CDE) an amount of FCFA 120,000,000 in total and final settlement of the original claim of FCFA 675,653,302.


ARTICLE 2 :

This Decision abrogates all previous decisions and settlements taken on this matter.

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 ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995



MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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OF MINISTERS

ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995.

DECISION C/DEC.3/7/95 ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE FUND

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING that the report of the thirty-third session of the Board of Directors held in Accra, from 21 - 23 July, 1995 indicates that colossal sums of money have been lost through certain investments by the ECOWAS Fund in the capital of ECOBANK (ETI), and as a result, Community funds got frozen at the BCCI and the Meridien International Bank Limited (MIBC);

CONSIDERING that, in order to guard against future reoccurrence of such losses, the root causes must be identified and responsibilities determined;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There is hereby established a commission of inquiry into the investments of the ECOWAS Fund in the share capital of ECOBANK (ETI) and the funds frozen at the BCCI and the Meridien International Bank (MIBL)

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Article 2

The commission shall be composed of Governors of Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and the Bank of Ghana.

The Commission may invite assistance from any sources it considers useful to it in the accomplishment of its mission.

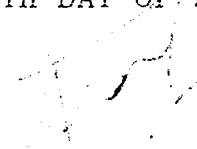
Article 3

The Commission shall make a report on the outcome of its investigations to the thirty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers.

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 ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.


MR. VICOTR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
(E C O W A S)

THIRTY SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995

DRAFT DECISION C/DEC.4/7/95 RELATING TO THE MERGER OF ORGANISATION DE COORDINATION POUR LA LUTTE CONTRE LES GRANDES ENDEMIES (OCCGE) AND THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH COMMUNITY (WAHC) TO FORM THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO).

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 on the establishment of a West African Health Organisation signed in Abuja on the 9th day of July 1987;

AWARE that the merger of the OCCGE and WAHC to form a single inter-governmental organisation with the status of a specialised institution of ECOWAS will address the health problems of the entire West African region;

REAFFIRMING its desire to create a single West African Health Organisation under the auspices of ECOWAS by merging the two existing organisations - OCCGE & WAHC;

ON the recommendation of the Second meeting of Ministers of Health held in Cotonou on 6 to 7 July 1995;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

Member States hereby reaffirm their resolve to create a single Health Organisation under the auspices of ECOWAS by the merger of the Organisation de Coordination et de Coopération pour la Lutte contre les Grandes Endémies (OCCGE) and the West African Health Community (WAHC).

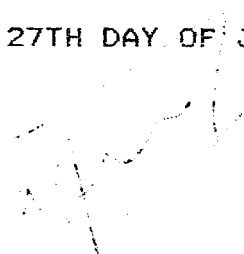
ARTICLE 2

The Executive secretariat shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision and shall in the 1996 financial year, make adequate financial appropriation for the activities of the merger process.

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 ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.



MR. VICTOR SALORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

FOR COUNCIL

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES
ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

Thirty-Seventh Session of the Council of Ministers
Accra, 24 - 27 July 1995

**Decision C/DEC.5/7/95 on the list of
industrial enterprises and products eligible
to benefit from the ECOWAS Trade
Liberalisation Scheme.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States and of the subsequent Acts and Decisions amending the said Protocol;

MINDFUL of Decisions C/DEC./3/6/88 dated 21 June 1988 and C/DEC.4/7/92 dated 25 July 1992 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial products and enterprises to benefit from the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 dated 29 July 1992 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 of the Community;

ON THE RECOMMANDATION of the Thirty-fourth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 12 to 14 June, 1995.

D E C I D E S

Article 1:

The industrial enterprises and products which satisfy the ECOWAS origin criteria, a list of which is attached as an annex to this Decision, are hereby approved to benefit from the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme.

Article 2:

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

Article 3:

The Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures for 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 ACCRA THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1995.



MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

LISTE DES PRODUITS ET ENTREPRISES INDUSTRIELS PROPOSES A L'ACREMENT
 LIST OF PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISES PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

Identité des entreprises par Etat Membre/Identity of enterprises by Member States	N° nomenclature douanière/ Customs nomenclature N°	Produits/Products
<p>I. <u>BENIN</u></p> <p>1. SOBEPEC BP. 466 Cotonou</p>	<p>Ex 3209.10 Ex 3209.10 Ex 3208.90 Ex 3208.90 3212.90 3214.10 3814.00</p>	<p>- Vernis/Varnishes - Peinture à l'eau/emulsion paint - Autres peintures en récipients d'une contenance de plus de 5 litres/Paint in containers of more than 5 litres. - Autres peintures en récipients d'une contenance de moins de 5 litres/Paint in containers not exceeding 5 litres. - Colorants/Dyes - Mastic/Mastics - Diluants/Thinners</p>
<p>II. <u>GHANA</u></p> <p>1. Aluminium Enterprises Limited (AEL) Tema, Accra</p> <p>2. Allied Metals Limited P.O. Box 3688, Accra.</p> <p>3. Modern Aluminium Industries Limited P.O. Box 3688, Accra.</p> <p>4. APPIAH MENKA Complex Ltd.</p> <p>5. TEMA Steel Company Limited</p>	<p>7602.00 7615.10 7606.11 7317.00 7615.10 3401.19 7202.19 7227.90 7213.39</p>	<p>- Déchets et débris d'aluminium(lingots)/ Aluminium dross and scraps (ingots). - Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestique/Aluminium household utensils. - Tôles en aluminium/Aluminium Corrugated sheet - Pointes et clous en fonte, fer ou acier/Wire nails. - Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestique/ Aluminium household and cooking utensils. - Savons/Soap - Steel billets/billettes - High tensile rods/fil machine en autres aciers alliés. - Mild Steel rods/fil machine en aciers non alliés.</p>

III NIGERIA

1. FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG PLC	7606.12	- Tôles et bandes en Aluminium
	7221.00	Aluminium coil (mill finished and coated).
	7616.10	- Fil machine en acier/Steel coil coated
	7608.10	- Autres ouvrages en aluminium (Mondelles)/Aluminium circles
	7610.90	- Tubes et tuyaux en aluminium/Aluminium collapsible tubes.
2. PEUGEOT AUTOMOBILE NG. LTD.	8708.29	- Construction et parties de construction... en aluminium, etc; tôles, barres, profilés en vue de leur utilisation dans la construction/ Aluminium partitioning and ceiling tiles.
		- Autres parties et accessoires de carrosseries (y compris les cabines)/ Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs).
3. LINO LABORATORIES LTD. P.O. Box 1547, Lagos.	2009.30	- Jus de tout autre agrume/Jus of any other single citrus fruit.
	2009.60	- Jus de raisin/Black currant drink
4. TOWER ALUMINIUM NG. PLC.	7606.11	- Tôles et bandes en aluminium/Aluminium coils and circles.
	7604.10	- Barres et profils en aluminium/Extruded aluminium profiles.
	7606.92	- Autres tôles en aluminium/ Aluminium roofing sheets.
	7615.10	- Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestiques/ Kitchen and other household articles.
	8207.20	- Filières pour l'étirage ou le filage des métaux/Dies.
	3909.10	- Résines uréiques/urea formaldéhyde glue.
	3907.50	- Résines alcydes/Alkyol resins.
5. ORGANIC CHEMICAL IND. LTD.	3505.10	- Dextrine et autres amidons et féculés modifiés/Dextrins and other modified starches.
	3905.19	- Autres polymères d'acetate de vinyle/Polvinyl acetate

6.	ROKANA INDUSTRIES LTD		rooms deodorant.
7.	AFPRINT NIGERIA PLC. P. O. Box 3523, Ibadan	5208.52	- armure toile d'un poids n'excédant pas 100g/m2/Woven fabrics of cotton (printed); plain weave, weighing not more than 100g/m2. - Tissus de coton, imprimés à armure toile d'un poids excédant 100g/m2/Woven fabrics of cotton (printed); plain weave, weighing more than 100g/m2.
8.	DEVON INDUSTRIES LTD.	1511.90	- Huile de palme/Palm oil
9.	INTERNATIONAL CARPETS INDUSTRIES LTD.	5703.30	- Tapis en autres matières textiles synthétiques/ Carpets of other man-made textile materials.
		5702.42	- Revêtements de sol à velours, confectionnés de matières textiles synthétiques/Other textile floor coverings, woven.
10.	IVY PRODUCTS NIG. LTD.	3923.10	- Articles de transport et d'emballage en matière plastique/Plastique containers.
		3305.10	- Shampoings/Cosmetics products (shampoos)
11.	DELTA Packaging Company	3923.29	- Sacs plastiques/ Polypropylène sacks.
IV.	<u>SENEGAL</u>	1508.10	- Huile d'arachide brute/ Groundnut crude oil.
1.	SONACOS BP. 639, DAKAR	1508.90	- Huile d'arachide raffinée/ Groundnut refined oil.
		2305.00	- Tourteaux d'arachide/ Groundnut oil cakes.
V.	<u>TOGO</u>		
1.	Industrie Togolaise des plastiques (ITP) BP. 3086, Lomé.	3917.23	- Tubes et tuyaux rigides en polymères du chlorure de vinyle/Tubes and pipes rigid of polymers of vinyle chloride.
		3917.29	- Tubes et tuyaux rigides en autres matières plastiques/ Tubes and pipes of other plastiques.
		3923.10	- Boîtes, caisses, casiers et articles similaires/Boxes, cases crates and similar articles.
		3924.90	- Cuvettes et seaux/Dishes and bucke
2.	Nouvelle Industrie des Oléagineux du Togo (NIOTO) BP. 3086, Lomé.	1512.21	- Huile de coton/Cotton seed oil.
		1513.21	- Huile de palmiste brute/Palm kernel (crude oil).
		1517.90	- Beurre de karité/preparation of vegetable oil (Karité butter)

3. BRASSERIES BB LOMÉ S.A. BP.896, Lomé	2203.00	- Bières de malt/Beer made from malt - en récipients d'une contenance de 0,5 litre à 1 litre/in containers of 0,5 litres to 1 litre. - en récipients d'une contenance de 0,5 litres ou moins/in containers holding of 0,5 litres or less.
4. SIPAT BP. 3913 Lomé, TOGO.	2202.10	- Eaux, y compris... et les eaux gazeufiées, additionnées de sucre ou d'autres édulcorants ou aromatisées/Waters including... aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured.
	4820.20	- Cahiers/Exercice books
	4820.30	- Classeurs, reliures, chemises & couvertures à dossiers/blinder folders & file-covers.
	4823.59	- Autres papiers & cartons découpés à format en vue d'un usage déterminé (pour machine à écrire, pour écriture, pour écriture d'impression)/Other paper and paperboard, of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995.

DECISION C/DEC.6/7/95 ON THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE MEETING
OF ECOWAS LEGAL EXPERTS

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 necessity for the Legal Experts of Member States
to meet regularly and with the Executive Secretariat to discuss and
elaborate on matters of interest to the Community;

DECIDES

Article 1

1. The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts is hereby institutionalised and shall be held at least once a year.
2. The meeting of ECOWAS Legal experts shall first consider all proposals before they are submitted to either the meeting of Ministers of Justice and the Council of Ministers.

Article 2

The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts shall assist the Executive Secretariat to :

(i) define strategies for and elaborate draft texts for the harmonisation of domestic laws of Member States ;

(ii) consider various draft texts prepared by the Executive Secretariat;

(iii) monitor and assess the implementation of ECOWAS texts that have entered into force;

(iv) exchange information and propose modalities for the creation in the Executive Secretariat, of a legal library and data bank on legal and judicial matters;

(v) prepare action plans, define projects and elaborate programmes and time tables;

(vi) identify sources of extra-budgetary funding for projects and programmes;

(vii) carry out all other functions as may be assigned to it by the Ministers of Justice meeting and the Council of Ministers.

Article 3

The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts shall be composed of seasoned professionals chosen by Member States from among officers with the right qualifications and experience to discuss the issues on the Agenda.


Article 4

The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts shall be convened by the Executive Secretariat, either on its own initiative, on the directives of the Authority or Council or, at the request of a Member State.

Article 5

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the implementation of this decision which 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 ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.


MR. VICTOR S. LORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Accra, 24 - 27 July 1995

DECISION C/DEC.7/7/95 RELATING TO THE
HARMONISATION OF COMMERCIAL LAWS
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;

AWARE of the divergent legal traditions and systems, and the differences in legal and judicial procedures and practices in the sub-region;

RECOGNISING the need for, and the desirability of harmonising the commercial laws of Member States, in order to rationalise and improve the legal and judicial framework for enterprises and commercial operators;

INSPIRED by the initiatives taken by the member countries of the Organisation pour L'Harmonisation du Droit des Affaires en Afrique (OHADA) to harmonise the commercial law in the franc zone;

On the recommendation of the Sixth meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts held in Lagos from 25 to 28 April, 1995.

DECIDES

Article 1

Member States hereby undertake to harmonise their commercial laws.

Article 2

Pending such a time that the Commission on Political, Judicial and Legal Affairs, Regional Security and Immigration established by Article 22 of the Revised Treaty becomes operational, the Executive Secretariat shall constitute a Committee of three eminent personalities, each of whom should represent one of the three linguistic areas of the Community.

Article 3

The Committee shall work with highly qualified specialists in commercial laws of the region and shall :

- (i) collect and collate all texts on commercial law in Member States;
- (ii) advise on the appropriate structures to be established for the harmonisation exercise;
- (iii) gather all available information from relevant resource persons on procedures and practises relating to Commercial laws in Member States ;
- (iv) identify and prioritise those areas of commercial law to be harmonised;

- (v) Assist the Executive Secretariat, in seeking funding from appropriate organisations and institutions for the harmonisation exercise.

Article 4

The Executive Secretary shall report to the decision-making organs of the Community on this issue as early as practicable.

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 ACCRA, THIS 27 DAY OF JULY, 1995.

MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995.

RESOLUTION C/RES.1/7/95 ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE ECOWAS
TREATY, PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS

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.1/7/93 on the ratification of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty;

REAFFIRMING the collective desire of the sixteen Member States of ECOWAS to work towards the achievement of full and functional integration in of West Africa for the effective development of their national economies and improvement of the welfare of their citizens;

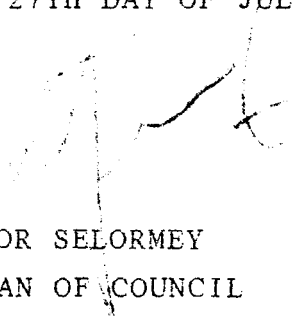
CONSIDERING that implementation of all Community Acts is a prerequisite for the attainment of the above objective;

CONSIDERING that in order to be implemented, the acts such as the Revised ECOWAS Treaty, must be ratified as a matter of urgency;

R E C O M M E N D S

that the Authority of Heads of State and Government adopts the attached decision on the ratification of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1995.



MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ACCRA, 28 - 29 JULY 1995

DECISION A/DEC.4/7/95 ON THE RATIFICATION OF
THE ECOWAS REVISED TREATY, PROTOCOLS AND
CONVENTIONS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and

REAFFIRMING the collective desire of the sixteen Member States of ECOWAS to work towards the achievement of full and functional integration in West Africa for the effective development of their national economies and improvement of the welfare of their citizens;

CONSIDERING that the implementation of all Community acts is a prerequisite for the attainment of the above objectives;

CONSIDERING that, in order to be implemented, acts such as the ECOWAS Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions must be ratified as a matter of urgency;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.1/7//95 adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers, held in Accra from 24 to 27 July, 1995;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Member States which have not yet ratified the Revised ECOWAS Treaty must do so by 31 December, 1995.

Article 2

All ECOWAS Protocols and Conventions must be ratified by all Member States not later than 30 June 1996.

Article 3

Member States which ratify the ECOWAS Revised Treaty as well as the Protocols and Conventions within the period prescribed in Articles 1 and 2 above shall deposit the instruments of ratification with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat not later than 31 January , 1996 for the revised Treaty, and by 31 July, 1996 for the Protocols and Conventions.

Article 4

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for monitoring the ratification by Member States of the Community Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions.

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 ACCRA, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.

H.E. FL-LT J.J. RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995.

RESOLUTION C/RES.2/7/95 RELATING TO MEASURES APPLICABLE TO MEMBER STATES IN ARREARS OF VARIOUS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 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 provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol relating to contributions of Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States which stipulates that contributions due from Member States shall be paid to the budgets of the Community within the first three months of the budget year for which they are due;

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES. 1/5/90 on measures applicable to Member States in arrears of contributions;

CONSIDERING that, having amassed arrears of contributions, most Member States currently owe the Community Institutions substantial amount of money, which, if not paid within a reasonable time frame, may bring these Institutions to a halt and jeopardise the very existence of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the above Resolution A/RES.1/5/90 provides for application of sanctions only in cases of non-payment of contributions to the 1990 budget of the Community institutions and for non-payment of subscriptions to the first and second tranches of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund as at 31 December 1992;

CONSIDERING the need for Member States to make available promptly to the Community Institutions, adequate financial resources with which to execute Community programmes and ensure the functioning of the Community;

P R O P O S E S

to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Decision on measures applicable to Member States in arrears of various financial contributions to the Community Institutions.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.



MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ACCRA, 28 - 29 JULY, 1995**

**DECISION A/DEC.5/7/95 RELATING
TO MEASURES APPLICABLE TO MEMBER STATES IN
ARREARS OF VARIOUS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Protocol relating to contributions of Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States Article 3 of which stipulates that contributions due from Member States to the budget of the Community shall be paid within the first three months of the budget year for which they are due;

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES. 1/5/90 on measures applicable to Member States in arrears of contributions;

BEARING IN MIND Resolution A/RES. 1/8/94 relating to the modalities for the settlement of financial obligations of Member States to the institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING that, having amassed arrears of contributions, most Member States currently owe vast amounts to the Community Institutions, which, if not paid within a reasonable time frame, may bring these institutions to a halt and jeopardise the very existence of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the above Resolution A/RES.1/5/90 provides for the application of sanctions only in cases of non-payment of contributions to the 1990 budget of the Community institutions and for non-payment of subscriptions to the first and second tranches of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund as at 31 December 1992;

CONSIDERING the need for Member States to make available promptly to the Community Institutions adequate financial resources with which to execute Community programmes and ensure the functioning of the Community;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.2/7/95 adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24 - 27 July 1995;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

No new statutory or professional post within the Community Institutions shall be allocated to Member States which are in arrears of contribution and which:

- a) have not agreed a payment schedule with the Executive Secretariat or the Fund by 31 December 1995;
- b) having signed an agreement with the Executive Secretariat or the Fund, have defaulted in the settlement of two consecutive instalments; or
- c) to meet their financial commitments to the Institutions for the current budget year, and as a result, incur fresh arrears by 31 December of each year.

Nationals of Member States in arrears of contributions and to which any of the above situations apply may not be appointed to a statutory or professional post within the Institutions of the Community.

Article 2

In addition to the sanctions set out in Article 1, Member States against which the provisions of that article are applicable shall be divested of their voting rights.

Article 3

The Community Institutions shall not initiate any studies or undertake any project evaluation in defaulting Member States which have arrears of contributions and to which paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Article 1 above applies. All loan disbursements to such countries are to be suspended.

Article 4

Member States in arrears of contributions and which have not signed a payment agreement with the Executive Secretariat or the Fund by 30 June 1996 and Member States which, having concluded on a payment agreement with the Community Institutions, have defaulted in the payment of more than two consecutive repayments shall be suspended from taking part in the activities of the Community.

Article 5

Settlement of their arrears shall not preclude the Member States from complying with of the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol on the contributions of Member States to ECOWAS budgets with regard to the budget for the current year.

Payment of their arrears shall not obviate the need for Member States to honour their financial obligations deriving from the application of the Protocol on the Community Levy.

Article 6

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Fund shall, each in his own capacity, oversee implementation of this Decision.

Article 7

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

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY 1995.

H.E. FLT. LT. J.J. RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Accra, 24 - 27 July 1995

RESOLUTION C/RES.3/7/95 ON THE EVALUATION OF
THE PERFORMANCE OF STATUTORY APPOINTEES

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.3/7/91 relating to the selection and evaluation of the performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

DESIROUS of carrying out an objective evaluation of the performance of the said Community officers;

CONSIDERING the inadequacies of the system in force and the need to improve on it;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Ministerial Subcommittee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Accra on 26 July, 1995;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Decision on the Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1995.

MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ACCRA, 28 - 29 JULY, 1995**

**DECISION A/DEC.6/7/95 ON THE EVALUATION OF THE
PERFORMANCE OF STATUTORY APPOINTEES**

AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the selection and evaluation of the performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

DESIROUS of carrying out an objective evaluation of the performance of the said Community officers;

CONSIDERING the inadequacies of the system in force and the need to improve on it;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Resolution C/RES.3/7/95 adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24 to 27 July, 1995;

D E C I D E S :

Article 1

1. The Executive Secretariat shall make the following documents and information available to each Member State on the Ministerial Sub-Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees:

- (a) the curriculum vitae of the statutory appointee;
- (b) the schedule of duties of each Statutory Appointee;
- (c) list of directives given to each officer by the Decision-making bodies of the Community;
- (d) a report by each officer stating how far he has implemented programmes and directives assigned to him;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Resolutin C/RES.4/7/95 adopted at the Thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24 to 26 July, 1995;

1. EXTEND the support of ECOWAS Member States to the proposal made by the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit in 1996, and call upon Member Governments to lend their cooperation to FAO in this endeavour and to play an active role in both the preparatory process and in the Summit itself;
2. EXPRESS the appreciation and full support of ECOWAS Member States to FAO in the implementation of its new programmes and policies, in particular those aimed at the improvement of food security in food deficit countries;
3. INVITE all financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to lend their support to FAO programmes and policies.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995

H.E. FLT-LT JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY, 1995

DRAFT RESOLUTION C/RES.4/7/95 ON FOOD SECURITY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

RECALLING the close cooperatin existing between the Member States of ECOWAS and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the fields of food and agriculture ;

CONSIDERING the importance of food security for sustainable socio-economic development and for peace and stability at global and regional level, as well as its particular importance for Africa;

RECOGNISING the importance of the new orientations given to FAO's policies and programmes, which reinforce the priorities attributed to food security and put a particular emphasis in assisting food deficit countries;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the initiative of the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit aimed at raising awareness and political will at the highest level, as well as in

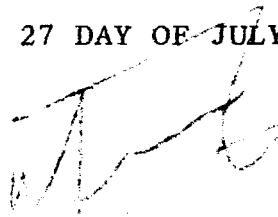
the domain of public opinion, of the unacceptability of continued food insecurity in a world with growing population, and of the need to redress this situation;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the proposal of the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit was fully endorsed by the Thirtieth and Thity-First Summits of the Organization of African Unity held in Tunis, from 6 to 11 June, 1994; and Addis Ababa, from 26 to 28 June, 1995 respectively), as well as by the Eighteenth session of the FAO Regional Conférence for Africa, held in Gaborone from 24 to 28 October, 1994;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the FAO Council, at its 108th session (held in Rome, from 5 to 14 June, 1995), recommended that the FAO Conference approve the convening of a World Food Summit in November 1996;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to adopt the attached Resolution on food security.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 27 DAY OF JULY, 1995



**MR VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**EIGHTEENTH SUMMIT OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT**

ACCRA, 28 - 29 JULY, 1995

DRAFT RESOLUTION A/RES.4/7/95 ON FOOD SECURITY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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- (e) a summary of the duration, objectives and outcome of missions undertaken by him; and
- (f) any other information and documents as may be requested by the Ministerial sub-committee.

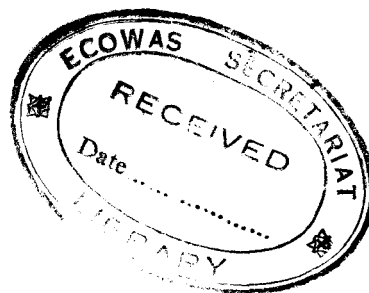
2. The Chairman of the Ministerial sub-committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Performance of Statutory officers shall, one month before a statutory meeting, send a report to the Members of the sub-committee on the level of performance expected of the officers concerned. In this regard, the Chairman shall send a team to the Executive Secretariat and the Fund to gather all necessary information.

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 ACCRA, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.

H.E. FLT-LT. J.J. RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY



COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
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THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ACCRA, 24 - 27 JULY 1995

VOTE OF THANKS

The ECOWAS Council of Ministers holding its thirty-seventh session at the Accra International Conference Centre from 24 to 27 July 1995 expresses its sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to His Excellency President Jerry John Rawlings, to the Government and people of Ghana for the warm welcome extended to all delegates and for the facilities placed at their disposal which assured the success of their deliberations.

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1995.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
COMMUNAUTÉ ÉCONOMIQUE DES ÉTATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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ACCRA, 24 - 26 JULY/JUILLET 1995

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