

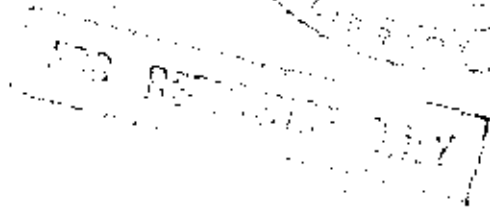
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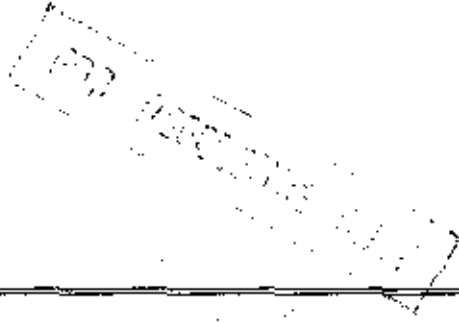


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THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY 1996



FINAL REPORT



I. INTRODUCTION

1. The thirty-ninth session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held at the ECOWAS Secretariat, Abuja, from 22 to 25 July, 1996.

2. The following Member States were represented at the meeting:

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.

3. The following organisations, institutions and personalities attended the meeting as observers:

West African Women's Association (WAWA)

West African Monetary Agency (WAMA)

Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BCEAO)

Comite Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Secheresse en Afrique de l'Ouest
(CILSS)

Organisation of African Unity (OAU)

African Development Bank (ADB)

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Liberia

United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)

Special Representative of the United States President to Liberia


A list of participants is annexed to this report.

II. TRIBUTE TO DR. BOUBAKAR DIABY-OUATTARA

4. Council paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Aboubakar Diaby-Ouattara, first Executive Secretary of ECOWAS who died on 23 May 1996, and observed a minute of silence in his honour.

III. OPENING SESSION

5. Chief Ayo Ogunlade, Minister of Planning of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, welcomed Council members and their delegations to the meeting. He reiterated the need for Council to take bold decisions with a view to accelerating the integration of the economies of West African countries. In this connection, the Minister listed some important issues needing to be addressed by Council including the restructuring of Community Institutions, the effective implementation of Community programmes, regular payment of financial contributions, and issues



discussed by the Consultative Forum of Ministers of Finance and Planning and Governors of Central Banks.


6. The Minister called on Member States to show greater commitment to regional integration by taking account of Community decisions when formulating their national development policies.

7. He assured the meeting that the Federal Republic of Nigeria would remain steadfast in its support for ECOWAS.

8. In his opening speech, Mr. Kwame Peprah, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Ghana, and Chairman of the Council of Ministers, on behalf of himself and the Council of Ministers, expressed his gratitude to His Excellency, General Sani Abacha, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, and to the government and people of Nigeria, for the warm welcome extended to the members of Council, and for the excellent facilities put at their disposal to ensure the success of their meeting.

9. Mr. Peprah identified some of the problems hindering regional integration and proposed a number of remedial solutions. He stressed the need to implement without further delay the provisions of the revised Treaty and to increase the level of participation and representation of Member States at ECOWAS meetings. He also called on Member States to ensure regular payment of their contributions to the budgets of the Community Institutions.

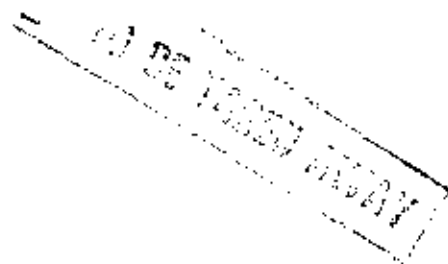
10. Concluding, the Chairman of Council reiterated the fact that prospects for economic growth in Member States depended to a large extent on the success of regional cooperation and integration efforts. He, therefore, called on Member States to make the necessary sacrifices in order to ensure that the ordinary citizen of the Community derive the maximum benefit possible from integration.



11. The ECOWAS Executive Secretary, Mr. Edouard Benjamin, then read a message from the government of India expressing its solidarity with and support for the governments and peoples of West Africa.


IV. ELECTION OF BUREAU

12. The following bureau was elected:
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| Chairman: | Republic of Ghana |
| Rapporteurs: | Burkina Faso
Federal Republic of Nigeria |



V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

13. The following agenda was adopted:
1. Opening session (election of bureau, adoption of agenda and work programme)
 2. Presentation and consideration of the report of the Executive Secretary
 3. Presentation and consideration of the reports of the eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks
 4. Presentation and consideration of the report of the Fourth Consultative Forum of Ministers of Finance and Planning and Governors of Central Banks
 5. Consideration of the report of the meeting of Ministers of Telecommunications

6. Consideration of the memorandum on the WAHC and OCCGE merger
 7. Presentation of the report of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund
 8. Consideration of the report of the Commission of Inquiry into ECOBANK and BCCI
 9. Consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Resources of the Fund
 10. Consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Evaluation of Statutory Appointees
 11. Consideration of the reports of the Technical Com missions:
 - (i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments
 - (ii) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - (iii) Transport, Communications and Energy
 - (iv) Administration and Finance
 12. Consideration of the draft Status of Forces Agreement between ECOWAS and the Republic of Liberia
 13. Consideration of the report of the 4th meeting of ECOWAS Directors of Statistics
 14. Consideration of the report of the meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units
 15. Consideration of the memorandum on the status of financial contributions
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16. Consideration of the draft agenda for the nineteenth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government
17. Presentation of the Cairo Agenda for Action.
18. Other matters:
 - Declaration of the West African Women's Association
 - West African Representation on the Board of the Global Environment Facility
19. Adoption of report
20. Closing session

VI. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 2: Presentation and consideration of the report of the Executive Secretary

14. The ECOWAS Executive Secretary, Mr. Edouard Benjamin, presented his 1995/1996 annual report entitled "Prospects for West Africa in the 21st Century". The report highlighted the positive economic performance of the sub-region in 1995 which was due mainly to the good performance of UEMOA countries. Average GDP growth rate in West African countries went up, from 2.8% in 1994 to 4.1% in 1995.

15. The report noted that efforts by West African countries to lay the foundation for sustainable development have met with little success due to the heavy debt burden and structural weaknesses which undermine the growth potential of the region.



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16. With regard to the activities undertaken by the Community, the Executive Secretary reported on the implementation of the Community work programme since the July 1995 summit held in Accra. He cited, in particular, the meeting of heads of ECOWAS National Units, the harmonisation of economic and financial policies, the regional development programme, and the cooperation programmes to encourage free movement of persons and goods. Other areas of activity concerned the sectoral policies relating to production and infrastructures, the financing of integration programmes, and regional peace and security.

17. Recalling the need to put in place an environment conducive to regional development, the Executive Secretary outlined the obstacles to the integration process and proposed measures which might promote development in West Africa. Such measures include economic and political reforms and the strengthening of the regional integration process.

18. Highlighting the prospects for West African integration, the Executive Secretary suggested that the outlook would be brighter if Member States were more actively involved in the integration process. Other remedial measures include effective harmonisation of monetary and economic policies, promotion of private initiative, rationalisation of IGOs, and provision of adequate funds for regional integration.

19. The Executive Secretary concluded his report by stressing that regional integration is the best means of ensuring the sustained growth and lasting development of West African economies.

20. Council congratulated the Executive Secretary for 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 with satisfaction the positive performance of West African economies in 1995, due to the internal adjustment measures adopted by Member States, the devaluation of the CFA franc, a

the assistance provided by the international community. It called on Member States to strengthen such measures with a view to accelerating growth and development in the sub-region;

- (ii) Council appealed to the five Member States that have not yet done so to ratify the revised Treaty without further delay. It also called on Member States to ratify all the conventions and protocols, particularly the protocol on the Community Court of Justice, so that the Community would have an instrument for settling disputes that may arise from the application of Community acts;
- (iii) Council expressed concern over the lack of quorum during technical meetings. Member States were urged to be more involved in Community activities and participate in ECOWAS meetings.

Item 3: Presentation and consideration of the reports of the eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks

AND

Item 4: Presentation and consideration of the report of the Fourth Consultative Forum of Ministers of Finance and Planning and Governors of Central Banks

21. The Chairman of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks presented the reports of the 18th and 19th meetings of the Committee of Governors while the Chairman of the Consultative Forum presented the report of the Fourth Consultative Forum. The three reports focused mainly on the implementation of the monetary cooperation programme, the harmonisation of economic and financial policies, the elaboration of a regional development programme, and private sector participation in the regional integration process.

22. Council congratulated the Committee of Governors and the Consultative Forum on the quality of their analysis of issues relating to the development of the sub-region.

23. Council made observations and recommendations on the following issues:

Progress Report on the Implementation of the Monetary Cooperation Programme

24. Council took note of the establishment of the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) following the signing of the Articles of Agreement by the Governors, in Banjul, on March 8 1996, and the ratification of the WAMA protocol. It appealed to the three debtor central banks (Guinea Bissau, Liberia, and Mauritania) to pay their outstanding contributions so as to facilitate the effective take-off of the Agency.

25. Council also appealed to those Member States which had not yet done so to speedily eliminate all monetary non-tariff barriers to free movement of persons and goods.

26. Council agreed that there should be a progressive reduction of government borrowing from the Central Bank, recommending a ceiling of 0-10% of fiscal revenue or 2-3% of GDP as the target for the next two years and the repayment of any borrowing within the same fiscal year. Finally, Council called for very close consultation between the Central Banks and the Ministries of Finance in the pursuit of this objective.

Harmonisation of Economic and Financial Policies of Member States

27. Council expressed its satisfaction with the recent performance of Member States in the three selected indicators of convergence (inflation rate, exchange rate, and budget deficit/GDP ratio). The Secretariat was requested to study and draw lessons from the IMF surveillance mechanism and the relevant experience of the

European Union. Council emphasised that the harmonisation of national macro-economic policies and the success of any regional surveillance mechanism would largely depend on the commitment of each Member State to internal discipline. It was recognised that the harmonisation exercise would enable the national economies to mutually reinforce each other, generate mutual solidarity and provide a self-guarantee mechanism.

28. Council stressed the need for Member States to send on a regular basis to the Executive Secretariat copies of basic economic and financial data prepared for the IMF, in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the surveillance mechanism since it would rely on country reports.

Formulation of a Regional Development Programme

29. Council approved the general guidelines given by the Consultative Forum for the formulation of a regional development programme. Although it recognised the important contribution such a programme could make to the structural adjustment and regional integration programmes, Council advised that caution should be exercised concerning the investment component of the programme, so that a realistic package which stood a chance of being executed could be adopted.

30. Council adopted the terms of reference of the study for the formulation of the regional development programme. The Secretariat was requested to endeavour to secure the close involvement of both Member States and the international community, particularly the Bretton Woods institutions, the European Union and the ADB in the formulation of the regional development programme.

Private Sector Participation in the Integration Process

31. Council stressed the need to adopt effective measures at the regional level to facilitate the creation of a conducive environment for private sector participation in the integration process.

32. Council noted the problems which, according to representatives of the private sector, hinder the sector's participation in the national and regional development process and stressed the need to eliminate the obstacles impeding investments and cross-border trade within the sub-region.

33. Council emphasised the need for each government to be firm in implementing the provisions of the Minimum Agenda for Action and the related ECOWAS decisions. It also indicated that the private sector had the responsibility to be vigilant and help government eliminate corruption and official practices that inhibit economic activities in the sub-region. The Secretariat was requested to continue to examine the possibilities of private sector participation in the regional integration process.


Item 5: Consideration of the report of the meeting of the Ministers of Telecommunications

34. The Chairman of the meeting of Ministers of Telecommunications presented the above report. Council accepted the principle of launching a new ECOWAS priority telecommunications programme to be known as "INTELCOM II". The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat was charged with the responsibility of formulating, implementing, and coordinating the programme.

35. Council took note of the offer by the Republic of Cabo Verde to host the second meeting of Ministers of Telecommunications which will finalise the programme before submitting it to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for adoption.

Item 6: Consideration of the memorandum on the WAHC and OCCGE Merger

36. The Executive Secretariat presented a memorandum on the merger of the OCCGE and WAHC into the West African Health Organisation (WAHO). The memorandum presented the activities of the implementation committee and the



outcome of the second meeting of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee set up by the Ministers of Health at their meeting in Geneva on 22 May 1996.

37. In view of the importance attached to the rationalisation of IGOs in West Africa, Council requested the Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with the Ministers of Health, to accelerate the merger of the two organisations.

Item 7: Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund

38. The Chairman of the Board of Directors presented the report of the thirty-fifth session of the Board.

39. Following discussions on the issues raised, Council took due note of the report and the recommendations contained therein, particularly those concerning:

- (i) replacement of staff;
- (ii) construction of headquarters;
- (iii) position of various contributions;
- (iv) new banks approved by the Fund;
- (v) position of the Outreach Senegal Bovine Industries Ltd. (OSBI) project;
- (vi) request for authorisation for the partial financing of the gas cylinder manufacturing factory in Abidjan;
- (vii) technical assistance of the French Ministry for Cooperation.

40. Council requested the approval of the Authority of Heads of State and Government to complete the construction of the Fund headquarters from the payments of arrears of contributions for the construction of headquarters.

41. With regard to the completion of the Fund headquarters, Council authorised the management to initiate meetings with the ad hoc ministerial sub-committee on construction comprising Benin, Nigeria, and Togo with a view to determining real

cost and, on the basis of the estimate obtained through tender, propose a financing plan.

Item 8: Consideration of the report of the Commission of Inquiry into ECOBANK and BCCI

42. At its 37th session held in Accra from 24 to 27 July 1995, Council decided to set up a commission of inquiry comprising the Governors of BCEAO and the Bank of Ghana to carry out investigations into:

- "(i) the investments made in ETI by the former Managing Director of the Fund who was the immediate past 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 interest;
- (ii) the placement policies and measures taken by the Management of the Fund to recover the funds frozen upon liquidation of BCCI and MIBL, with a view to determining the culpability of the officials who made the investment."

43. Investigations carried out by the Commission of Inquiry revealed that the Management of the Fund did not follow the directives given by the Board of Directors concerning investments in ETI.

44. The commission noted that, contrary to what was indicated in the correspondence between the management of the Fund and ECOBANK (ETI), the Fund's status in the bank is lower than that of founder shareholders.

45. The Commission of Inquiry also discovered that the inadequacies noted in the management of the Fund's financial resources are due largely to the lack of a comprehensive placement policy and detailed guidelines covering placement.

activities. As a result, the Fund suffered huge losses following the collapse of both BCCI and MIBL.

46. Council congratulated the Commission of Inquiry on the quality of its report.


47. Council requested the management of the Fund to do everything necessary in order to make ECOBANK honour its commitments and ensure that the status of the Fund is not lower than that of any other shareholder. The Fund could request the annual general meeting of shareholders to look into the issue. The management of the Fund should take legal action where negotiations fail.

48. Council also requested the management of the Fund to full account of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry relating to the general policy on the placement of resources by the Fund and procedures to enhance the institution's financial resources.

Item 9: Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Resources of the Fund

49. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee presented the report.

50. After a lengthy debate, Council decided to postpone consideration of this item until the next session scheduled to be held in October 1996, because the study had not been completed. Council requested the management of the Fund to ensure that the consulting firm completed the study in accordance with the terms of reference. Council decided, however, that the following relevant recommendations should be implemented:

- (i) computerisation of all activities at the Fund and recruitment of an expert in electronic data processing, estimated to cost US \$ 339 200;
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- (ii) conversion of investments by the Fund in the Abuja headquarters building into a seven-year loan to the Executive Secretariat. The loan should be paid from recovery of arrears of contributions;
- (iii) issuance of a directive recalling the decision of the Authority of Heads of State and Government requesting Member States to pay their outstanding contributions for the construction of the two headquarters before the end of 1997.

51. Council requested the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee to prepare a progress report for the Authority.

Item 10: Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Evaluation of Statutory Appointees

52. The report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee which was presented by its Chairman stressed that there was no precedent, either in ECOWAS or in similar institutions, of statutory officers being evaluated and highlighted other reasons why the evaluation would not have been feasible. The Committee however suggested processes which would facilitate the evaluation of statutory appointees during the second half of 1997.

53. Council approved the following procedure proposed by the ad hoc ministerial committee for the application of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the selection and evaluation of statutory appointees:

- (i) The Executive Secretary should assess the other statutory appointees according to established procedure which requires that his remarks should be discussed with the interested parties.
 - (ii) Successive chairmen of the Board of Directors should give their observations on the performance of the Managing Director of the Fund, commencing from the date of his assumption of office.
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- (iii) Successive chairmen of the Council of Ministers should give their observations on the performance of the Executive Secretary, commencing from the date of his assumption of office.

Item 11: Consideration of the reports of the Technical Commissions

- (i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

54. The report of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Commission focused mainly on the following items:

the proposed creation of an ECOWAS tourism and leisure fair;

applications for approval of new industrial products and enterprises eligible for inclusion under the trade liberalisation scheme;

outcome of the deliberations of the seventh meeting of the consultative and coordinating Committee for the programming of trade fairs and similar events in the sub-region; and

request for observer status by the West African Enterprise Network.

55. Council approved the organisation of the first tourism and leisure fair in Abidjan from 22 to 27 April 1997. The Executive Secretariat should inform the Ivorian authorities accordingly.

56. Council approved the five new industrial products applying to benefit under the trade liberalisation scheme. The regulation establishing the list of industrial enterprises and products is hereto attached.

57. Council adopted the resolution removing the requirement of 25% minimum indigenous participation in the equity capital of enterprises as a condition for eligibility under the scheme.

58. Council also decided, for practical reasons and, bearing in mind the various fiscal reforms introduced in Member States, that the rates transcribed into the ECOWAS harmonised system should be used as the base rates for the commencement of the tariff reduction programme.

59. Council adopted the draft regulation on the selection of Ghana as host country of the second ECOWAS Trade Fair scheduled to take place in Accra from 26 February to 7 March 1999.

60. Council proposed to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision relating to the granting of category "A" observer status to the West African Enterprise Network.

(ii) Report of the 18th meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources

61. The memorandum presented by the Executive Secretariat informed Council that the above meeting had not taken place even though it had been convened twice, initially from 16 to 19 April 1996 and from 2 to 5 June 1996.

62. Consequently, the Secretariat requested approval from Council to seek funding for the following three programmes which the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission should have adopted:

the floating weed control programme;

the integrated agricultural development information programme; and

the regional project on "Contribution of meteorological services to lasting development in ECOWAS countries".

63. Council, in recognition of the importance of agricultural development in the sub-region, authorised the Executive Secretariat to mobilise the necessary funds

for the execution of these three programmes. Council directed that the food security programme which is of crucial importance for the region, should be submitted to the next meeting of the Commission.

64. Council expressed great dissatisfaction at the inability of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission to meet. The Secretariat was directed to look into the possibility of meeting the cost of delegates' attendance at technical meetings in particular and at statutory meetings in general.

65. Council called on the Executive Secretary to reconvene the meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission, to consider the remaining items on the agenda of the Commission. A consultative meeting should be organised to enable Member States prioritise the projects, before they are embarked upon.

(iii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

66. The report of the 38th meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission focused mainly on:

the draft Multilateral Air Transport Agreement;

standards for the design of inter-State roads; and

the road maintenance initiative.

67. Following discussions on the issues raised, Council requested Member States to conclude between themselves a multilateral air transport agreement establishing a single airspace within the Community.

68. Council also adopted the standards for the design of inter-State roads. With regard to the road maintenance initiative, Council appealed to Member States to create an autonomous road maintenance fund, as requested by donors.

69. COUNCIL REQUESTED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A PROGRESS REPORT ON ECOWAS PRIORITY PROGRAMMES SUCH AS ROAD PROJECTS.

(IV) ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

70. THE REPORT OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION WAS PRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN.

71. AFTER DISCUSSION, COUNCIL ADOPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION AND MADE OBSERVATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

(A) MOVEMENT TO ABUJA

72. COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR ITS OFFER OF A CONCESSIONARY LOAN OF 21 952 968 US DOLLARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF QUARTERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT. IN THIS REGARD, COUNCIL DECIDED TO MAKE A SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS.

73. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IS STATUTORILY OBLIGED TO ACCOMMODATE ONLY DIRECTORS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND BASED ON THE INFORMATION FROM THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION THAT THE SUM OF 6 650 000 US DOLLARS WAS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, COUNCIL AUTHORISED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN THE LOAN AGREEMENT FOR THAT AMOUNT. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT WAS ALSO REQUIRED TO REVIEW CONSTRUCTION COSTS TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MINIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED UNITS WITH THAT AMOUNT, AND TO EFFECT MOVEMENT TO ABUJA WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

74. WITH REGARD TO THE TERMS OF THE LOAN, COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THAT:
TENDERING SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL ECOWAS COMPANIES, BEARING IN MIND LOCAL PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT;

THE MINIMUM GRACE PERIOD SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION;

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REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN SHOULD BE EFFECTED FROM SALARY DEDUCTIONS NORMALLY MADE FOR HOUSING STAFF MEMBERS, RENTS AND FROM ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS PAID INTO THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT;

75. COUNCIL AGAIN URGED MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE NOT DONE SO TO PAY THEIR ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CALLED FOR THE SPEEDY APPLICATION OF THE ECOWAS COMMUNITY LEVY WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1997.

(b) SPONSORSHIP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON "LEGAL SECURITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" TO BE ORGANISED BY THE AFRICAN JURISTS' ASSOCIATION

76. HAVING DISCUSSED THE ISSUE, COUNCIL WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE OAU WOULD BE A MORE APPROPRIATE SPONSOR OF SUCH A MEETING.

(c) STAFF PENSION SCHEME

77. COUNCIL AUTHORISED STAFF MEMBERS WHO SO DESIRE TO:

CONTRIBUTE TO BCEAO SENIOR STAFF PENSION FUND (CRRAE) FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF;

JOIN THE NON-PROFESSIONAL STAFF SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION SCHEME (RCPNC), THE PENSION SCHEME FOR LOCALLY RECRUITED STAFF.

78. COUNCIL HOWEVER SPECIFIED THAT STAFF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ABOVE SCHEMES SHOULD ENTAIL NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR THE INSTITUTIONS

ITEM 12: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE STATUS OF ECOMOG FORCES IN LIBERIA

79. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE STATUS OF ECOMOG FORCES IN LIBERIA SEEKS TO:

define the privileges and immunities accorded by the Liberian Government to the ECOMOG forces;

provide an appropriate framework to take due account of the international composition of the ECOMOG troops; and

grant ECOMOG forces adequate protection and guarantee their freedom which is indispensable for the execution of their mandate.


80. Having discussed the draft agreement, Council authorised the Executive Secretariat to sign the document on behalf of ECOWAS, in accordance with the provisions of Decision A/DEC.3/11/90 dated 28 November 1990 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

81. Council requested that the French version of the agreement be properly aligned with the English version.

82. However, the Senegalese delegation made the following observations:

with regard to the form of the draft document, the delegation requested that the provisions of the decision establishing ECOMOG and of the protocols on non-aggression and mutual assistance in defence matters be included in the preamble of the draft agreement;

with regard to the content of the document, the delegation expressed concern at the absence of provisions relating to the right of self defence within the draft agreement. The delegation expressed the wish that the state of origin of the ECOMOG soldier in question should, like the ECOMOG Field Commander, have the authority to consider the possibility of having the accused judged in his country of origin.



Item 13: Consideration of the report of the 4th meeting of ECOWAS Directors of Statistics

83. The report of the fourth meeting of Directors of Statistics dealt with the harmonisation of national accounts in Member States, ECOWAS statistics policy and the recommendations of the workshop on external trade statistics.

84. Council adopted the above report and recommended to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the decision relating to the ECOWAS statistics policy.

Item 14: Consideration of the report of the meeting of Heads of ECOWAS national units

85. The report of the meeting of heads of national units emphasised Member States' lack of involvement and their failure to participate regularly and effectively in Community activities. The report also noted the great diversity of institutional arrangements among countries. Some national units have the necessary staff and equipment whereas others are under-equipped, under-staffed and occupy a low position in the administrative hierarchy. The heads of national unit offered pertinent suggestions capable of improving the functioning of Community institutions and ensuring application of decisions. Council adopted the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Item 15 : Consideration of the memorandum on the status of financial contributions

86. The above memorandum examined each country's statement of arrears to the budget of the Executive Secretariat. The Council of Ministers expressed grave concern at the extremely high amounts of arrears of financial contributions to the different budgets of the Community. As at July 1995, Member States were owing the sum of US \$ 42,147,125 or FCFA 22,935,613,300.

87. Council commended the Republic of Benin for the regular payment of its contributions and for the advance made to the Executive Secretariat to permit the organisation of the present meetings. Council also thanked the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for clearing up its arrears of contributions.

88. The Mauritanian delegation presented the apologies of that Member State to the Community for the substantial delay in the payment of its arrears of contribution. The delegation explained that the high level of indebtedness was due to the economic difficulties which all other Member States were also facing.

89. Council called on all Member States concerned to sign arrears payment schedule agreements without delay.

Item 16 : Consideration of the draft agenda of the nineteenth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

90. Council proposed the attached agenda to the Authority.

Item 17: Presentation of the Cairo Agenda for Action

91. The Assistant Secretary-General of the OAU, Ambassador Vijay S. Makhan, presented the Cairo Agenda for Action endorsed by the June 1995 summit of OAU Heads of State and Government. The programme defines the framework for action towards an equitable and durable development of Africa based on viable economic policies, social justice and collective self-sufficiency as a means of transforming the structure of West African economies.

92. Council took note of the agenda for action and called on ECOWAS Member States to ensure, by all necessary means, that the aims of the agenda are reflected in their national development plans.



Item 18: Other Matters

(i) Declaration of the West African Women's Association (WAWA)

93. The Secretary-General of WAWA presented the outcome of the fifth General Assembly of the Association held in Accra from 5 to 7 July 1996. Council took note of the report and decided to consider the recommendations contained therein at its next session.

(ii) West African Representation on the Board of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

94. The Executive Secretariat informed Council of the impasse with the implementation of Regulation C/REG.14/12/95 designating Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria to occupy the two substantive posts of administrator allocated to West Africa, with Cabo Verde and Mauritania as alternate members. A similar decision taken in April 1994 by the Conference of Heads of State and Government of CILSS had designated Mauritania and Burkina Faso as substantive and alternate members respectively, to represent member countries of CILSS on the Board of the Global Environment Facility.

95. At the end of the discussion on this matter, Council decided that the application of its initial decision be deferred until the expiration of Mauritania's mandate in June 1997.

(iii) The Liberian Crisis

96. The Liberian situation was discussed at a special session of the Council. The session was presided over by H.E. Dr. Obed Asamoah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ghana.


97. Present at the session were Reverend Canaan Banana, the OAU Eminent Personality in Liberia, Captain Kojo Tsikata, Member of the Council of State,

Ghana; Dr. James Jonah, United Nations Special Envoy to Liberia, Ambassador J. Victor Gbeho, Special Representative of the ECOWAS Chairman to Liberia; Ambassador Anthony Nyakyi, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to Liberia; Mr. Edouard Benjamin, ECOWAS Executive Secretary; the out-going Field Commander of ECOMOG, Major-General John M. Inienger; the in-coming ECOMOG Field Commander, Major-General Victor Malu and H.E. Mr. Howard Jeter, the United States Special Envoy on Liberia.

98. Reports were received from the following, H.E. Ambassador Victor Gbeho, the ECOWAS Chairman's Special Representative in Liberia, Major-General John M. Inienger, ECOMOG Field Commander, Ambassador Anthony Nyakyi, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Liberia and Mr. Edouard Benjamin, the ECOWAS Executive Secretary.

99. Opening speeches were delivered by H.E. Chief Tom Ikimi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria and H.E. Dr. Abed Asamoah, Chairman of the meeting and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana.

100. After extensive deliberations of the reports presented, the meeting arrived at the following conclusions:

- (a) The Abuja Agreement remains the only workable framework for restoring peace in Liberia.
 - (b) The Accra Mechanism aimed at returning Liberia to the Abuja Agreement was accepted and it was further decided to accept the content of the negotiated draft Status of Forces Agreement. The signing of the Agreement was however deferred until the issue of the recomposition of the Council of State had been resolved.
 - (c) The decision was taken that the Committee of Nine should be convened not later than 18 August 1996, to take up all outstanding
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issues on the Liberian Peace Process before the Abuja Accord expires on August 18, 1996.

- (d) The meeting also agreed that elections would be the final step in returning Liberia to democratic governance. ECOWAS must therefore work in collaboration with the U.N. to achieve this objective.
- (e) A regime of sanctions should be considered by the Committee of Nine as a means of putting pressure on the Liberian factional leaders, their families, supporters and sympathisers to sue for peace.

101. Having accepted the foregoing broad principles, the meeting decided that the next Committee of Nine meeting should examine the specifics in detail.

102. The United Nations declared that it would support elections in Liberia only if the Authorities in Liberia so wished and also if they provided an even playing field. In this regard, the United Nations requested for the establishment of an independent and credible Electoral Commission.

Item 19 : Adoption of Report

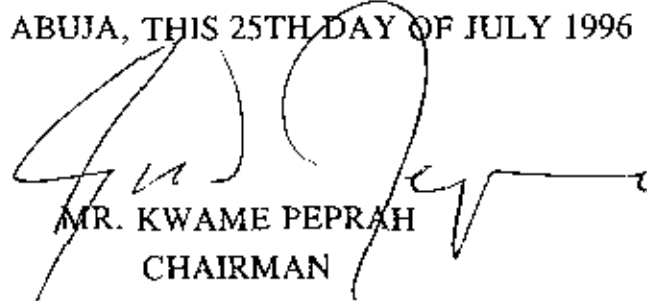
103. This report was adopted.

Item 20: Closing Session

104. The Chairman of Council, Mr. Kwame Peprah, expressed his gratitude to the honourable delegates for the quality of the deliberations. He stressed the fact that there could be no salvation for West Africa except through regional integration. He thus called on Member States to show greater political commitment in order to advance the cause of regional integration in West Africa. He also appealed to Member States to pay their financial contributions to the budgets of

the institutions more regularly and to implement the Community acts and decisions.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996



MR. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS**

ABUJA, 22ND - 25TH JULY, 1996

**REGULATION C/REG.1/7/96 RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL
BUDGET FOR THE COMPUTERIZATION OF THE ECOWAS FUND**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/8/88 and A/DEC.10/6/89 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the study on the Restructuring of the Fund and establishing the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund;

CONSIDERING the Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund.

ENACTS

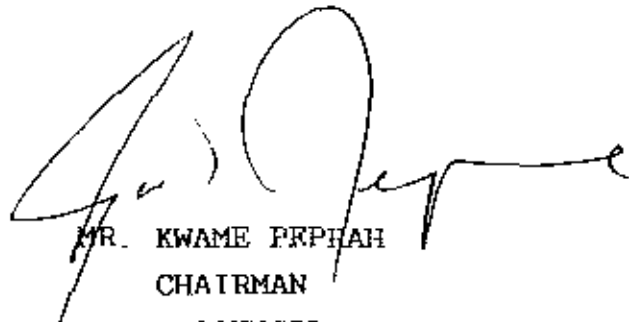
ARTICLE 1

The Additional Budget amounting to three hundred and thirty-nine thousand two hundred United States dollars (US\$ 339,200) for the computerization of the ECOWAS Fund is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the signature of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of Member States.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



MR. KWAME PREMAM
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

REGULATION C/REG 2/7/96 RELATING TO THE REPORT OF COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER DECISION C/DEC.3/7/95

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Fund's equity investment in ECOBAN Transnational Incorporated (ETI);

MINDFUL of the placement policies of the ECOWAS Fund culminating in the near losses of deposits with BCCI and MIBL and the measures taken by the Management of the Fund to recover the same;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/7/95 which established the Commission of enquiry into the management of the financial resources of the ECOWAS Fund;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY comprising the Governors of BCEAO and Bank of Ghana;



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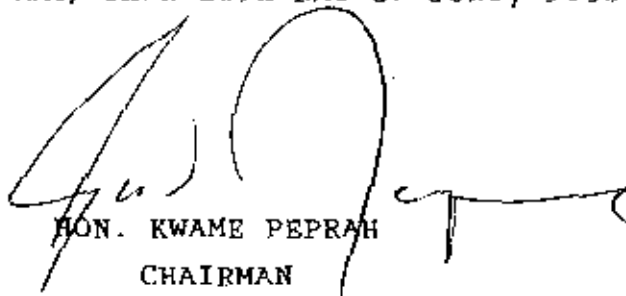
Article 1

The Management of the Fund is authorised to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Enquiry established under Decision C/DEC.3/7/95 relating to the management of the financial resources of the ECOWAS Fund attached to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the signature of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL


**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF
THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE FUND.**

There is need for a comprehensive policy document on placements to include amongst others the following:

- a. Criteria for the selection of counterparty/banks and groups. These are to include benchmarks against which any institution considered will be measured;
- b. the setting of single counterparty/group exposure limits taking into consideration its networth, rating, performance and market standing. Such limits should be related to both the Fund's investment resources and the counterparty's networth;
- c. the setting of single currency/country/region exposure limits;
- d. preferred maturity mix of investment portfolios;
- e. the maximum acceptable margin above and under market rates;
- f. The composition of the Investment Committee and minimum meeting standards of at least once a week and provisions making the decisions of the Committee final;
- g. Where ad-hoc decisions on placement are to be taken, there is the need to have proposals circulated among Committee members;
- h. All senior staff of the Treasury Department, who are on the Investment committee should be taken through a structured training programme, both classroom based and

by attachment to larger development institutions and banks to ensure the inculcation of skills in modern treasury management techniques. The attachment of a treasury specialist to the department for a short period will be of immense benefit;

- i. All other members of the Investment Committee should have some local lecture-based exposure to the rudiments of Funds placement to enhance their effectiveness on the Committee;
- j. Sanctions should be introduced for non-implementation of committee decisions and strictly enforced. Where there are mitigating circumstances, these may be immediately brought to the notice of Committee members for their adoption before any decision is suspended or reversed;
- k. In order to enhance the market orientation of Treasury Staff, it is recommended that priority should be given to subscription to international rating agencies, periodicals on treasury and electronic media;
- l. There should be periodic internal audit of the systems and management of the Treasury function. In this regard, the external auditors may be consulted for any help or training they can give. Failing this, some of the external auditors from banks or development institutions with large Treasury capacities may be accessed;
- m. There is a need to modify the provisions of Article 27 of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures to emphasise post-audit as well as systems and management audits as part of the internal control functions;

- n. Reporting formats are to be introduced for reporting on treasury activities to the Investment Committee and Management. The format should include essentials such as placements with each bank, new investible Funds, and the prescribed benchmarks. Instances where limits set have been exceeded should be clearly highlighted. The maturity and interest rate profile of placements should be given as well as any other information that the Treasury Department has that could contribute to the construction of an efficient portfolio;
 - o. The Fund should consider the review of the levels of placements with banks outside the ECOWAS sub-region compared to placements with banks inside the sub-region, without necessarily putting the funds at risk;
 - p. The Council should consider the adoption of measures to allow the management of the Fund a greater involvement in the selection and control of Staff of the Fund;
 - q. The non-payment of contributions, arrears and loan installments on a timely basis resulted in the Fund having inadequate resources. This had led to the imprudent pursuit of high interest rates for placements by the Fund in order to generate enough income to meet operational expenses. Member States should seriously consider meeting their obligations to the Fund on a timely basis, to avoid such practices;
 - r. To ensure the correct implementation of decisions concerning the Fund made by Council and the Board of Directors, procedures should be put in place to facilitate effective monitoring and follow-up of decisions.
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25, JULY 1996

REGULATION C/REG.3/7/96 RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR
EVALUATION OF ECOWAS STATUTORY APPOINTEES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 19(1) of the revised Treaty which stipulates that the Executive Secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the Community and its institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 on the selection and evaluation of statutory appointees;

CONSIDERING that there is no specific definition of the functions of individual statutory officers;

CONSIDERING that the procedure adopted by the Council of Ministers in 1991 is inappropriate;

CONSIDERING that there is no precedent for the evaluation of statutory appointees in ECOWAS or in any other similar organisation;

CONVINCED that it is not realistic to carry out an evaluation of the statutory appointees on the basis of information provided by the officers themselves;



AWAPT that the offices of statutory appointees, particularly the office of Executive Secretary, is more political than technical and UNDESIRABLE of adopting an effective but objective procedure for the evaluation of statutory appointees;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Sub-Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees which met in Abuja on 27 July 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1:

The evaluation procedure shall replicate the hierarchy of the statutory appointees:

- i) The Executive Secretary shall assess the other statutory appointees, including the Managing Director and the Deputy Managing Director of the Fund, according to the established procedure which requires that his reports shall be discussed with the interested parties.
- ii) Successive chairmen of the Board of Directors shall give their observations on the performance of the Managing Director of the Fund, commencing from the date of his assumption of duty.
- iii) Successive chairmen of the Council of Ministers shall give their observations on the performance of the Executive Secretary, commencing from the date of his assumption of office

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Article 2:

The Member States on the ad hoc ministerial sub-committee for the selection and evaluation of statutory appointees shall assist in defining the evaluation criteria and procedure for statutory appointees on the basis of the observations provided for in Article 1 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this regulation. These observations shall previously have been transmitted as privileged information to member Ministers of the sub-committee.

Article 3:

- i) A meeting of the sub-committee of experts shall be convened in October 1996, a few days prior to the statutory budget meetings, to define evaluation criteria and procedure for submission to the Council of Ministers for approval.
- ii) The transportation costs of participating experts shall be borne by Member States and their per diem paid by Executive Secretariat for the duration of the meeting for the definition of the evaluation criteria and procedure for statutory appointees.

Article 4:

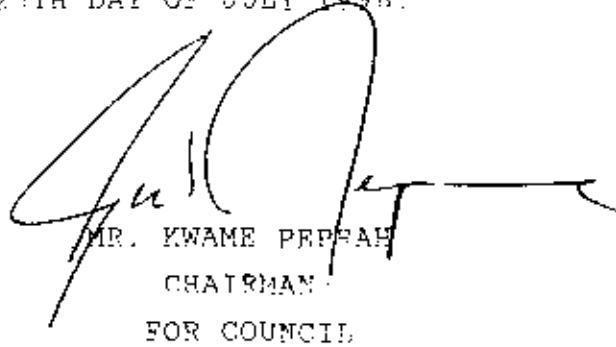
Member Ministers of the ad hoc ministerial committee for the selection and evaluation of statutory appointees shall present the evaluation report prepared during the second quarter of 1997 to the June/July 1997 session of the Council of Ministers.

Article 5:

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Council of Ministers. It shall

also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State by the same deadline.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996.



MR. KWAME PEPPAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996**

**REGULATION C/REG.4/7/96 ON THE LIST OF INDUSTRIAL
ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS APPROVED TO BENEFIT FROM
THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol dated 5 November 1976 defining the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States and its subsequent amendments acts;

MINDFUL of Decisions C/DEC.3/6/88 and C/DEC.4/7/92 dated 21 June, 1988 and 25 July, 1992 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial enterprises and products under 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 of ECOWAS on the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for products originating from Member States of the Community;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, held in Lagos from 22 to 24 May, 1996.



E N A C T S

Article 1

Industrial enterprises and products fulfilling the ECOWAS rules of origin and approved as being eligible for preferential treatment under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme are those contained in the list attached as an annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall give each enterprise concerned, an approval number which must feature on the certificate of origin and on the ECOWAS customs declaration form and inform Member States accordingly.

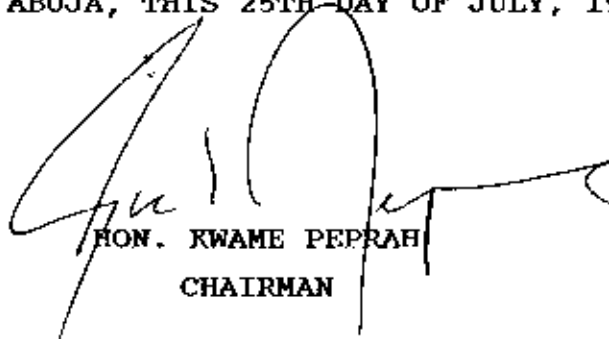
Article 3

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

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996


HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

LISTE DES PRODUITS ET ENTREPRISES INDUSTRIELS PROPOSE A L'AGREMENT/
 LIST OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISES PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

Identité des entreprises par Etat Membre/Identity of enterprises by Member State	Position tarifaire/ Tariff N°	Produits/ Products
I. MAURITANIE 1. Industrie de pâtes alimentaires et couscous (FAMO - Mauritanie) BP 677, Nouakchott 2. Société Arabe des Industries métallurgiques (SAMIA) BP 6247 Nouakchott	1902.19 19002.40 2520.20	Pâtes alimentaires/ Pasta Couscous/ Couscous Plâtres/ Plasters
II. NIGERIA 1. West African Batteries PMB 5299, Ibadan Oyo State	2507.10	Accumulateurs électriques/ Electric Accumulators
III. TOGO 1. Ciments du Togo (CIMTOGO) BP. 1687	2523.29	Ciment hydraulique/ Portland cement

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**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
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**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996**

**REGULATION C/REG.5/7/96 RELATING TO THE HOSTING OF
THE FIRST ECOWAS TOURISM AND LEISURE FAIR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.1/7/91 dated 3 July, 1991 of the Council of Ministers adopting the Executive Secretariat Programme of Action for Tourism;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.2/7/91 dated 3 July, 1991 of the Council of Ministers institutionalising the ECOWAS Tourism and Leisure Fair;

AWARE of the importance of a Tourism Fair and similar events to the development of tourism;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 36th meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, held in Lagos from 22 to 24 May, 1996 ;



ENACTS**Article 1**

The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire is hereby selected to host the First ECOWAS Tourism and Leisure Fair.

The Fair shall be organised in the first half of 1997.

The theme of the fair shall be "Enhancing Promotion of Tourist Destinations in West Africa".

Article 2

There is hereby established a tripartite co-ordination committee comprising representatives of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, representatives of the host country and the consultant who prepared the study.

The Committee shall be responsible for co-ordinating the organisation of the Fair.

The Committee may co-opt any persons or bodies with the requisite competence to assist it in the successful accomplishment of its assignment.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the implementation of this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its



signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY 1996.

REGULATION C/REG.6/7/96 RELATING TO THE HOSTING
OF THE SECOND ECOWAS TRADE FAIR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING Decision C/DEC.5/5/82 dated 26 May 1982 of the Council of Ministers relating to the programming of trade fairs;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.7/5/85 dated 3 May 1985 of the Council of Ministers establishing a Consultation and Coordination Committee between ECOWAS States for the programming of trade fairs and similar commercial events in ECOWAS States;

Conscious of the importance of trade fairs and exhibitions in the development of trade between Member States of the Community;

On the recommendation of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission which met in Lagos from 22 to 24 May 1996.

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E N A C T S

Article 1

The Republic of Ghana is hereby selected to host the Second ECOWAS Trade Fair.

Article 2

The second ECOWAS Trade Fair shall be held from 26 February to 7 March 1999 on the theme, "Economic Cooperation through Trade".

The fair shall be multi-sectoral, in concept with priori given to professional meetings and organisation of buyers/selle meetings.

Article 3

There is hereby established a regional Organising Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation of the second ECOWAS Trade Fair.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

- one representative from each of the four Member States with permanent trade fair facilities (Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo);
- one representative from the Federation of the West African Manufacturers Association;
- one representative from the Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce;



- one representative from the West African Women's Association;
- Representatives of the ECOWAS Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund.

Article 4

The Regional organising committee of the second ECOWAS Trade Fair shall :

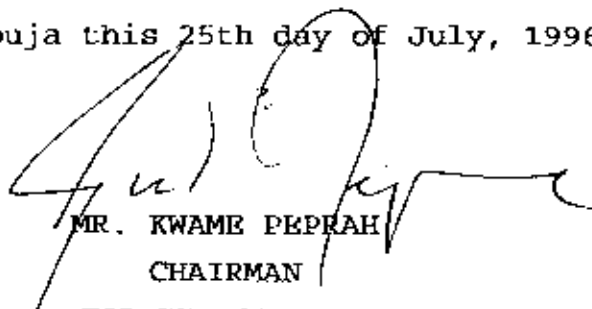
- (i) supervise all activities relating to the preparation and organisation of the fair;
- (ii) generally, assist the Executive Secretariat, in all measures taken by the latter with regard to sub-paragraph (i) above.

Article 5

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Council.

It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Abuja this 25th day of July, 1996.



MR. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

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

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY 1996

REGULATION C/REG.7/7/96 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL
FLOATING WEED CONTROL PROJECT IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 and the revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/87 relating to the adoption of a regional floating weed control programme;

CONSIDERING the alarming proliferation of floating weeds in the major river basins in the sub-region and the impact on socio-economic activities in ECOWAS countries;

AWARE of the need to promote appropriate methods of controlling floating weeds and to foster cooperation between the affected countries

ENACTS

Article 1:

The sub-regional floating weed control project attached to this Regulations are hereby adopted.



Article 2:

The Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall take all necessary measures to mobilise the funds needed for executing these projects.

Article 3:

This regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Council.

It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwame Peprah', is written over the printed name and title.

**KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

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

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REGIONAL FLOATING WEEDS CONTROL PROGRAMME

Introduction

The presence of floating weeds (or aquatic plants) was first observed in the region at the beginning of the nineties, and reached alarming proportions in certain ECOWAS Member States from 1985. Harmful species such as water hyacinth, water lettuce and water fern began to proliferate in the lagoon systems of Nigeria, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. In 1987, in response to this situation, the ECOWAS Council of Ministers adopted a regional floating weed control programme with the following objectives in view:

- i) to support the individual efforts of Member State in floating weed control;
- ii) to encourage consultation between countries in order to enhance policy and programme coordination;
- iii) to enlighten governments, the public and the international community on the consequences of floating weed proliferation;
- iv) to develop an exchange of information and experience on the scourge, and the methods for its control;
- v) to mobilise necessary funds for the realisation of the objectives of the regional programme.

As a result of the meeting of minds during the two seminars organised by the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat in 1988 and 1989, it was possible to define an approach to the problem, and present an application for assistance to donor agencies.

In 1992, the ADB made a grant of 2 million units of account to ECOWAS for the conduct of a feasibility study aimed at:

- i) assessing the spread of the infestation, and its economic consequences.
- ii) outlining an integrated control project which would include public enlightenment and training programmes.

The feasibility study was to identify regional projects for floating weed control in order to contain the harmful effects of their proliferation in the major waterways and lakes of the region, thereby improving the living conditions of its peoples. It was conducted by EUROCONSULT/KIT in a 3-phase exercise, covering a period of 18 months, from June 1994. The phases were as follows:

- a 3-month preparatory phase to set up the implementation unit at the Executive Secretariat and prepare a schedule of activities for the consideration of the steering committee comprising the representatives of ECOWAS Member States. The inaugural meeting of the steering committee and the regional seminar to launch the study were both held in Abidjan from 16 to 21 February 1995. These meetings achieved the twin objectives of closely involving Member States in the conduct of the study, and enlightening public opinion on the spread of the scourge, and methods for its control.
- a 12-months phase for the collection and processing of data from the 16 Member States, during which national consultants were involved in assessing the spread of the infestation, and inventorying the different species of harmful water plants. Collection of data on the socio-economic impact of the infestation was carried out with the collaboration of the Executive Secretariat.
- a 3-month project planning phase during which the data collected in the field was used to draw up project proposals.

1. Findings of the study.

It was observed that the proliferation of water hyacinth was not confined to coastal countries such as Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria. It had spread to the river basins of the Niger, The Gambia and the Volta, and affected countries such as Mali, Niger and Burkina-Faso. Other species including water lettuce, had invaded the delta of the Senegal and The Gambia.

Many other species of water plant are to be found in the waterways of the region. The most widespread are reeds (*Phragmites Australis*) and *Typha*, which cause great havoc in irrigation systems. The most harmful species of floating weed are water hyacinth, water lettuce and water fern.

Factors conducive to the proliferation of water plants are the following:

- interdependence of water systems;
- use of the weeds as ornamental plants and their commercialisation in urban centres;
- public ignorance of the risks involved in the utilisation of these plants, and the absence of regulations in this matter.

The countries affected - Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria - have adopted very limited and desperate control methods. Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria have adopted physical and manual methods, while Benin and Ghana have adopted biological and surveillance tactics.

Threatened countries like Mali, Niger, Senegal and Burkina-Faso, have not as yet resorted to control methods. Public and government enlightenment campaigns need to be conducted as a matter of urgency.

The negative economic impact of floating weed infestation is considerable in the agricultural, environmental, fishery, transport and energy sectors.

2. Recommendations of the study.

To combat floating weed infestation, the study proposes adoption of an integrated approach to control, incorporating both biological and physical methods, in conjunction with enlightenment and training programmes. These actions cover the major river basins shared by two or more countries, and seek to encourage:

- i) consultation between riverine countries in the implementation of control programmes;
- ii) extension of integrated and mutually approved control methods between countries;
- iii) coordination of enlightenment and training programmes.

Five integrated pilot control projects are proposed in the study. These projects are in line with ECOWAS objectives on environmental protection and management based on public involvement, and programmes coordination and harmonisation.

The proposed projects are as follows:

1. Integrated control project for the lagoon systems of Benin and Nigeria. Priority will be given to biological control, training and public enlightenment.
2. Integrated control project for the lagoon systems of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. Priority will be given to biological control and public enlightenment.
3. Integrated control project for the Middle Niger Valley. This project covers Niger and the northern part of Nigeria. Priority will be given to biological control and public enlightenment.

4. Integrated control project for the Upper Niger Valley, covering Mali, in which priority will be given to public enlightenment, prevention and training.
5. Integrated control project for the Senegal delta, covering Senegal and Mauritania. Priority will be given to biological control, training and public enlightenment.
6. A regional coordinating unit will be set up at the Executive Secretariat to assist affected Member States in the areas of enlightenment, training and prevention.

Total estimated cost of the programme is US\$ 14,119,380.

The final report of the study was adopted at the meeting of the Steering Committee on the study held in Dakar, in November 1995.

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

REGULATION C/REG.8/7/96 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL
METEOROLOGICAL PROJECT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

FOR REFERENCE ONLY

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 and the revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.8/7/94 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS meteorological programme;

AWARE of the need to strengthen cooperation between Member States in the exchange of meteorological information and management training;

ENACTS

Article 1:

The attached regional meteorological project on "*contribution of meteorology to sustained development of ECOWAS countries*", is hereby adopted.

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Article 2:

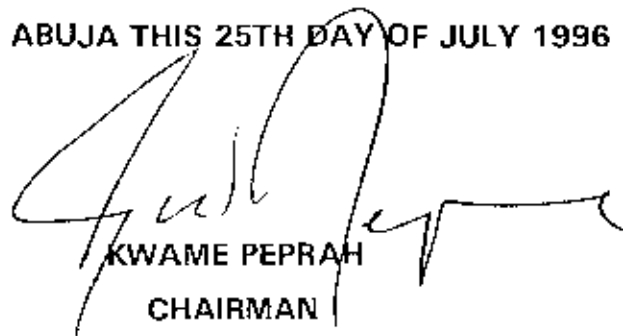
The Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall take appropriate measures to mobilise the necessary funds for the realisation of the project.

Article 3:

This shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Council.

It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996



**KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

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

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES

METEOROLOGICAL REGIONAL PROJECT "CONTRIBUTION
OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES TO SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPEMENT IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

Introduction

1. The ECOWAS Council of Ministers, meeting in Cotonou, Benin, in July, 1993, adopted decision C/Dec.1/7/93 containing the regional meteorological programme for the co-ordination of meteorological activities in the sub-region and for the promotion of meteorological applications in the various sectors of economic activity (agriculture, environment, transport, energy, water resources, etc.).

2. As part of the implementation of this programme, the Executive Secretariat, with financial assistance from the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), conducted an identification study under a project entitled "Contribution of Meteorological Services to Sustainable Development in ECOWAS Member States". The study was adopted by the Directors of Meteorological Services at their meeting held in Abidjan from 15 to 17 November, 1995.

3. The project aims to ensure food security by improving the quality and quantity of agricultural production, natural resources management, environmental protection, climatic changes and desertification. It also seeks to monitor and achieve more effective use of agrometeorological and hydrological information.

4. The regional project has been conceived in five parts as follows :

- a) Establishment and operation of an operational regional centre in charge of meteorological applications. Its role will be to monitor agricultural and climatological activities, drought and desertification.

The CILSS Agrometeorological and Hydrological Centre in Niamey, which has considerable technological training and data collection facilities could provide training for all ECOWAS Member States. Its meteorological data base currently limited to CILSS Member countries will thus be accessible to the other Member States of ECOWAS.

- b) Assistance from the regional meteorological systems established in ECOWAS Member States to the operational regional centre responsible for meteorological applications.

Each ECOWAS Member State has a network of synoptic observation stations within the regional network which is part of the WMO Global Climate Observing System for the African region. The various networks need to be rehabilitated by replacing defective equipment with new ones and by installing automatic synoptic observation stations.

NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY

- c) Establishment of an operational regional centre to meet the needs of Member States with regard to maintenance, calibration and development of observation instruments.

The difficulties encountered in maintaining the surface and upper air observation stations (synoptic, agrometeorological, climatological and rainfall stations) to ensure proper functioning are due to inadequate staff and lack of spare parts for instruments.

The Oshodi maintenance training centre in Nigeria will be upgraded to assist ECOWAS Member States in the instrument maintenance, calibration and development. The centre could ensure transfer of technology between the meteorological services of ECOWAS Member States.

- d) An operational regional telecommunications network making use of existing national and regional networks and available new technologies.

The regional telecommunications network will operate at the national and regional levels

- At the national level, it will collect data from national synoptic, climatological and agrometeorological observation stations, using Single Side Band (SSBs) and data collection platforms (DCPs). Solar panels will be used to generate power for the SSBs and DCPs.
- At the regional level, ECOWAS Member States have three regional telecommunications hubs (RTH) located in Dakar, Lagos and Niamey. CILSS member countries have been provided with new telecommunications equipment which have improved data collection at national level and ensure a rapid exchange of data and information. In order to unify the regional telecommunications system, it has been proposed that similar reinforcement measures be adopted for the other ECOWAS Member States.

e) Strengthening of national meteorological services and regional centres through the provision of skilled personnel.

A number of establishments offering training and further training have gained a certain amount of reputation in their area of specialisation (Aghrymet, EAMAC (Ecole Africaine de Météorologie et de l'Aviation Civile), CRFM (Centre Régional de Formation en Météorologie), ERNAM (Ecole Régionale de la Navigation Aérienne et de Météorologie). However, the training courses are not meant for all categories of staff.

In order to improve and strengthen training activities within the sub-region, existing centres and universities in the sub-region must be strengthened to meet identified requirements. Further training in developed countries will be provided to instructors at the sub-regional centres.

The scheduled activities will help improve agricultural production, ensure more effective monitoring of drought and desertification and strengthen national capability to implement programmes.

The duration of the project which is expected to cost US\$ 12,505,440 is four-years.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

REGULATION C/REG.9//7/96 ON THE INTEGRATED INFORMATION PROGRAMME
FOR THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WEST AFRICA.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty
establishing the Council of Ministers and defines its composition
and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 on the adoption of the ECOWAS
regional agricultural development strategy;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.1/6/86 on the adoption of the short and
medium term programmes of action for the development of
agricultural and natural resources;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.11/12/90 on the adoption of an
agricultural research cooperation programme in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING the importance of agricultural information in the
promotion of agricultural development;

CONSIDERING the time limitation on the availability of funds under
the fourth cycle of the Lome Convention funding programme for
regional development;



REALISING the failure of the Agriculture Commission to meet on two occasions to consider the programme and make appropriate recommendations to Council;

BEARING IN MIND the concern of Member States and the international organisations over protracted delays in the implementation of the programme as a result of the failure of the Commission to meet;


HAVING STUDIED the special memorandum of the Executive Secretariat presenting, inter-alia, the Integrated Information Programme for the Agricultural Development of West Africa;

E N A C T S

Article 1

The attached Integrated Information Programme for the Agricultural Development of West Africa is hereby adopted.

Article 2

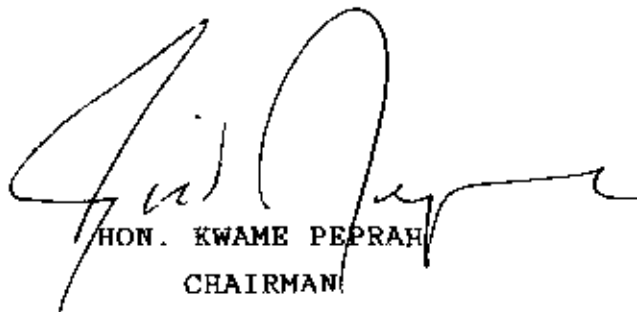
1. The Executive Secretariat shall take appropriate measures to implement this programme as a regional project.
 2. The Executive Secretariat shall take necessary measures to ensure that the project document is presented at a donors conference as a means of securing adequate funding for implementation of the programme
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Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

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

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES

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INTEGRATED INFORMATION PROGRAMME FOR THE
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WEST AFRICA

I. INTRODUCTION

The Thirty-fifth Session of Council held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July by Decision No. C/Dec.8/7/94 adopted the Agricultural Information Strategy as the basis for the formulation of a regional information programme for the agricultural development of West Africa. The Decision followed a study conducted in 1992 to ascertain the agricultural information needs of the west Africa sub-region.

The Decision also recognised the Regional Evaluation, Planning and Monitoring Committee (CREPS), created at the request of a regional workshop held in Banjul in 1993 to review the study, as an advisory body to ECOWAS on agricultural information matters.

The regional agricultural information programme is aimed at ameliorating deficiencies existing in the information delivery system in the agricultural sector. The programme is conceived as a regional project for West Africa under the Lome Convention. All 16 Member States as well as sub-regional organisations in West Africa are implicated.

Technical and financial support for this programme was provided by CTA. The CTA is involved in this ECOWAS project, in collaboration with national, regional and international institutions in the Member States, to promote the use of information as a vehicle for the agricultural development of the sub-region.

II. RESUME OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme objectives aim at regional integration, and seeks to ensure improved organisation and management of information for the agricultural development of the West African sub-region, based on the priority areas defined and adopted by ECOWAS and other organizations working towards regional integration.

More specifically, the objectives of the programme seek to achieve the following:

- To enhance the capacity for producing, processing and disseminating information;
- To make information available to different categories of users;
- To encourage the use of information as a factor of development;

- To create effective information exchange facilities at the local, national and regional levels.

Four projects have been identified and developed into detailed project proposals; an additional two projects have been identified for further study. The four projects identified and developed, briefly, are as follows:

Project 1. Training of Agricultural Researchers in Scientific Communication.

JUSTIFICATION

The ability of researchers to communicate their research findings and the technologies they generate to the end users has remained a major constraint to agricultural development in the sub-region. This is partly because scientists do not receive formal training in communication and are therefore deficient in this skill.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this project is to:

- Enhance agricultural and scientific production,
- Improve publication of agricultural research results,
- Better adopt communication to the target audience.

ACTIVITIES

To achieve these objectives, the following activities are envisaged:

- Training researchers in scientific writing,
- Training in the communication of agricultural research results,
- Individual training in special techniques.

IMPLEMENTATION

The project will be managed by the West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA), a regional institution with mandate for rice science, jointly owned by 17 West African countries (15 of which are members of ECOWAS). WARDA which ha

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vast experience in, and excellent facilities for organising courses of this nature. will use its efficient institutional, administrative and financial mechanism, to manage the project.

Project 2. Strengthening Agricultural Extension Systems.

JUSTIFICATION

Agricultural extension forms an indispensable link between agricultural research and its end users. In West Africa, extension remains weak and is unable to properly play its role in the agricultural development process. At a time when regional groupings are striving for integration, information on the various extension approaches employed by countries of West Africa is scanty and not universally available; therefore, countries are not able to benefit from experiences generated elsewhere.

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of this project is to strengthen extension systems of Member States thereby making them more responsive to the agricultural development needs.

The specific objectives of this project are to:

- Identify the various extension approaches in West Africa,
- Share information on the various agricultural extension approaches practised in the sub-region.
- Train, in a workshop situation, extension specialist in the success factors,
- Organise study tours of participants to observe extension approaches practised in various West African countries.
- Establish informal channels for the adoption of success factors into existing country programmes.

ACTIVITIES

There are four components under this project:

- A regional survey of extension approaches,
- Regional workshops for extensionists,

- Study-tours.
- In-country training activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

The project will be jointly managed by three related institutions in Nigeria, deeply involved with agricultural extension and management training, for the Anglophone countries. These are the National Agricultural and Research Liaison Services (NAERLS), the Federal Agricultural Co-ordinating unit (FACU) and the Agricultural & Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI). ANADER and BDPA will be responsible for project implementation in the Francophone countries.

Project 3. Production and Exchange of Agricultural Radio and Television Programmes.

JUSTIFICATION

The importance of radio and television in reaching the general population, even in the remotest parts of a country, is now generally recognised. As a tool of sensitisation and mobilisation, radio is usually the first, and often the only, means of conveying information in the national and official language to populations. Radio and television are presently also used as efficient tools for supporting development initiatives such as training and information. Unfortunately, many good programmes that have been developed for extension are inadvertently restricted to the areas where they are produced.

Although the West African radio landscape has evolved rather rapidly with different kinds of radio networks, there is, however, a shortage of qualified, trained radio and television journalists and, in particular, specialists in agricultural broadcasting.

OBJECTIVE

This project aims at encouraging the countries in West Africa to develop good radio and television programmes for distribution and exchange across national boundaries. Those countries lacking the capability to do so will be assisted. The project also aims to produce a directory of agricultural radio and television journalists with the view to up-grading their competence, through training programmes.

ACTIVITIES

Activities planned under this project include the following:

- The production and distribution of radio and television programmes,
- The preparation of a directory of agricultural radio and television journalists,
- Training of agricultural radio and television journalists.

IMPLEMENTATION

Project implementation and management will be undertaken by NAERLS for English speaking countries and by CIERRO for French speaking countries. The Union of National Radio and Television Organisations of Africa (URTNA), an organisation committed to the development of all aspects of broadcasting in Africa, and to which all countries in the sub-region belong, will provide technical and logistical support for the project.

Project 4. The Establishment of an Integrated Agricultural Information System.

JUSTIFICATION

This project is an attempt to establish and maintain an integrated information system for agricultural research, training and extension for the West African sub-region. The project is conceived against the current uneven development of scientific and technical information systems in the countries of the sub-region and the presence of a number of independent structures, each covering a rather restricted area of agriculture. The success of this project will lead to storage of information from a massive inventory, thus avoiding duplication of efforts and to the enhancement of agricultural and rural development.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this project is to facilitate sharing of information from research, extension or training in order to contribute to agricultural development in the following ways:

- Enhancing the organisation of agricultural information and its efficient use to support agricultural development in the sub-region through better integration of information and development strategies,

- Strengthening the production, collection and processing of information capacities of each Member State,
- Creating the conditions necessary to institutionalise the use of information as a factor of development thereby enabling national institutions to attain an acceptable level of growth,
- Improving internal planning, programming, monitoring and valuation of research.

ACTIVITIES

The main activities to be undertaken in this project are the following:

- Assess existing reservoir of agricultural information in Member States,
- Diagnose strategy in use, evaluate efficiency and methodology,
- Assess national capabilities in terms of resources and personnel to assemble agricultural information,
- Develop guidelines of general methodology for universal application for collecting, processing, disseminating and retrieving information.

IMPLEMENTATION

WARDA will be assigned responsibility to coordinate this project and to provide the vital link to the CGIAR system. The project implementing agencies will be ISRA, GHASTINET and REDACI, in association with INSAH. Technical assistance for the project will be provided by ISNAR, CIRAD, CABI, BDPA and GTZ.

The two additional projects identified for further study are as follows:

Project 5. Regional Programme to Foster Functional Literacy.

JUSTIFICATION

The ability to read and write is essential for human development. Illiteracy constitutes a major problem for

agricultural and rural development in the sub-region. Illiterate farmers are handicapped because they are unable to take full advantage of agricultural information in print. Literate farmers, on the otherhand, can easily obtain information from published extension materials and thus benefit from reading about and adopting advances in agriculture.

The importance of literacy is recognised in many states which have established such programmes. A few countries have embarked on a primary education programme in which every child is expected to go to school and attain a certain minimum level of education. Many countries have adult functional literacy programmes which provide non-formal education to their populations. All these programmes are geared at increasing the usability of the print media for promoting development.

OBJECTIVE

This project is aimed at strengthening functional literacy programmes of the countries of West Africa with a view to enhance the utilisation of agricultural information at the grassroots. The purpose of this project is to make a significant contribution to the agricultural and rural development of the sub-region.

ACTIVITIES

A study shall be undertaken to develop a detailed project proposal. Consultants will be commissioned to undertake the study and harmonise their findings and recommendations. Their report shall be used as the basis for the preparation of a detailed project document.

The study shall be carried out during the first year of this regional programme for implementation starting during the second and successive years of the five year project.

Project 6. West African Agricultural Science Journal.

JUSTIFICATION

In order to gain recognition and advancement in their careers, most agricultural scientists in West Africa must use foreign journals to publish their results. While there exist national publications, none is rated highly as compared to those published overseas. Consequently, there is need for the creation of a medium, recognized by all, for use by scientists in West Africa.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to establish a medium through which agricultural scientists can publish without having to resort to overseas options. In particular, the project is intended to cater to the needs of scientists in the sub-region.

ACTIVITIES

A feasibility study will be commissioned to examine all aspects of establishing a West African Agricultural Science Journal. The study will be conducted by consultants.

It will determine the procedure and mechanism for establishing and managing a West African regional journal for agricultural sciences; consider the possibility of starting from an existing national or regional journal that has achieved some degree of regional or international recognition.

The study is recommended to be undertaken during the first year of this regional programme for subsequent implementation during the ensuing years.

PROGRAMME FINANCING AND OVERALL COORDINATION

Financial support for the various components of the proposed programme is to be borne on a cost sharing basis by the donor and the beneficiaries (ECOWAS and other implementing institutions).

The total cost of the five year programme is US\$34,145,364 of which US\$30,687,987 is being requested of the donor. The remaining US\$3,457,396 shall be provided from resources of the beneficiary (calculated on the basis of costs for operating existing programmes implicated in the programme, costs which will be borne by those institutions with or without the project).

ECOWAS shall play the role of lead institution for the programme and shall coordinate project activities through a Project Coordination Unit to be created.

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

REGULATION C/REG 10/7/96 APPROVING THE ECOWAS STAFF PROVIDENT FUND MANAGEMENT RULES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations directing the Heads of Institutions to establish a Provident Fund for the staff of the Community Institutions.

NOTING that there had been put in place a Provident Fund for the staff of the Community Institutions;

DESIRING to involve staff in the Management of their Provident Fund and to put in place adequate modalities for the operations of the Provident Fund;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 15 to 18 July 1996;

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Article 1 :

The Staff Provident Fund Management Committee Rules attached to this Regulation are hereby approved.

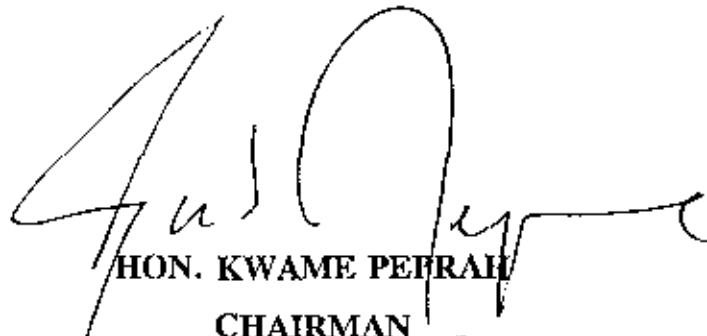
Article 2 :

All other contrary rules, regulations and decisions relating to the Management of Staff Provident Fund are hereby abrogated.

Article 3 :

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996



HON. KWAME PETRAAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

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

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**RULES FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF
THE ECOWAS STAFF
PROVIDENT FUND**

Article I: Definitions

For the purposes of these Rules, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Treaty" means the revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States signed in Cotonou on 24 July 1993;
- (b) "ECOWAS" means the Economic Community of West African States established in Article 2 of the Treaty;
- (c) "Staff member" means the permanent employee of an ECOWAS Institution;
- (d) "The Provident Fund" means the special fund constituted from the contribution of ECOWAS Institutions and its staff, as well as the interests generated from placement of these monies;
- (e) "Salary" means the basic salary of the staff member at each time of contribution to the Provident Fund;
- (f) "Employer" means any Institution of ECOWAS whose employees are members of the Provident Fund;
- (g) "Beneficiary" means the spouse(s) direct ascendants and descendants legally entitled to receive the benefits accruing to a staff member;
- (h) "Management Committee" means the persons designated and elected in accordance with the provisions of article 8 of these rules.

Article 2: Establishment and Name

A Management Committee to be called "ECOWAS Staff Provident Fund Management Committee" is hereby established.

Article 4: Functions of the Management Committee

The Management Committee shall define a management policy concerning the Provident Fund and shall oversee its implementation. The Committee shall monitor, in particular:

- recovery of contribution;
- placement of the funds in the Provident Fund;
- payment of partial or total withdrawals.

The Committee may take any measure it deems necessary to ensure proper management of the Provident Fund.

Article 5: Meetings of the Management Committee

- (a) The Management Committee shall meet as and when necessary and, at least, once every year, to adopt the audited accounts.
- (b) At all meetings of the Management Committee, the quorum shall be constituted by a simple majority of members, amongst whom must be the Chairman, the Director of Finance and at least, one (1) elected representative of each category of staff;
- (c) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be taken by simple majority of voting members present, each member being entitled to one vote.

Article 6: Eligibility

- (a) All professional and locally recruited staff members of ECOWAS are automatically eligible and obliged to participate in the Provident Fund from the date of assumption of duty with ECOWAS.

- (b) Each staff member thus admitted is automatically bound by these rules and shall be given a copy thereof upon assumption of duty.
- (c) Each staff member shall submit to the Administration Department of the institution concerned and update on a regular basis, a list of beneficiaries, as well as the name of the agent entitled to receive the benefits to which a staff member is entitled.

Article 7: Resources of the Provident Fund

The resources of the Provident Fund shall be derived from:

- (a) a monthly contribution of 17.50% of the staff members's basic salary. Of this contribution, 12.50% shall be paid by the employer and 5% by the employee;
- (b) interests and other incomes accruing from placement of contributions.

Article 8: Contribution to the Provident Fund

- (a) Contributions shall become due from the date of admission of the staff member to the Provident Fund;
- (b) admission shall cease on the date on which the staff member, for any reason, leaves the service of the Community;
- (c) contributions shall continue to be paid even when the staff member is on paid leave. Where a staff member is on approved unpaid leave of absence, contribution to the Provident Fund shall cease until the staff member resumes duty. However, where the staff member does not wish the payment of his contributions to be interrupted, he shall pay the 17.50% representing both the employees' and the employers' contributions;

- (d) all contributions shall be paid in convertible currency and shall be paid at the end of each quarter into a special fund held by an institution designated by the Management Committee after consultations with staff members.

Article 9: Payments from the Provident Fund

- (a) (i) Staff members are entitled to make a partial withdrawal from the Provident Fund.
- (ii) The frequency and modalities of partial withdrawal shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- (b) Upon cessation of service through resignation, recall to home country, dismissal, termination or retirement, the staff member shall be paid the total amount in his credit after settlement of his obligations in respect of loans, guarantees, damages or any other financial prejudice caused to ECOWAS.
- (c) All payments to staff members from the Provident Fund shall be in convertible currency.

Article 10: Benefits in Case of Death

Where a staff member dies while in active service or, in the case of permanent and total disability of the staff member, the Management Committee shall pay the total amount standing to his credit to the representative designated by him or to the representative designated by his beneficiaries as stipulated in Article 3(c).

Article 11: Accounts and Audit

- (a) The financial year of the Provident Fund shall commence on 1st January and end on 31st December of each year.

- (b) The accounts of the Provident Fund shall be kept separately from the other accounts of the institution by the Director of Finance in each institution.
- (c) The accounts shall be kept in such form as to show the amounts received, investments and payments effected by the Provident Fund as well as each staff member's credit balance.

account of each staff member.
- (e) The annual budget sheet and the statement of income and expenditure must be duly audited by the External Auditor of ECOWAS.

Article 12: Settlement of Differences

- (a) Where differences arise as to the interpretation or application of these Rules, such differences shall be settled by the Management Committee constituted as set forth in Article 5 (b). Decisions on the matter in question shall be adopted by unanimous vote of all members present.
- (b) The decision thus arrived at shall be binding on all members of the Provident Fund and shall be immediately enforceable.

Article 13 Amendment of Rules

- (a) The Management Committee may submit any proposals for an amendment to these rules to the Council of Ministers through the Head of Institution.
- (b) No amendment of these rules shall have the effect of permitting the payment or transfer of any part of the Provident Fund monies or investments to ECOWAS.

- (c) Such amendments shall enter into force upon approval by the Council of Ministers.

Article 14: Entry into Force

These rules shall enter into force upon adoption by the Council of Ministers.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996

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

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996**

**REGULATION C/REG 11/7/96 AUTHORIZING ECOWAS STAFF MEMBERS
TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE BANQUE CENTRALE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE
DE L'OUEST (BCEAO) PENSION SCHEMES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations relating to the establishment of a superannuation scheme for the staff of community Institutions;

CONSIDERING the advantages of a pension scheme to staff proceeding on retirement;

AWARE that the Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BCEAO) has established the BCEAO Senior Staff Pension Fund (CRAAE) for its professional staff and the BCEAO supplementary pension scheme (RCPNC) for its non-professional staff;



AWARE also that the BCEAO had expressed its willingness to admit staff of Community Institutions to its pension schemes;

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Article 1

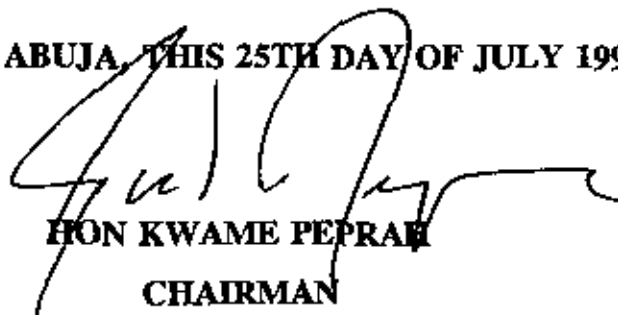
1. Pending the establishment of an ECOWAS Pension scheme, staff of the Community, who wish to do so may join any of the two BCEAO pension schemes i.e., the BCEAO Senior Staff pension Fund (CRRAE) for professional staff and the BCEAO non-professional staff supplementary pension scheme (RCPNC) for general service and auxilliary staff.

2. The Executive Secretariat and the Fund shall negotiate with the BCEAO the modalities for subscription to the two pension schemes.

Article 2

The Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of Council. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996



HON KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1995

**REGULATION C/REG.12/7/96 AMENDING REGULATION C/REG.14/12/95
RELATING TO WEST AFRICA'S REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty
establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition
and functions;**

**CONSIDERING that it would be difficult to implement immediately the
provisions of Regulations C/REG.14/12/95;**

DESIROUS of accommodating all countries concerned;

E N A C T S

Article 1:


**The implementation of Regulation C/REG.14/12/95 adopted by the
Council of Ministers at its Thirty-eighth Session held in Abuja
from 11 to 13 December 1995, is hereby deferred until the
expiration of Mauritania's mandate in June, 1997.**

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Article 2:

This Regulation shall be communicated by the Executive Secretariat to the Board of Directors of the Global Environment Facility and which shall also publish it in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY 1996

**RESOLUTION C/RES.1/7/96 RELATING TO
THE LIBERIAN CRISIS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

DEPLORING the continued intransigence of the Liberian warring factions in implementing the Abuja Agreement;

REGRETTING the fact that no progress has been made by the Liberian warring factions in returning the Liberian peace process to track;

DESIROUS of bringing a speedy end to the Liberian crisis in accordance with the Abuja Agreement,

HEREBY:

AFFIRMS that the Abuja Agreement remains the only workable framework for restoring durable and permanent peace to Liberia;

WELCOMES the Accra Mechanism aimed at returning the Liberia peace process to the Abuja Agreement which was adopted by the seventh meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Committee of Nine on Liberia held in Accra, Ghana on 8 May 1996;

APPROVES the provisions of the draft status of Forces Agreement negotiated between the Executive Secretariat and the Government of Liberia;

AGREES that elections would be the final step in returning Liberia to democratic governance;

DIRECTS the ECOWAS to work in collaboration with the United Nations to hold democratic elections in Liberia within the shortest possible time;

CALLS on the Committee of Nine on Liberia to consider, at its next meeting, a regime of sanctions as a means of putting pressure on the Liberian factional leaders, their families, supporters and sympathisers to sue for peace;

AGREES also that a meeting of the Committee of Nine on Liberia should be held as soon as possible, at the latest by August 18, 1996, to consider all outstanding issues on the Liberian peace process.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996


HONOURABLE DR. OBED ASAMOAH
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY 1996

RESOLUTION C/RES.2/7/96 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR THE GRANT OF A LOAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF QUARTERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the pressing need for the ECOWAS Executive Secretary to move into its new headquarters in Abuja;

AWARE of the difficulty of finding accommodation in Abuja for the staff of the Executive Secretariat;

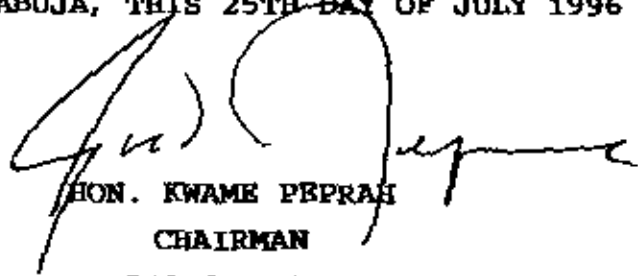
RECOGNISING that effective occupation of the Executive Secretariat headquarters is contingent upon the availability of accommodation for the staff of the Secretariat;

ACCEPTS WITH APPRECIATION the offer of the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to grant an interest-free loan of not more than twenty-one million United States dollars to the Executive Secretariat for the construction of staff quarters.

WELCOMES this gesture which will solve the problem of the non-occupancy of the headquarters of the Executive Secretariat and the lack of staff accommodation;

THANKS the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its generous offer which constitutes a positive contribution to the construction and consolidation of economic integration in Africa.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1996

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwame Prah', is written over the typed name and title.

HON. KWAME PRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICA STATES

ABUJA, 22 - 27 JULY, 1996

RECOMMENDATION C/REC 1/7/96 RELATING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE
ECOWAS FUND HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN LOME,

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the
Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

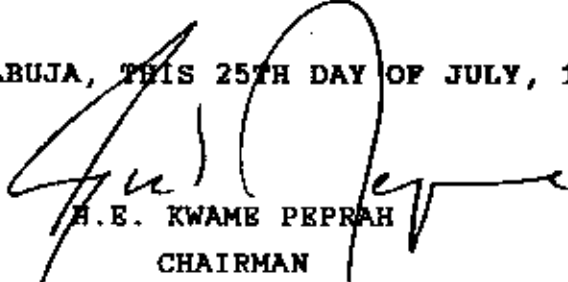
MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of
State and Government relating to the Construction of the
Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/6/88 of the Authority of Heads of
State and Government relating to financing of extra works in
respect of the Construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund
in Lome;

RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT:

The approval and adoption of the attached Draft Decision relating
to the completion of the ECOWAS Fund Headquarters building in Lome.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996


H.E. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ABUJA, JULY, 1996**

**DRAFT DECISION N° A/DEC. /7/96 RELATING TO THE COMPLETION
OF THE ECOWAS FUND HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN LOME**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC./17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Construction of Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of its Decision A/DEC.4/7/86 relating to the financing of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund in Lome which fixed the total cost of the ECOWAS Fund Headquarters at Five billion CFA francs (CFAF 5,000,000,000)

CONSIDERING its Decision A/DEC.3/6/88 of the Authority of Head of State and Government relating to financing of extra works in respect of the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund in Lome;

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D E C I D E S**Article 1**

The Management of the ECOWAS Fund is authorised to complete the ECOWAS Fund Headquarters building.

Article 2

The completion of the building shall be financed through the payment of arrears of contribution to the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

FOR THE AUTHORITY

H.E. J. J. RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996**

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.2/7/96 RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF
THE AMOUNT OF UA 11 207 925 CONTRIBUTED BY THE FUND
TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS IN ABUJA, NIGERIA**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC.17/5/82 and A/DEC.5/7/87 of the Authority of Head of State and Government relating to the construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions;

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;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.1/7/95 relating to the Enhancement of 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 ECOWAS FUND;



RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT :

The adoption of the attached Draft Decision relating to the recovery of the amount of UA 11 207 925 contributed by the Fund towards the construction of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat in Abuja, Nigeria.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1966

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC../7/96 RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF THE AMOUNT OF UA 11,207,925 CONTRIBUTED BY THE FUND TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS IN ABUJA, NIGERIA

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,


MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 relating to the construction of Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/7/87 relating to the financing of the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of Headquarters of Community Institutions;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 22 to 25 July, 1996;



D E C I D E S

Article 1:

The ECOWAS Fund's investment of UA 11,207,925 in the construction of the ECOWAS Secretariat Headquarters in Abuja, Nigeria, shall be treated as a concessionary long term loan to the Executive Secretariat on the following terms and conditions:

- a) PURPOSE : Recovery of amounts paid by the Fund towards the construction of the Executive Secretariat Headquarters
- b) AMOUNT : UA 11,207,925
- c) DURATION : 7 years
- d) REPAYMENT PERIOD : 7 years with effect from the end of the settlement of rescheduled arrears of contributions (01/01/98)
- e) INTEREST RATE : NIL
- f) CHARGES : NIL
- g) FREQUENCY OF PAYMENTS: Semi-annually
- h) SEMI-ANNUAL AMOUNT : UA 800,566.07

Article 2:

The loan granted to the Executive Secretariat shall be repaid through the payment of arrears of contribution.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the signature of the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA 22 - 25 JULY, 1996.

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.3/7/96 RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF OBSERVER WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE WEST AFRICAN ENTERPRISES NETWORK (WAEN)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

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

CONSIDERING that the West Africa Enterprise Network is an international non-governmental organisation comprising private sector entrepreneurs whose objective is to contribute to the improvement of the business climate in West Africa;

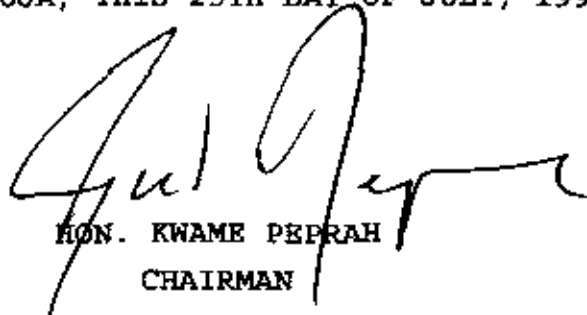
CONSIDERING the crucial role of the West Africa Enterprise Network (WAEN) in the development of cross-border trade and investment;

CONSIDERING the final Report of the Thirty-eighth meeting of the Trade, Custom, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 22 to 24 May 1996;

R E C O M M E N D S

to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft decision granting the West Africa Enterprise Network (WAEN) the status of observer within the institutions of the Community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996.



HON. KWAME PEBRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1966

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC /7/96 GRANTING THE WEST AFRICAN ENTERPRISES
NETWORK (WAEN) THE STATUS OF OBSERVER WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS OF
THE COMMUNITY,**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty establishing the
Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its
composition and functions;

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

CONSIDERING that the West Africa Enterprise Network is an
international non-governmental organisation comprising private
sector entrepreneurs whose objective is to contribute to the
improvement of the business climate in West Africa;

CONSIDERING the crucial role of the West Africa Enterprise Network
(WAEN) in the development of cross-border trade and investment;



ON THE Recommendation of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers held at Abuja from 22 to 25 July, 1996.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The West African Enterprises Network (WAEN) is hereby granted the status of observer, in Category "A", within the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days after signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996.

H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.4/7/96 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHING OF THE
BASE RATE FOR THE TARIFF REDUCTION PROGRAMME ENVISAGED FOR UNDER
THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised 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 consolidating customs duties and
taxes of equivalent effect and non-tariff barriers;

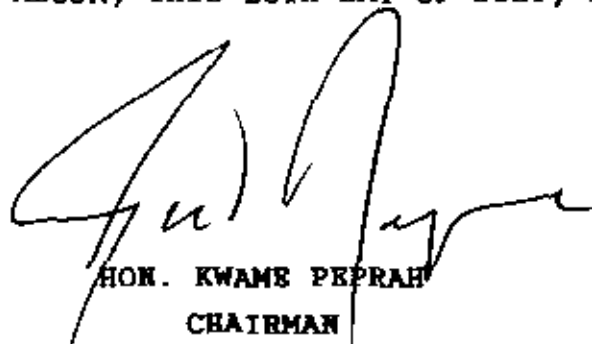
CONSIDERING the different fiscal reforms introduced in Member
States since 1979;

CONSIDERING the thirty-sixth meeting of the Trade, Customs,
Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 22 to
24 May, 1996;

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RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision establishing the base rate for the tariff reduction programme envisaged for under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1996

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC /7/96 ESTABLISHING THE BASE RATE FOR THE
TARIFF REDUCTION PROGRAMME ENVISAGED FOR UNDER THE ECOWAS TRADE
LIBERALISATION SCHEME.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing the
Authority of Heads of State and Government 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 consolidating customs
duties and taxes of equivalent effect and non-tariff barriers;


CONSIDERING the different fiscal reforms introduced in Member
States since 1979;

CONSIDERING Recommendation C/REC..../7/96 of the 39th session of
the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 22 to 25 July, 1996;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

Customs duties and other taxes of equivalent effect levied on
imports under the ECOWAS tariff structure, and serving as the base
rate for the commencement of the tariff reduction programme



envisaged under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme shall be those rates applicable to goods imported from third countries by Member States and classified under the same heading in the ECOWAS Customs and Statistical Nomenclature, based on the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (H.S.)

ARTICLE 2

Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this decision;

ARTICLE 3

This decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community not later than 30 days from the date of signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same period of time;

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DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H. E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.5/7/96 ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE CRITERION
RELATING TO THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITY NATIONALS IN
THE EQUITY CAPITAL OF ENTERPRISES WISHING TO BENEFIT FROM THE
ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS


MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty
establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition
and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol signed on 5 November 1975 relating to the
definition of the concept of products originating from ECOWAS
member States and its subsequent amendments;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 amending Decision A/DEC.1/5/83
relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade
liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from
ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING the need to streamline the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation
Scheme with a view to accelerating its effective application;

CONSIDERING the constraining nature of the rules of origin,
particularly as they relate to the level of participation of
Community nationals in the equity capital of enterprises wishing to
benefit from the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;



CONCERNED with the need to eliminate obstacles being faced by economic operators in the sub-region and to attract foreign investments into West Africa;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 22 to 24 May 1996;

adopt the attached draft decision on the cancellation of the criterium relating to the level of participation of nationals of Member States in the equity capital of enterprises wishing to benefit from the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPPRAH
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

ABUJA, 26TH - 27TH JULY, 1996

D R A F T

**DECISION A/DEC. /7/96 ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE
CRITERION RELATING TO THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF
COMMUNITY NATIONALS IN THE EQUITY CAPITAL OF ENTERPRISES
WISHING TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECOWAS TRADE
LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the protocol signed on 5 November 1975 relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States and its subsequent amendments;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 amending Decision A/DEC.1/5/85 relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING the need to streamline the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme with a view to accelerating its effective application;

CONSIDERING the constraining nature of the rules of origin, particularly as they relate to the level of participation of Community nationals in the equity capital of enterprises wishing to benefit from the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

CONCERNED with the need to eliminate obstacles being faced by economic operators in the sub-region and to attract foreign investments into West Africa;

CONSIDERING Recommendation C/REC.../7/96 of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 22 to 25 July 1996;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The criterion relating to the level of participation of Community nationals in the equity capital of enterprises wishing to benefit from the Community liberalisation scheme for industrial products is hereby cancelled.

ARTICLE 2

The provisions of Article 7 of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 of 29 July 1992 fixing the level of participation of nationals of Member States in the equity capital of industrial enterprises whose products shall benefit from the trade liberalisation scheme at a single minimum rate of 25% are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 3

The following criteria shall be taken into consideration to determine Community origin of industrial products eligible to benefit from the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme :

1. the quantity or value of raw materials used in the process of production;
2. the value added of the ex-factory price before tax of the finished product.

ARTICLE 4

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

ARTICLE 5

This decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H. E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.6/7/96 RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZING OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR STAFF OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Decision of the Council of Ministers taken at its 28th session in Abuja on 13 December, 1990 reaffirming its earlier decision that the Community should construct residential quarters in Abuja for the staff of the Executive Secretariat;

AWARE that a large number of Member States are owing arrears of payment to the operational budget of the Executive Secretariat and are also yet to complete payment of their assessed contributions to the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions and to the capital of the FUND;

CONVINCED of the inability of most Member States to directly undertake the financing of the construction of staff quarters in Abuja because of the aforementioned outstanding financial obligations of the Community;

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CONSIDERING that the Federal Republic of Nigeria had agreed to grant to the ECOWAS Secretariat an interest-free loan ;

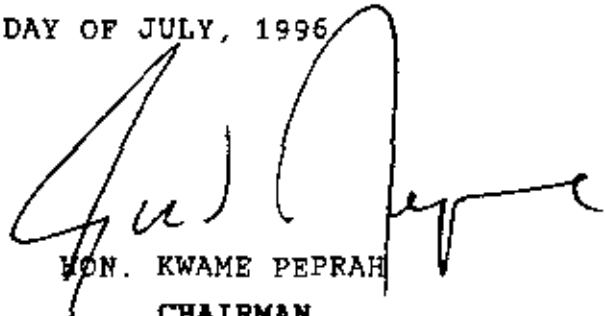
ANXIOUS for the speedy relocation of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja in consonance of Decision C/DEC.4/12/94 transferring the Executive Secretariat to Abuja;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the Eighteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 15 to 18 July, 1996;

RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS AND STATE AND GOVERNMENT

TO ADOPT the attached Draft Decision authorizing the Executive Secretary to sign a loan agreement with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the construction of residential quarters for staff of the Executive Secretariat in Abuja.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1996

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC. /7/96 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR STAFF OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA

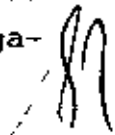
THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Decision of the Council of Ministers taken at its 28th session in Abuja on 13 December, 1990 reaffirming its earlier decision that the Community should construct residential quarters in Abuja for the staff of the Executive Secretariat;

AWARE that a large number of Member States are owing arrears of payment to the operational budget of the Executive Secretariat and are also yet to complete payment of their assessed contributions to the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions and to the capital of the FUND;

CONVINCED of the inability of most Member States to directly undertake the financing of the construction of staff quarters in Abuja because of the aforementioned outstanding financial obligations of the Community;



CONSIDERING that the Federal Republic of Nigeria had agreed to grant to the ECOWAS Secretariat an interest-free loan ;

ANXIOUS for the speedy relocation of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja in consonance of Decision C/DEC.4/12/94 transferring the Executive Secretariat to Abuja;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the Eighteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 15 to 18 July, 1996;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Executive Secretary is authorized to sign a loan Agreement between the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the construction of residential quarters for staff of the Executive Secretariat in Abuja for an amount of six million six hundred and fifty thousand (6.650.000) United States dollars only.

Article 2

1. The Executive Secretary shall renegotiate the terms of the loan agreement with regard to obtaining a longer period of moratorium from the Nigerian Government to cover at least the construction period.

2. Considering that Member States will not be in a position to supplement the loan, the repayment of the loan shall take due account of the salary deductions for housing professionals in accordance with the Staff Regulations rents and the recovery of arrears of contributions.

3. The Executive Secretariat is requested to review the design and the construction cost in order to build at least one hundred housing units with that amount.

4. The tender should be opened to all ECOWAS companies bearing in mind that they should have fulfilled the local requirements.

5. To ensure speedy completion of the houses, the construction works may be awarded to a number of companies in lots.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.7/7/96 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN OF COMMUNITY ROADS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;


MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 dated 28 May 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the ECOWAS transport programme;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.7/7/91 dated 3 July 1991 urging Member States to take into account ECOWAS decisions during negotiations for the financing of transport projects;

CONSCIOUS of safety considerations given that heavy duty vehicles occupy up to 2.8 metres of the roadway;

MINDFUL of the fact that pavements less than 7 metres wide wear out more rapidly than those that exceed 7 metres and therefore need more frequent maintenance;

AWARE of the higher maintenance costs of roads less than 7 metres wide;



MINDFUL of the increasingly heavy volume of traffic,

CONSIDERING the thirty-eighth meeting of the Transport, Communication and Energy Commission, held in Lagos from 16 to 18 May, 1996

RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to adopt the attached Decision establishing standards for the design of Community roads.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAN
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

**NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1996

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.../7/96 ESTABLISHING STANDARDS
FOR THE DESIGNS OF COMMUNITY ROADS**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 dated 28 May 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the ECOWAS transport programme;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.7/7/91 dated 3 July 1991 of the Council of Ministers urging Member States to take into account ECOWAS decisions during negotiations for the financing of transport projects;

CONSCIOUS of safety considerations, given that heavy duty vehicles occupy up to 2.8 metres of the roadway;

MINDFUL of the fact that pavements less than 7 metres wide wear out more rapidly than those exceed 7 metres; and therefore need more frequent maintenance;

AWARE of the higher maintenance cost of roads less than 7 metres wide;

MINDFUL of the increasingly heavy volume of traffic;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja, from 22 - 25 July, 1996;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The design standards below are hereby established for the construction of Community roads;

- a) The design speed for construction of inter-state roads shall be 100 km/h;
- b) The maximum axle load for design shall be 13 tons and the permissible axle load for operation shall be 11.5 tons;
- c) The road width shall be at least 7 metres;
- d) The shoulders shall be at least 1.5 metres wide on both sides;

ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the implementation of this Decision.



ARTICLE 3

This decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of Council.

It shall be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

**H. E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS**

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.8/7/96 RELATING TO THE CONCLUSION OF A
MULTILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBER STATES.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty
establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition
and functions,**

**MINDFUL of Article 32 of the Revised Treaty relating to cooperation
in Transport;**

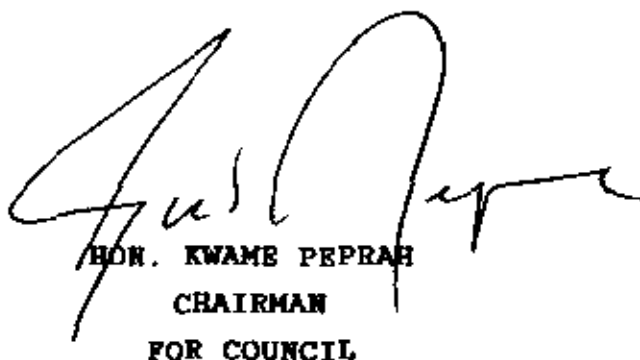
**MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of
State and Government on the ECOWAS transport programme;**

AWARE of the need to develop air transport services within ECOWAS;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty-eighth meeting of the
Transport, Communications, and Energy Commission held in Lagos from
16 to 18 May, 1996;**

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RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO
ADOPT the attached draft Decision on the Conclusion of a
multilateral air-transport Agreement among Member States.



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY 1996.

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DECISION A/DEC. 7/96 ON THE CONCLUSION OF A MULTILATERAL
AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing
the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its
composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 32 of the Revised Treaty
relating to cooperation in transport and communication;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of
State and Government on the ECOWAS transport programme;

AWARE of the need to develop air Transport services within ECOWAS;

CONSIDERING the report of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of
Ministers, held in Abuja from 22 to 25 July, 1996;

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D E C I D E S

Article 1

ECOWAS member States shall conclude among themselves a Multilateral air Transport Agreement establishing a single air space within the Community;

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor and ensure the implementation of this decision in collaboration with the Member States co-ordinating the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration in West Africa.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of signature by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 1996.

H.E. JERRY J. RWALINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.9/7/96 RELATING TO THE CREATION BY EACH
MEMBER STATE OF AN AUTONOMOUS FUND FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,


MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the transport programme.

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.7/7/91 of the Council of Ministers urging Member States to take into account ECOWAS decisions during negotiations for the financing of transport projects;

AWARE of the accelerated deterioration of roads in Member States and the high costs of rehabilitating such roads.

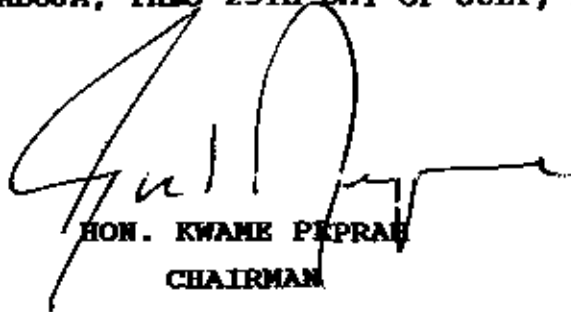
AWARE also of the difficulties encountered by Member States in funding the rehabilitation and maintenance of existing roads;



CONSIDERING the report of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos, from 16 to 18 May, 1996;

RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



HON. KWAME PEPRAH
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**NINETENTH SESSION THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1996

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC...../7/96 RELATING TO THE CREATION
BY EACH MEMBER STATE OF AN AUTONOMOUS
FUND FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 28 May,1980 relating to the transport programme;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.7/7/91 of the Council of Ministers dated 3 July, 1991 urging Member States to take into account ECOWAS Decisions during negotiations for the financing of transport projects;

AWARE of the accelerated deterioration of roads in Member States; and the high costs of rehabilitating such roads;

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AWARE of the difficulties encountered by ECOWAS member States in funding the rehabilitation and maintenance of existing roads;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Council of Ministers, held in Abuja from 22 - 25 July, 1996;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

Each Member State shall establish an autonomous fund for road maintenance. The fund shall be operated independently from the public treasury, and should be called "the Autonomous Fund for Road Maintenance". The fund shall be financed from charges collected from road users.

ARTICLE 2

Each Member State shall establish a Board of Directors comprising road users and relevant government representatives to administer the Fund.

ARTICLE 3

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor and ensure the implementation by Member States of this Decision.

ARTICLE 4

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of Council.

It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION ABJIA... 27, 7, 25, JULY, 1996

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
COMMUNITY AND THE LIBERIAN NATIONAL TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ON
THE STATUS OF THE ECOWAS CEASEFIRE MONITORING GROUP (ECOMOG)
IN LIBERIA

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty
establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition
and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC 1/8/90 dated 7 August 1990 of the
Community Standing Mediation Committee on the ceasefire and the
institution of an ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in
Liberia;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC 3/11/90 relating to the conclusion
of an Agreement on the status of the Ceasefire Monitoring Group
(ECOMOG) between the Community and the Interim Government of the
Republic of Liberia;

CONSIDERING the various Peace Agreements brokered by the
Community and entered into by the Liberian warring factions;

CONSIDERING the report of the Technical Meeting between ECOWAS
and the Liberian National Transitional Government on the Status of
Forces Agreement held in Monrovia from 5 to 8 February, 1996;

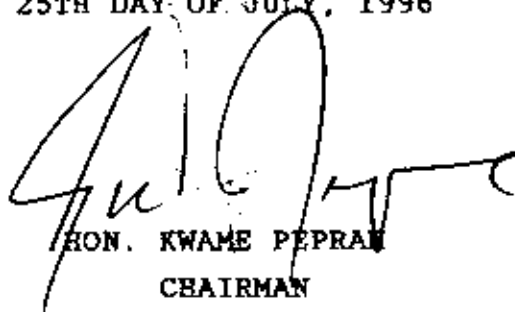
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R E C O M M E N D S

TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

To adopt the attached draft Decision authorizing the Executive Secretary to sign the Agreement between the Community and the Liberian National Transitional Government of the Republic of Liberia on the status of the Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwame Pepran', is written over the typed name.

HON. KWAME PEPRAN
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY, 1996

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC..../7/96 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ON THE STATUS OF THE
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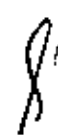
MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty establishing the
Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its
composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC 1/8/90 of 7 August 1990 of the
Community Standing Mediation Committee on the Ceasefire and
establishment of an ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group for Liberia;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC 3/11/90 relating to the conclusion
of an Agreement on the status of the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring
Group (ECOMOG) between the Community and the Interim Government of
the Republic of Liberia;

CONSIDERING the various Peace Agreements brokered by the
Community and signed by the Liberian warring factions;

DESIROUS of providing an appropriate framework that will
define the privileges and immunities that the Liberian government
will accord ECOMOG taking into account the international
composition of the ECOMOG troops and the ECOWAS General Convention
on Privileges and Immunities;



DESIROUS also of granting the ECOMOG Command and its personnel the adequate protection and freedom needed for the execution of their mandate;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 22 to 25 July, 1996.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

1. The Agreement relating to the status of ECOMOG in Liberia between the ECOWAS and the Government of Liberia attached to this Decision is hereby approved.

2. The Executive Secretary is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Community, the Agreement referred to in paragraph (1) above.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**REVISED DRAFT AGREEMENT*
RELATING TO STATUS OF ECOMOG
IN LIBERIA**

BETWEEN

**THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS),**

AND

THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

***DRAFT AGREEMENT TO BE APPROVED BY
THE DECISION-MAKING BODIES OF ECOWAS
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

Monrovia, 8 February 1996

This Agreement is made this day of of 1996 BETWEEN the Economic Community of West African States, (hereinafter referred to as "ECOWAS"), of the one part,

AND

The Republic of Liberia, of the other part.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Liberia, since 1990, has been plunged into a state of civil war resulting in massive destruction of life and property and a total breakdown of law and order;

CONSIDERING the pathetic plight of innocent civilians as a result of the civil war and its threat to international peace and security, particularly to neighbouring countries and the West African sub-region as a whole;

CONSCIOUS of the need for a stable and secure regional environment as an essential ingredient for effective regional cooperation;

CONSIDERING that the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee established by the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS at its First Summit Meeting held in Banjul, The Gambia from 6 to 7 August 1990, decided to deploy an ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) to restore peace and stability to Liberia and to enforce a ceasefire amongst the warring factions;

AWARE that the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) had since its deployment to Liberia, successfully restored a large measure of normalcy in the country and had also undertaken vital humanitarian activities to alleviate the hardship of the people of Liberia.

AWARE of the enormous effort and commitment of the Economic Community of West African States towards the peaceful resolution of the Liberian conflict;

NOTING that a final resolution of the Liberian conflict requires the concerted effort and participation of the in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, on 29 July 1993;

MINDFUL of the Akosombo Agreement signed on 12 September 1994;

MINDFUL of the Agreement on the Clarification of the Akosombo Agreement 1994 signed in Accra on 21 December 1994;

MINDFUL of the Acceptance and Accession Agreement signed in Accra on 21 December 1994;

MINDFUL of the Agreement to supplement the Cotonou and Akosombo Agreements as subsequently clarified by the Accra Agreement and signed in Abuja on 19 August 1995;

AWARE that ECOMOG is made up of military, paramilitary and police personnel contributed on a voluntary basis from ECOWAS Member States;

CONSCIOUS of the sovereignty of the Republic of Liberia and the need to define the status of ECOMOG, its Members and its operations within the Republic of Liberia;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "ECOMOG" or "The Group" means the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) established pursuant to the ECOWAS Authority Decision A/DEC.1/8/90, and includes troops contributed by other African States to assist in the peace-keeping mission. ECOMOG consists of:
 - (a) "Special Representative of the Chairman" appointed by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government to exercise such powers and functions as are entrusted to him.
 - (b) "Executive Secretary's Special Representative" appointed by the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS to exercise, under his authority, such powers and functions as are entrusted to him by the Authority;
 - (c) "The Field Commander" appointed as Chief of the ECOMOG Operations by the Chairman of the Authority;
 - (d) "Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee" (JCMC) established pursuant to the Cotonou Accord and Security Council Resolution S/RES/866 (1993) dated 10 August 1993;
 - (e) "Civilian Section" composed of ECOWAS officials and other persons assigned to assist any of the Special Representatives;
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cally stated otherwise, does not inhibit locally recruited personnel assigned by the participating states to serve as part of ECOMOG.

2. "Member of ECOMOG" means any member of the military, paramilitary or civilian section, but, unless specifically stated otherwise, does not include locally recruited personnel.
3. "Participating State" means a member state that contributed personnel to ECOMOG. A "Participating Government" is the government of a Participating State.
4. "Government" means the Government of the Republic of Liberia and includes all its officials and local authorities.
5. "Territory" means Liberia.
6. "Treaty" means the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States.
7. "Community" means the Economic Community of West African States established pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty.
8. "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Authority" means the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Community.
9. "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community appointed under Article 18 of the Treaty.

10. "Special Representative" means, as the case may be, either the Chairman's Special Representative or the ECOWAS Executive Secretary's Special Representative;

11. "Cotonou Accord" means the Peace Agreement between the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia (IGNU), the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO) signed in Cotonou on 25 July 1993.

12. "Akosombo Agreement" means the agreement between the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO), and the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) in Akosombo, Republic of Ghana on 12 September 1994 and includes the Agreement on the Clarification of the Akosombo Agreement and the Acceptance and Accession Agreement signed in Accra, Republic of Ghana on 21 December 1994.

13. "Abuja Agreement" means the agreement which incorporates the Akosombo and Accra Agreements and signed in Abuja on 19 August 1995 between NPFL, ULIMO, LPC, AFL, ULIMO-J, LDF, NPFL, CRC and LNC.

14. "JCMC" means the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee established pursuant to Paragraph 3, Article 3 of the Cotonou Accord.

15. "Convention" means the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of ECOWAS dated 22 April 1978.

ARTICLE II APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Unless specifically provided otherwise, the provisions of this Agreement and any obligation undertaken by the Government or any privileges, immunity, facility or concession

granted to ECOMOG or any member thereof apply in the Territory only.

ARTICLE III PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF ECOMOG

1. The Convention shall apply to ECOMOG, subject to the special provisions specified in this Agreement.

2. Notwithstanding the application of the Convention, ECOMOG shall enjoy the most favourable of any privilege, immunity, facility or concession granted under the Convention as may be applicable to the parties concerned and the subject matter under consideration.

3. ECOMOG as a subsidiary organ of ECOWAS enjoys the status, privileges and immunities of ECOWAS in accordance with the Convention and as provided for in the present Agreement. The provision of Article 3 of the Convention shall also apply to the property, funds and assets of Participating States used in the Territory in connection with the national contingents serving in ECOMOG operations, as provided for in Article II of the present Agreement. The Government recognises the right of the ECOMOG operations in particular:

- (a) To import, free of duty and taxes, equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods which are for the exclusive and official use of the ECOMOG operations or for resale in the commissaries provided for hereafter.
- (b) To establish, maintain and operate commissaries at its headquarters, camps and posts for the benefit of the members of the ECOMOG operations, but not of locally recruited personnel.

- (c) To clear ex-customs and excise warehouse, free of duty and taxes, equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods which are for the exclusive use of the ECOMOG operations or for resale in the commissaries provided for above.
- (d) To re-export or otherwise dispose of such equipment free of duty and taxes, all provisions, supplies and other goods so imported or cleared ex-customs and excise warehouse;

To ensure that such importation, clearance, transfer or exportation may be effected with the least possible delay, a mutually satisfactory procedure, including documentation, shall be agreed between ECOMOG and the Government.

4. The Special Representative, the Field Commander and such other senior officials as the Special Representative or the Field Commander may designate shall be entitled to diplomatic privileges, immunities and facilities in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

5. Military personnel assigned to the military section of ECOMOG shall have the privileges and immunities specifically provided for in this Agreement.

6. Members of the ECOWAS assigned to the civilian section to serve with the ECOMOG operations remain officials of their respective Organisations entitled to the privileges and immunities provided by the Convention.

7. Other persons assigned to the civilian section of ECOMOG as well as civilian personnel assigned to the military section whose names are for the purpose notified to the Government by any of the Special Representatives shall be

considered as experts on mission within the meaning of the Convention.

8. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, locally recruited members of ECOMOG operations shall enjoy the immunities concerning official acts and exemption from taxation as provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV STATUS OF ECOMOG

1. Recognising the sovereignty of Liberia, members of ECOMOG shall refrain from any activity incompatible with the impartial and international nature of their duties or inconsistent with the spirit of the present arrangements. They shall respect all local laws and regulations.

2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1 above, members of ECOMOG shall:

- (i) refrain from any involvement in private civil disputes;
- (ii) not engage in any private business activity within the Territory.

The Special Representative and the Field Commander shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the observance of these obligations.

3. ECOMOG shall collaborate with the Government as provided in the Akosombo Agreement and as clarified by the Accra Agreement, all of which are incorporated in the Abuja Accord.

The Above notwithstanding, nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to mean that the ECOMOG Operations, the

Special Representative, the Field Commander or any member of ECOMOG shall be under the control or authority of the Government. They are under the command and authority of the ECOWAS Authority.

4. The Government undertakes to respect the exclusively international nature of ECOMOG.

TAXATION

5. Members of ECOMOG shall be exempted from taxation on the pay and emoluments received from their respective Organisations or from a Participating State and any income received from outside the Territory. They shall also be exempted from all other direct taxes and from all registration fees and charges.

Customs and Fiscal Regulations

6. Members of ECOMOG operations shall have the right to import free of duty their personal effects in connection with their arrival in the Territory. Special arrangements between the Field Commander and the Liberian authorities shall be made for the implementation of the foregoing provisions in the interests of the Liberian Government and Members of ECOMOG. The Field Commander shall take all necessary measures to prevent any abuse of the exception and to prevent the sale or resale of such goods to persons other than members of ECOMOG.

7. Special facilities for entry or exit shall be granted by the Liberian immigration authority to regularly constituted units of ECOMOG, provided that the authorities concerned have been duly notified. On the departure from the Territory, members of ECOMOG may take with them such funds as the Special Representative or the Field Commander certifies were received

in pay and emoluments from the ECOWAS, UN, OAU or from a Participating State and are a reasonable residue thereof."

Entry, Residence and Departure

8. The Special Representative, the Field Commander and members of ECOMOG, shall, wherever so required, have the right to enter into, reside in and depart from the Territory.

9. The Government of Liberia undertakes to facilitate the entry into and departure from the Territory, of the Special Representative, the Field Commander and members of ECOMOG. ECOMOG undertakes to keep the Government informed of such movements. For that purpose, the Special Representative, the Field Commander and members of ECOMOG shall be exempt from passport and visa regulations and immigration inspection and restrictions on entering into or departing from the Territory. They shall also be exempt from any regulations governing the residence of aliens in the Territory including registration, but shall not be considered as acquiring the right to permanent residence or domicile in Liberia.

10. For the purpose of such entry or departure, members of ECOMOG shall only be required to have:

- (a) an individual or collective movement order issued by or under the authority of the Special Representative or the Field Commander or any appropriate authority of a Participating State; and
- (b) a personal identity card issued in accordance with Article IV paragraph 10, of the present Agreement, except in the cases of first entry, when the personal identity card issued by the appropriate authorities of a Participating State shall be accepted in lieu of the said identity card.

11. The Special Representative or the Field Commander shall issue to each member of ECOMOG before or as soon as possible after such member's first entry into the Territory, as well as to all locally recruited personnel, a numbered ECOMOG identity card, which shall show full name, date of birth, title or rank, service (if appropriate) and photograph. Except as provided in Article IV, paragraph 9 of this Agreement, such identity card shall be the only document required of a member of ECOMOG.

12. Members of ECOMOG as well as locally recruited personnel shall be required to present, but not to surrender, their ECOMOG identity card upon demand by any such official of the Government.

13. If a member of ECOMOG leaves the service of the Participating State to which he belongs and is not repatriated, the Field Commander shall immediately inform the Government, giving such particulars as may be required. The Field Commander shall similarly inform the Government of any member of ECOMOG who has absented himself for more than twenty-one days. In either of the above two instances, ECOMOG shall ensure, with the assistance of the Government, that such member of ECOMOG is apprehended and repatriated to the Participating State concerned, at the expense of ECOMOG. If an expulsion order against an ex-member of ECOMOG has been made, the Field Commander shall be responsible for ensuring that the person concerned shall be received within the territory of the Participating State concerned, at the expense of ECOMOG.

Uniforms and Arms

14. Military members of ECOMOG operations shall wear, while performing official duties, the national military or police uniform of their respective States with standard ECOWAS

accoutrements. The wearing of civilian dress by the above-mentioned members of ECOMOG may be authorised by any of the Special Representatives or the Field Commander at other times. Military members of ECOMOG and such other civilian personnel as may be designated by the Field Commander" may possess and carry arms while on duty in accordance with their functions. No civilian personnel of ECOMOG shall be allowed to carry arms except where authorised by the Field Commander.

Permits and Licences

15. The Government agrees to accept as valid, without tax or fee, a permit or licence issued by the Field Commander for any member of ECOMOG except locally recruited personnel, or any ECOMOG transport or communication equipment and for the practice of any profession or occupation in connection with the functions of ECOMOG operations; provided that no licence to drive a vehicle or pilot an aircraft shall be issued to any person who is not already in possession of an appropriate and valid licence.

Military Police, Arrest and Transfer of Custody and Mutual Assistance

16. The Field Commander shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the maintenance of discipline and good order among members of ECOMOG as well as locally recruited personnel. To this end, personnel designated by the Field Commander shall police the premises of ECOMOG operations and such areas where its members are deployed. Elsewhere, such personnel shall be employed only subject to arrangements with the Government and in liaison with it insofar as such employment is necessary to maintain discipline and order among members of ECOMOG.

17. The military police of ECOMOG shall have the power of arrest over the military members of ECOMOG. Military person-

nel placed under arrest outside their own contingent areas shall be transferred to their contingent's Commander for appropriate disciplinary action. The personnel mentioned in paragraph 16 above may also take into custody any other person on the premises of ECOMOG. Such other person shall be delivered immediately to the nearest appropriate official of the Government for the purpose of dealing with any offence or disturbance on such premises.

18. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 16 and 17 above, the Government may take into custody any member of ECOMOG:

- (a) When so requested by the Field Commander; or
- (b) When such a member of ECOMOG is apprehended in the commission or attempted commission of a criminal offence, such person shall be delivered immediately, together with any weapons or other item seized, to the nearest appropriate representative of ECOMOG whereafter the provisions of paragraph 25 of this Article shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

19. When a person is taken into custody under paragraph 17 or paragraph 18 (b) of this Article, ECOMOG or the Government, as the case may be, may make a preliminary interrogation but may not delay the transfer of custody. Following such transfer, the person concerned shall be made available upon request to the arresting authority for further interrogation in the presence of a representative of the Field Commander.

20. ECOMOG and the Government shall assist each other in carrying out all necessary investigations into offenses in respect of which either or both have an interest in the production of witnesses and in the collection and production of evidence, including the seizure of, and, if appropriate,

the handing over of items connected with an offense. The handing over of any such items may be made subject to their return within the terms specified by the authority delivering them. Each shall notify the other of the disposition of any case in the outcome of which the other may have an interest or in which there has been a transfer of custody under the provisions of paragraph 17, 18, and 19 of this Article.

21. The Government shall ensure the prosecution of persons subject to its criminal jurisdiction who are accused of acts in relation to ECOMOG or its members which, if committed in relation to the forces of the Government, would have rendered such acts liable to prosecution.

Jurisdiction

The following arrangements respecting criminal and civil jurisdiction are made having regard to the special functions of ECOMOG and to the interest of ECOWAS and not for the personal benefit of the members of ECOMOG.

22. All members of ECOMOG, including locally recruited personnel shall be immune from legal process in respect of all acts performed by them in their official capacity. Such immunity shall continue even after they cease to be members of, or employed by ECOMOG and after the expiration of the other provisions of this Agreement.

23. Should the Government consider that any member of ECOMOG has committed a criminal offence, it shall promptly inform the Commander and present to him any evidence available to it.

24. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 18 and 25 (a), of this Article, members of ECOMOG shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of their respective Participating

States in respect of any criminal offenses which may be committed by them in the Territory. They shall not be subject to the criminal jurisdiction of the Courts of Liberia.

25. If any member of ECOMOG is apprehended pursuant to paragraph 18 of this Article for violating the criminal laws of Liberia; or if the Government considers that any member of ECOMOG has committed a criminal offence, pursuant to paragraphs 23 and 24 of this Article, the Field Commander shall immediately:

- (a) Court-martial in the Territory such a member of ECOMOG in accordance with the criminal laws of the Participating State of origin of such a member; or
- (b) Repatriate such a member of ECOMOG to his state of origin for trial if the Field Commander determines that a court martial in the Territory would be prejudicial to the attainment of justice.

The member of ECOMOG so repatriated shall not be eligible to return to Liberia as a member of ECOMOG if convicted of the crime charged.

The Field Commander shall notify the Government of the outcome of the trial in both (a) and (b) above.

26. If any civil proceeding is instituted against a member of ECOMOG before any court of the Territory, the Special Representative shall be notified immediately, and he shall certify to the court whether or not the proceeding is related to the official duties of such member.

- (a) If the Special Representative certifies that the proceeding is related to the official duties, such proceeding shall be discontinued and the provisions of paragraph 1 Article IX of this Agreement shall apply.

- (b) If the Special Representative certifies that the proceeding is not related to official duties, the proceeding may continue. The Field Commander or Special Representative, as the case may be, shall ensure that such member of ECOMOG attends the trial, as assigned by the Court. If the Special Representative certifies that a member of ECOMOG is unable, because of official duties or authorised absence to protect his interests in the proceeding the court shall, at the defendant's request suspend the proceeding until the elimination of the disability, but for not more than ninety days. No personal property of the member of ECOMOG, including wages, shall be exempt from seizure for the satisfaction of judgement, except such property as shall be certified by the Special Representative to be needed by the defendant for the fulfillment of his official duties. The personal liberty of a member of ECOMOG shall not be restricted in a civil proceeding, whether to enforce a judgement, decision or order, to compel an oath or for any other reason.

Deceased Members

27. Any of the Special Representatives or the Field Commander shall have the right to take charge of and dispose of the body of a member of ECOMOG who dies in the Territory, and may dispose of his personal property in accordance with directives issued by the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE V

ECOWAS FLAGS AND VEHICLE MARKINGS

1. The Government recognises the right of the ECOMOG operations to display within the Territory, the ECOWAS flag on its headquarters camps or other premises, vehicles or vessels

as decided by the Executive Secretary. Other flags or pennants may be displayed in exceptional cases subject to prior consultation with the Government.

2. Vehicles, vessels and aircraft of ECOMOG shall carry a distinctive ECOWAS identification, which shall be notified to the Government. All vehicles shall be conspicuously marked and numbered for the purpose of identification.

ARTICLE VI COMMUNICATIONS

1. ECOMOG shall enjoy the facilities in respect of communications provided for in the Convention only for the purpose of executing its task. Issues with respect to communications which may arise and which are not specifically provided for in this Agreement shall be dealt with pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Convention.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 above:

- (a) ECOMOG shall have authority to install and operate radio sending and receiving stations as well as satellite systems to connect appropriate points within the Territory with each other and with ECOWAS, UN and OAU offices in other countries, and to exchange traffic with their telecommunications network.

The telecommunications services shall be operated in accordance with the United Nations International Telecommunications Convention and Regulations and the frequencies on which any such station may be operated shall be decided upon in cooperation with the Government.

- (b) ECOMOG shall enjoy, within the Territory, the right to unrestricted communication by radio (including satellite, mobile and hand-held radio), telephone, telegraph, facsimile or any other means, and of establishing the necessary facilities for maintaining such communications within and between the premises of ECOMOG including the laying of cables and land lines and the repeater stations. The frequencies on which the radio will operate shall be decided upon in consultation with the Government. It is understood that connections with the local system of telegraphs, telex and telephones shall be made in consultation with the Government, it being further understood that the use of the local system of telegraphs, telex and telephones shall be at no cost to ECOMOG.
- (c) ECOMOG may make arrangements through its own facilities for the processing and transport of private mail addressed to or emanating from members of ECOMOG. The Government shall be informed of the nature of such arrangements and may not interfere with or apply censorship to the mail of ECOMOG or its members.

ECOMOG shall inspect all non-mail parcels in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of paragraph 2 Article IV of this Agreement.

Subject to the provisions of this Agreement regarding privileges of ECOMOG and its personnel so specified, parcels entering the Territory through the regular mailing and courier systems may be subject to the postal laws and regulations of Liberia.

ARTICLE VII TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

1. ECOMOG and its members shall enjoy, together with its vehicles, vessels, aircraft and equipment, freedom of movement throughout the Territory. The Special Representative and the Field Commander may inform the Government of large movements of personnel, stores or vehicles through airports, railways or roads used for general traffic within the Territory. The Government undertakes to supply ECOMOG, where necessary, with maps and other information that may be useful in facilitating its movements.

2. Vehicles, including all military vehicles, vessels and aircraft of ECOMOG shall not be subject to registration or licensing by the Government.

3. A mutually satisfactory mechanism for the funding and settlement of Third Party claims shall be agreed upon by the parties to this Agreement.

4. ECOMOG may use roads, bridges, canals and other waters, port facilities and airfields without the payment of dues, tolls or charges, including wharfage charges, other than charges for service rendered.

ARTICLE VIII FACILITIES FOR THE ECOMOG OPERATIONS**Premises Required for Conducting the Operational and Administrative Activities of the ECOMOG Operations and for Accommodation of Members of the Peace-keeping Operation**

1. The Government of Liberia shall provide, without cost to ECOMOG and in agreement with the Special Representative and the Field Commander, such areas for headquarters, camps or other premises as may be necessary for the conduct of the operational and administrative activities of ECOMOG and for

the accommodation of its members. Without prejudice to the fact that all such premises remain Liberian territory, they shall be inviolable and shall be subject to the exclusive control and authority of ECOWAS. Where ECOMOG troops are co-located with any Liberian military personnel, a permanent, direct and immediate access by ECOMOG to those premises shall be guaranteed.

2. The Government undertakes to assist ECOMOG in obtaining and making available, where applicable, water, electricity and other facilities free of charge and, in the case of interruption or threatened interruption of service, to give as far as is within its powers the same priority to the needs of the Group as to essential government services. ECOMOG shall be responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of facilities so provided.

3. ECOMOG shall have the right, where necessary, to generate, electricity for its use and may transmit and distribute such electricity outside its premises free of charge.

4. Only the Field Commander or a duly authorised official of ECOMOG may consent to the entry of any government officials or of any other person not a member of the Group to such premises.

Provisions, Supplies and Services and Sanitary Arrangements

5. The Government undertakes to assist ECOMOG, as far as possible, in obtaining equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods and services from local sources required for its subsistence and operations. In making purchases on the local market, ECOMOG shall, on the basis of observations made and information provided by the Government in that respect, avoid any adverse effect on the local economy. Government shall

exempt ECOMOG operations from general sales taxes in respect of all local purchases.

6. ECOMOG and the Government shall cooperate with respect to sanitary services and shall extend to each other the fullest cooperation in matters concerning health, particularly with respect to the control of communicable diseases, in accordance with International Conventions.

Recruitment of Local Personnel

7. ECOMOG may recruit locally such personnel as it requires. Upon the request of the Special Representative or the Field Commander, the Government undertakes to facilitate the recruitment of qualified local staff by ECOMOG and to accelerate the process of such recruitment.

Currency

8. The Government undertakes to make available to ECOMOG against reimbursement in mutually acceptable currency, Liberian currency required for the use of ECOMOG, including the pay of its members, at the rate of exchange most favourable to ECOMOG.

ARTICLE IX SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

1. Any dispute or claim of a private law character to which ECOMOG or any member thereof is a party and over which the courts of the Territory do not have jurisdiction because of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled by a Standing Claim Commission to be established for that purpose. One member of the Commission shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary, one member by the Government, and a Chairman jointly appointed by the Executive Secretary and the Government. The Chairman shall be a jurist from an African

country other than those contributing or which have contributed troops to ECOMOG. If no agreement as to the Chairman is reached within thirty days of the appointment of the first member of the Commission, the President of the International Court of Justice may, at the request of either the Executive Secretary or the Government, appoint the Chairman. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the same method prescribed for the original appointment, provided that the thirty-day period there prescribed shall start as soon as there is a vacancy in the chairmanship. The Commission shall determine its own procedures, provided that any two members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes (except for a period of thirty days after the creation of a vacancy) and all decisions shall require the approval of any two members. The awards of the Commission shall be final and binding. The awards of the Commission shall be notified to the parties. The Executive Secretary shall use his best endeavours to ensure compliance.

2. Disputes concerning terms of employment and conditions of service of locally recruited staff personnel shall be settled by the administrative procedures to be established by the Field Commander in consultation with the Executive Secretary.

3. Subject to the agreement of the parties for the funding hereof, the Commission shall commence its activities within sixty days as of the date of execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE X **SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The parties to this Agreement may conclude supplementary arrangements to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI LIAISON

1. The Special Representative, the Field Commander and the Government shall take appropriate measures to ensure close and reciprocal liaison at every appropriate level.

ARTICLE XII DURATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature, and shall remain in force until the departure of ~~decided by the par. of ECOMOG~~, which shall be six (6) months

ARTICLE XIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Wherever the present Agreement refers to the privileges, immunities and rights of ECOMOG and its members and to the facilities and territory to be provided to ECOMOG and its members, the Government shall ensure the implementation and fulfillment of such privileges, immunities, rights and facilities.

2. This Agreement is concluded for the sole purpose of assisting in the implementation of the Abuja Agreement and has no bearing upon the respective positions of the signatories to the Abuja Agreement concerning the status of Liberia.

3. Notwithstanding the duration of this Agreement as provided in Article XII hereof, the following exceptions shall apply:

- (a) The provisions of paragraph 23 Article IV, and Article X shall remain in force.

(b) The provisions of paragraph 1, Article IX shall remain in force until all claims have been settled that arose prior to the termination of the present Agreement and were submitted prior to or within three months of such termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED, DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA RESPECTIVELY, HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT IN TWO ORIGINALS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

DONE AT MONROVIA, THIS DAY OF 1996

FOR: THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

EDOUARD BENJAMIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

MOMOLU V. SACKOR SIRLEAF
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 22 - 25 JULY, 1996

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.11/7/96 RELATING TO THE
ADOPTION OF AN ECOWAS STATISTICS POLICY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONVINCED of the importance of statistical information in the development and integration of the West African region;

AWARE of the inadequacies of the existing national statistical systems with regard to the production of accurate and up-to-date statistics on Member States;

DETERMINED to put in place a regional mechanism for the harmonious development of statistics in the region which would ensure the efficient collection, analysis, compilation and dissemination of data at both national and regional levels;

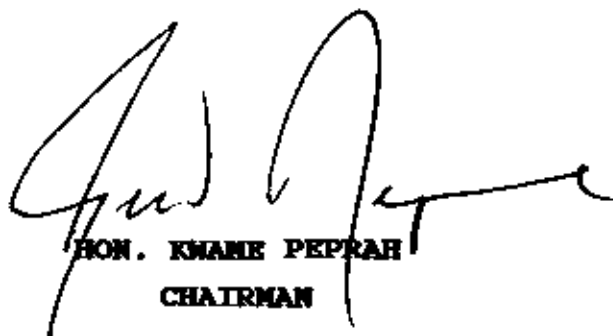
ON THE PROPOSAL of the fourth meeting of the ECOWAS Directors of Statistics held on 29 and 30 June 1995 in Lome;



RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

to adopt the attached Decision relating to the adoption of an
ECOWAS STATISTICS POLICY.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996



**HON. KWAME PEPPAH
CHAIRMAN**

FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATE**

**NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

ABUJA, 26 - 27 JULY 1996

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC. /7/96 RELATING TO
THE ADOPTION OF AN ECOWAS STATISTICS POLICY**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONVINCED of the importance of statistical information in the development and integration of the West African region;

AMARE of the inadequacies of the existing national statistical systems with regard to the production of accurate and up-to-date statistics on Member States;

DETERMINED to put in place a regional mechanism for the harmonious development of statistics in the region which would ensure the efficient collection, analysis, compilation and dissemination of data at both national and regional levels;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 22 to 25 1996;

D E C I D E S

Article 1 : ADOPTION OF ECOWAS STATISTICS POLICY

There is hereby adopted the ECOWAS Statistics Policy for the development of statistics in West Africa.

Article 2 : OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The objectives of the Policy mentioned in Article 1 above shall be to:

- a) employ standards, methods and organisational structures for producing comparable, reliable, and good quality statistics throughout the Community;

- b) develop the requisite capacity to achieve regional self-sufficiency in the production of statistical information needed to implement, monitor and evaluate Community policies and programmes ;
- c) promote constant inter-action between producers and users of statistics ;
- d) improve the dissemination of statistical information to government agencies, the business communities and the general public in all ECOWAS Member States;
- e) achieve increased public awareness of the importance of statistics in the region;
- f) facilitate the development of the statistical systems of the Member States.

Article 3 : ESTABLISHMENT OF ECOWAS STATISTICAL SYSTEM

- 1) The Community shall ensure the establishment of an ECOWAS Statistical System as the basis for the implementation of the said policy.
- 2) This regional system shall be under the auspices of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to ensure the harmony needed to enhance the usefulness of statistics generated by individual Member States.
- 3) The ECOWAS Statistical System shall therefore consist, at the primary level, of the government coordinating agency in each Member State responsible for collecting, processing, analysing and disseminating the statistical information needed for managing the economic and social life of Member States.

- 4) The focal point of the system shall be the statistics service of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat. This shall receive on a regular basis, basic statistical information from Member States and duly authenticated supplementary data from external sources for analysis, processing and dissemination.
- 5) The system shall develop close collaboration and working relations with the appropriate international statistical organisations in order to ensure that data produced are consistent and of international standard.

Article 4 : INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

The system shall have the following institutional structure:

- a) *National Statistical System* of each Member State (consisting of the Central Statistics Office and its units located in government ministries and departments, statistical units of other establishments, etc);
- b) *ECOWAS Secretariat Statistical Service* (consisting of the Statistics Division, Community Computer Centre, data banks and information centres of the Technical Departments); and
- c) *Regional Statistics Coordination Organs* (consisting of the Meeting of ECOWAS Directors of Statistics; 2 Regional Steering Committees - for the two sections: Economic Statistics, and Social and Demographic Statistics; and Standing Committees - for each of the main sub-sections of statistics)

Article 5 : FUNCTIONS OF THE SYSTEM

The system shall perform the following functions:

- (a) develop and adapt common concepts, definitions, classifications and methods, directly applicable in the Member States, consistent with international standards and backed by Community legislation;
- (b) promote statistical training and research;
- (c) conduct statistical surveys through collaboration between the Member States and with the Community institutions on a harmonised methodological basis;
- (d) compile, analyse and disseminate the results of surveys jointly conducted by the Secretariat and Member States and make inter-country comparisons;
- (e) promote convergence and uniformity in national statistical practices through coordination and joint training schemes;
- (f) develop common negotiating positions for the region at international fora;
- (g) coordinate the adaptation and adoption of international statistical standards and programmes.

Article 6 : SCOPE OF STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

The following shall be the major areas of coverage of the system:

- a) economic and financial statistics (such as national

accounts, foreign trade, industrial, agricultural, financial and transport statistics);

- b) social and demographic statistics (such as education, population and
- c) other areas such as environmental statistics and statistics on children, gender and development.

Article 2 : BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE SYSTEM

- 1) The functioning of the system shall be based on the principles of objectivity, reliability, confidentiality, effectiveness and relevance.
- 2) The system shall operate on the basis of well-defined relationships. In the Member States, the system shall depend on national legislation on statistics which defines and governs the work of the National Statistical System (the organisation and coordination between the central and peripheral bodies, the government authorities and the general public, relations of the central body with other public bodies which collect and process statistical data, its right to act on its own initiative in conducting surveys, its relations with international organisations, etc).
- 3) The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall evolve an appropriate regional mechanism for the establishment of a cohesive, flexible and efficient regional statistical system, in line with the basic principles adopted in Member States. To facilitate this process the Executive

Secretariat shall take necessary steps to ensure the harmonisation of the relevant national legislation.

Article 8 : RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Member States shall give priority attention to the development of statistics.
- 2) There shall be adequate and timely provision of the resources required by the Community statistics cooperation programme and the functioning of the ECOWAS Statistics System, at both national and regional levels, particularly concerning the modernisation, upgrading and general enhancement of the operations of the statistical services in the region. To this end, Member States shall grant the requisite autonomy to the national statistical services.
- 3) In order to develop and enhance the human resource capacity of national statistical services, Member States shall adopt appropriate staff training and remuneration policies.
- 4) The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall take all possible measures to mobilise financial, technical and material assistance from external sources, to complement the support of Member States.

Article 9 : IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

The Executive Secretariat shall have the overall responsibility for the implementation of the ECOWAS Statistics Policy and shall ensure an effective coordination of all the related activities to be undertaken.

Article 10 : PUBLICATION

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE
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THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers, meeting in its 39th session from 22 to 25 July 1996 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, wishes to express its sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to His Excellency General **SANI ABACHA**, Head of State, Commander in chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces and to the Government and people of Nigeria for the warm, brotherly welcome extended to all delegations and for the facilities made available to ensure the success of their meeting.

DONE AT ABUJA ON 25TH JULY 1996

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GUINEE-BISSAU	<p>LJIS OLIVEIZA SANCAA</p> <p>MALAM DZAUURA</p> <p>SALIU BA</p> <p>PEDRO BARBOSA</p>	<p>MINISTRE DU COMMERCE, BP. 85, BISSAU</p> <p>DIRECTEUR, COMMERCE EXTERNE, MINISTERE DU COMMERCE, BP. 85</p> <p>DIRECTEUR/COORDINATEUR DE LA CEDEAO, MINISTERE DU COMMERCE, BP. 85</p> <p>ASSESSOIR JURIDIQUE-MINISTRE DU COMMERCE</p>
MALI	<p>TRAORE DIONCOUNDA</p> <p>MAIGA OUSMANE ISSOUFI</p> <p>YAMA TRAORE</p>	<p>STATE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MALIAN ABROAD AND AFRICAN INTEGRATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALI, BAMAKO</p> <p>SECRETARE GENERAL, MINISTERE DES FINANCES ET DU COMMERCE, BP. 214, BAMAKO</p> <p>CHEF DE DIVISION, DIRECTION NATIONALE DU BUDGET, BP. 234, BAMAKO</p>

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