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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The fifty-seventh ordinary session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held at the Ouaga 2000 Conference Centre in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 18 and 19 December 2006.

2. The following Member States were represented:

- Republic of Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cape Verde
- Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
- Republic of The Gambia
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- Republic of Niger
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Togolese Republic

3. The following Institutions, specialised agencies and structures of the Community were also represented at the session:

- The ECOWAS Parliament
- The ECOWAS Court of Justice
- The ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- The West African Health Organisation (WAHO)
- Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)
- The ECOWAS Gender Development Centre (EGDC)
- The ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre (EYSDC)
- The Water Resources Coordination Unit (WRCU).

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

II. OPENING SESSION

5. In his welcome address, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso in charge of Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso, the Honourable Jean de Dieu Somda, welcomed all the participants to the meeting. The Honourable Minister stated that this session of the Council of Ministers was a historical meeting within the framework of efforts to accelerate and consolidate the integration process in West Africa, taking place as it was on the eve of the transformation of the ECOWAS Institutions.

6. The Honourable Minister warmly congratulated His Excellency Mamadou Tandja, current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, for his immense contributions to the integration process whose final objective is the creation of a borderless zone in our sub-region, characterized by the free movement of persons and goods, reduced poverty, and a prevailing spirit of solidarity and give and take, in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Minister concluded by wishing this session of Council fruitful deliberations.

7. In his address, the ECOWAS Executive Secretary, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, also welcomed participants to the session. Speaking on their behalf, he expressed deep gratitude to His Excellency Blaise Compaore, President of the Faso, for the excellent facilities placed at their disposal to ensure the success of the end-of-year statutory meetings. The Executive Secretary also paid tribute to His Excellency Mamadou Tandja, current Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority for his praise worthy contributions to the integration process in West Africa. Dr Chambas then expressed his appreciation to the Chairperson of Council, Mrs Aïchatou Mindaoudou, for her valuable contributions to the management of the affairs of the Community.

8. The ECOWAS Executive Secretary noted that the very low ranking of the ECOWAS Member States on the UNDP Human Development Index was a compelling challenge that must be taken up.

9. In her opening speech, Mrs Aïchatou Mindaoudou, current Chairperson of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration of the Republic of Niger, welcomed participants and, on their behalf, thanked the Burkinabé Government and people for the warm welcome extended to them. Mrs. Mindaoudou observed that the fifty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers was of historic importance to the Community, given the issues lined up on its agenda.

10. She exhorted her colleagues to recognize the need to endow the Institutions of the Community with a substantial budget vote to enable them fully play the roles assigned to them. The Honourable Minister wished all participants a happy new year and successful deliberations, and declared open the fifty-seventh session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers. Original copies of the speeches are attached to this report.

III ELECTION OF BUREAU

11. The following bureau was elected:

- a. Chair - Republic of Niger
- b. Rapporteurs - Burkina Faso
- Republic of Liberia

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

12. The following agenda was adopted after amendment.

1. Opening Ceremony
 - Address of the Executive Secretary
 - Opening address of the Burkina Faso Deputy Minister in charge of Regional Cooperation
 - Address of the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers
 - Election of bureau
 - Adoption of agenda and work programme
2. Consideration of matters arising from the report of the fifty-sixth ordinary session of the Council of Ministers
3. Consideration of the 2006 ECOWAS Annual Report
4. Consideration of the report of the Audit Committee
 - Financial Controller
 - External Auditors
 - Other Issues
5. Consideration of the report of the meeting of the ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees
6. Consideration of the report of the first meeting of the Legal and Judicial Experts on the amendment of provisions of the revised Treaty relating to EBID
7. Consideration of the report of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission (statistical issues)
8. Consideration of the report of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission
9. Consideration of the report on the lyrics of the ECOWAS Anthem
10. Consideration of the report of ECOWAS Ministers of Telecommunications
11. Consideration of the memorandum on the establishment of a sub-regional mechanism for bird flu prevention and control in West Africa
12. Consideration of the GIABA Strategic Action Plan 2007 to 2009
13. Memoranda for Information only.
 - (i) Memorandum on the implementation of the ECOWAS Common Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP) in 2006 and the outlook for 2007

- (ii) ECOWAS disaster risks reduction policy and mechanism for West Africa
 - (iii) Status of implementation of the protocol on free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment for ECOWAS nationals
 - Report of the sensitisation mission on the free movement of persons
 - Paper by H.E. Ambassador Aguibou Silamakan Diarra
 - (iv) Status of implementation of tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat
 - (v) Status of ratification of the ECOWAS Treaty, Protocols and Conventions
 - (vi) Report of the West African Civil Society Forum
 - (vii) Progress report on the Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations between West Africa and the European Union
14. Consideration of the draft agenda of the thirty-first Ordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government
 15. Any Other Business
 16. Adoption of Report
 17. Closing Session.

V) OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 2: Consideration of matters arising from the report of the fifty-sixth ordinary session of the Council of Ministers

13. The Council of Ministers revisited certain issues featuring on the agenda adopted by its fifty-sixth ordinary session held in Abuja in June 2006, focusing on the organisation charts of the ECOWAS Institutions. Council equally discussed the allocation of the positions of Commissioners.

14. Having noted errors in the organisation charts of the Institutions, Council approved the setting up of an ad hoc committee comprising the ECOWAS Commission and five Member States, namely, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. The Committee presented its report to Council. This report constitutes an integral part of the report of the Council of Ministers. Council decided that the organisational structure contained in the report of the ad hoc committee is the sole and definitive structure for the Commission. Council further directed the Executive Secretariat to take all necessary measures in this regard.

Item 3: Consideration of the 2006 ECOWAS Annual Report

15. In presenting the 2006 ECOWAS Annual Report, the Executive Secretary noted that in 2005, real GDP for the ECOWAS region was estimated at \$98 billion, and is projected to exceed the \$100 billion mark in 2006. However, as a result of the severe external shock of high oil import prices experienced by most ECOWAS Member States and a slower growth rate in the agriculture sector, the regional economy in 2006 could not sustain its vigorous pace, and growth rate actually declined from 5.7% in 2005 to 3.8% in 2006. Regional growth rate was lower than that of the rest of the continent, and below world average.

16. The 2006 economic performance would in fact have been worse but for the moderating effect of the rise in the prices of most natural resources produced in the region, improved macroeconomic discipline on the part of the Member States, improved political and corporate governance in the region and external debt relief under the HIPC Initiative.

17. To effectively tackle the development challenges facing the region, the Executive Secretary urged Member States to continue in the pursuit of macroeconomic stability, further reduce direct government involvement in the production sector of the economy, more vigorously promote private sector activity and investment, increase poverty-reducing expenditure and reduce vulnerability to exogenous shocks.

18. He suggested in particular that countries increase their efforts to develop infrastructure, deepen institutional reforms, consolidate the on-going peace process in the region and continue to strive to attain the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Above all, he stressed that the task of development remains the primary responsibility of the Community and its Member States. In this regard, each Member State should effectively translate the regional approach to development into an appropriate national policy framework.

19. The migration of West Africans, especially to the developed countries of Western Europe and North America, was an aspect of the development challenge analysed in the Annual Report. The Executive Secretary stated that the natural quest for greater well-being is heightened in the face of an increasingly hostile domestic environment, characterised by deepening unemployment, impoverishment and other human insecurity factors which are some of the "push factors" motivating West Africans to emigrate, and which underscore the need to formulate an ECOWAS migration policy.

20. Council commended the Executive Secretary on the quality of the report and the competent manner in which it was presented.

21. Council deliberated at length on the various issues covered in the Annual Report. At the end of its discussions, Council made the following recommendations:

- the Executive Secretariat should update the information by taking due account of the comments made during the debate. Council urged the Executive Secretariat to pursue the development of a reliable regional database as a reference source for Community statistics;
- migration has become a major regional problem and it is important to adopt an appropriate Community response. The Executive Secretariat was directed to ensure that the in-house committee on migration accelerates its work on the formulation of a common regional policy on migration. In this regard, Council called for the establishment of a focal point on migration in the Executive Secretariat;
- Council requested the Executive Secretariat to submit regular reports to future sessions of Council on the status of implementation of NEPAD in West Africa, and on the economic partnership agreement (EPA) negotiations. The reports should clearly indicate outstanding issues that require Council directives or guidance;
- Council, in recognition of the importance of the African Peer Review Mechanism of the African Union, invited the Executive Secretariat to reflect on possible modalities for promoting adherence to the APRM by Member States in order to enhance good governance in the region.

22. Council took note of the Annual Report.

Item 4: Consideration of the Report of the Audit Committee

23. The Chairman of the Audit Committee presented the report of the Committee to the Council. The report covered the activities of the Committee for the year 2006, during which the Committee held five meetings, and planned one for December 20 to 21, 2006. The report summarised issues discussed and conclusions reached at the Committee's meetings.

24. Significant among the issues were deliberations on the 2005 Financial Controller's final report, the External Auditor's report on the financial statements of the Executive Secretariat for the year ended 31 December, 2004; the External Auditor's report on the financial statements of the Community Court of Justice for the year ended 31 December 2004; as well as action plans prepared by the Institutions for the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and the Financial Controller. Other documents discussed included the Code of Conduct for Internal Auditors of ECOWAS Institutions and the Internal Audit Charter.

25. The report also recorded that during the year, the Committee's attention was drawn to the existence of a bank account at the Standard Chartered Bank of Ghana Limited in Accra in the name of the defunct West African Health Community, which is being operated by the West African Health Organisation (WAHO). The Committee was also informed of the financial difficulties of the Community Court of Justice arising from authorisation and commitment of expenditure without taking into consideration the bank account balances, and resulting in excessive bank overdrafts, unpaid obligations and outstanding bills payable.

26. The Committee informed the Council that it has recommended the recruitment of a Consultant to investigate, identify and value all assets and liabilities that WAHO took over from its predecessor organisations including the reported bank account, and promised to adequately inform Council of the findings and conclusions of the Consultant. With regard to the financial situation of the Court, the Committee is closely monitoring the situation with the assistance of the Financial Controller, and expressed its profound gratitude to the Executive Secretary for his concerns expressed and the support rendered on these matters.

27. The Committee also reported to Council on its efforts to reorganise the Office of the Financial Controller and the Audit Departments of ECOWAS Institutions. The Committee recommended a new organisational structure to Council. The structure sought to separate the financial control function from that of internal audit so as to ensure the independence and objectivity of the latter. The new structure provides for the position of Chief Internal Auditor as Head of the Internal Audit function and the Financial Controller as the Head of the Financial Control function.

28. The Committee noted marked improvement in the financial management of ECOWAS Institutions following the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor and the Financial Controller and urged the institutions to continue to operate in a cost effective manner. Finally, the Committee referred eight (8) documents and various matters to Council for consideration and approval.

29. Following deliberations, the Council of Ministers:

- a) adopted the final reports of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth meetings of the Audit Committee of ECOWAS Institutions;
- b) adopted the audited financial statements of the Executive Secretariat and the report of the External Auditors thereon for the year 2004;
- c) adopted the audited financial statements of the Community Court of Justice and the report of the External Auditors thereon for the year 2004;
- d) approved the Code of Conduct for Internal Auditors of ECOWAS Institutions;
- e) approved the Audit Charter for Internal Audit Departments of ECOWAS Institutions;
- f) adopted the 2005 Financial Controller's Final Report;
- g) approved the reorganisation and the new organisational structure of the Offices of the Financial Controller and of Internal Audit as well as the job profile for the position of the Financial Controller and the Chief Internal Auditor;
- h) mandated the ECOWAS Legal Department to work closely with the Financial

Controller and the Audit Committee of ECOWAS Institutions to amend, as may be found necessary, the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures or any other document to give effect to the reorganised structure mentioned in (g) above.

Item 5: Consideration of the report of the meeting of the ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees

30. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs responsible for Integration of the Republic of Ghana, and Chairperson of the ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Appointment and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees presented the report of the Committee. The Deputy Minister recalled the decision relating to the allocation of the posts of Commissioner to Member States and pointed out that three candidates from each country to which a post was allocated were interviewed. She further stated that Senegal did not submit any candidate for interview.

31. The Senegalese delegation marked a strong reservation against the procedure adopted and criteria for the allocation of Commissioners' posts to Member States.

32. The delegation also expressed the belief that the Senegalese authorities were not involved in any negotiations on this issue.

33. In response to the reservation expressed by the Senegalese delegation, the Chairperson of Council and the Executive Secretary explained that the current Chairman of the Authority had indeed held consultations with his peers before going ahead with the allocation of Commissioners' posts to the Member States concerned.

34. The Chairperson of the ad hoc Ministerial Committee briefed Council on the interview procedures and the scoring method applied, and presented the results of the interview as follows:

- **Vice President (Burkina Faso)**

Candidate	Average	Position
M. Jean de Dieu Somda	96.50	1 st
M. Prosper Vokouma	92.25	2 nd
M. Souleymane Zeba	91.25	3 rd

- **Commissioner for Administration and Finance (Nigeria)**

Candidate	Average	Position
Dr. (Mme) Adaoha C. Okwuosa	85.25	1 st
Mme Forentina Adenike Ukonga	84.50	2 nd
M. Mohammed Ali Sheriff	75.25	3 rd

- **Commissioner for Trade, Customs, Industry, Mines and Free Movement of Persons and Goods (Sierra Leone)**

Candidate	Average	Position
M. Mohammed Daramy	95.75	1 st
M. Benson Musa Lahai	76.00	2 nd
M. Franklyn Pabai	71.75	3 rd

- **Commissioner for Agriculture, the Environment and Water Resources (Niger)**

Candidate	Average	Position
M. Ousseini Salifou	95.75	1 st
M. Abdou Dan Foussan Chaïbou	95.	2 nd
M. Sani Mahazou	87.50	3 rd

- **Commissioner for Infrastructure (Togo)**

Candidate	Average	Position
M. Comla Kadje	98.25	1 st
M. Célestin Ekpaoh Talaki	92.25	2 nd
M. Bandifoh Ouro-Akondo	79.75	3 rd

- **Commissioner for Macro economic policy (Côte d'Ivoire)**

Candidate	Average	Position
M. Lambert N'galadjo Bamba	94.00	1 st
M. Lansina Bakary	93.20	2 nd
Prof. Pierre Roche Seka	84.60	3 rd

35. After considering the report of the Committee, Council approved the selection of the candidates who placed first in the interviews. The Senegalese delegation observed that this proposal did not reflect the gender factor. Where the candidate who placed first is not available, the second-placed candidate should be appointed.

Item 6: Consideration of the report of the first meeting of Legal and Judicial Experts on the amendment of the provisions of the Revised Treaty relating to EBID

36. The Chairman of the Legal Experts Committee, Mr. Souleymane Hama Kansaye, presented to Council the report of the first meeting of legal and judicial experts on the amendments to the provisions of the revised Treaty relating to EBID.

37. The report stated that the Committee met to carry out the directives issued by the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its session held in Abuja on 14th

June 2006, relating to the amendment of the revised ECOWAS Treaty, following the restructuring of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development.

38. At the end of deliberations, the Committee on Legal and Judicial Affairs prepared a draft supplementary act amending Articles 1, 3, 6 and 21 of the revised Treaty. The draft was approved after amendment, by the Board of Directors and Board of Governors of EBID.

39. At the end of its deliberations, Council recommended to the Authority to adopt the supplementary act amending articles 1, 3, 6, and 21 of the revised Treaty as proposed by the Board of Directors and Board of Governors of EBID.

Item 7: Consideration of the report of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payment Commission (statistical issues)

40. In presenting the report of the Commission, the ECOWAS Secretariat indicated that the focus of the meeting was the strengthening of the capacity of ECOWAS and its Member States to consistently produce reliable data in some of the vital areas which had hitherto been neglected, namely, energy, the environment and poverty. The Commission emphasised the importance of creating a regional system of coordination and harmonisation as part of the process of building the required capacity for data production and dissemination. The Commission recommended to Council to adopt a regional strategic framework for energy and environmental statistics and also envisage the creation of a regional committee on energy and environmental statistics.

41. The Commission recalled the initiative of the ECOWAS Secretariat relating to the publication of an ECOWAS Poverty Profile. It was agreed that this initiative should lead to the establishment of a regional mechanism for the regular dissemination and harmonisation of poverty statistics and millennium development goals (MDG) indicators. The Commission therefore proposed the establishment of an adequate regional database and a regional committee on poverty statistics.

42. Council commended the initiative of the Executive Secretariat aimed at achieving the creation of a regional system of statistical production in the important areas of the environment, energy and poverty reduction.

43. Council adopted the report of the Commission and approved the establishment of regional committees on poverty reduction, energy and the environment. Council also adopted the strategic frameworks for energy statistics and environment statistics.

Item 8: Consideration of the report of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission

44. The report of the 36th meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, presented by its Chairman Mr. Aougui NIANDOU, Director of Integration and African Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration of the Republic of Niger, covered the following items:

- Adoption of a lump sum daily subsistence allowance for eminent persons on official mission on behalf of Community institutions;
- A new D2 salary scale and other benefits;
- Monetisation of benefits of statutory officers and payment of a compensatory housing allowance to Professional officers;
- Budgetary provision for the Peace Support Operations (PSO) Logistics Depot and Administrative Support Structure in Freetown, Sierra Leone;
- ECOWAS Permanent Representations in Member States;
- Organisational structures of Community Institutions;
- Implementation status of the protocol on the Community Levy;
- 2006 interim report of the Financial Controller;
- 2007 draft budgets of Community Institutions;
- Payment of a monthly allowance for the support staff of the Speaker of the Parliament;
- Presentation by the Nigerian delegation requesting the Executive Secretariat to comply with the decision of the Court of Justice concerning the appeal brought by the former Director of Administration of the Executive Secretariat.

45. Following deliberations, Council adopted the report of the Administration and Finance Commission with the following observations and recommendations:

- (i) Council approved first class air tickets for eminent persons (former Heads of State and former Prime Ministers) undertaking missions on behalf of the Community. Council also approved the payment of the sum of seven hundred US dollars (US\$700) as daily subsistence allowance and one thousand US dollars (\$1000) as entertainment allowance to such eminent persons for each mission, notwithstanding the venue of such mission.
- (ii) For all other Eminent Persons, Council decided to maintain the rate currently in use at the Executive Secretariat, in the amount of five hundred US dollars (US\$500).
- (iii) Council approved the creation of a salary scale for the D2 Professional category to be occupied initially by the Secretary General of the ECOWAS Parliament and the Chief Registrar of the ECOWAS Court of Justice. The salary scale attached to the D2 post is as shown in the table below in units of accounts (UA):

STEPS										
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D2	38814	39808	40803	41798	42801	43871	44964	46077	47137	48222

- iv) Council also approved as special benefits for the D2 position an official vehicle and driver as well as free domestic telephone services up to a monthly ceiling of US \$ 170.
- v) With regard to the proposal for the monetisation of the special benefits granted to statutory appointees, minus transportation, the Nigerian delegation explained to Council that the country did not wish to bear expenses arising from the transformation of the Secretariat into a Commission, other than those to which it had consented under the terms of the Headquarters Agreement, and which it was already bearing.

Council was of the opinion that this view-point posed the problem of respect for Headquarters Agreements, and suggested that consultations be held on how to transfer some Community Institutions to other Member States in order to lessen the burden on Nigeria.

The Senegalese delegation informed Council that its country was prepared to host the Headquarters of the Community Court of Justice as is the case of Côte d'Ivoire for the Community Parliament.

The Nigerian delegation indicated that it had not received a mandate to concede to the transfer of Headquarters of any ECOWAS Institution from Nigeria.

Council seized the opportunity to reiterate its gratitude to the Federal Republic of Nigeria for her important and unrelenting efforts towards ensuring the proper functioning of the Institutions of the Community.

- vi) Council further approved the following schedule of annual rates for the compensatory housing allowance for Professional officers in the different locations hosting ECOWAS Institutions, to whom official residential accommodation is not given as provided for by Article 32, paragraph 1 of the Staff Regulations:

Abuja

- Professional Officers - ₦ 1,700,000 (UA 9,194)
- Directors - N 2,500,000 (UA 13,520)

Cotonou, Lomé, Ouagadougou and Bobo Dioulasso

- Professional Officers - FCFA 3,600,000 (UA 4,436)
- Directors - FCFA 5,500,000 (UA 6,971)

Dakar

- Professional Officers - FCFA 6,000,000 (UA 7,605)
- Directors - FCFA 8,000,000 (UA 10,140)

Banjul

- Professional Officers - US \$ 7,000 (UA 4,869)
- Directors - US \$ 9,000 (UA 6,261)

- vii) Council approved for the Peace Support Operations Logistics Depot and Administrative Support Structure in Freetown, Sierra Leone, a budgetary provision of US \$ 1,131,900 to be sourced from the Peace Fund;
- viii) On the five ECOWAS Permanent Representations in Member States, Council recommended that their establishment be deferred and that in the meantime, efforts be made to consolidate the National Units;
- ix) In order to facilitate implementation of the Protocol on the Community Levy by all Member States, Council endorsed the constitution of a Community Levy Management Committee supported by a sub-committee, to oversee the collection and disbursement of the proceeds of the levy. The Committee is composed of the Vice-President of the ECOWAS Commission as Chairman, while the Heads of all ECOWAS Institutions, the Commissioner for Administration and Finance, the Commissioner for Trade and Customs and the Financial Controller will serve as members;
- x) Council took note of the observations and recommendations made by the Administration and Finance Commission on the 2006 interim report of the Financial Controller;
- xi) Council observed that the memorandum from the Staff Representatives was extremely critical of the former Director of Administration. Council also took note of the concerns expressed by Nigeria on the failure of the Executive Secretariat to effect timely compliance with the ruling of the ECOWAS Court of Justice on the dismissal of the former Director of Administration, Mrs T. Lijadu-Oyemade. Council urged Nigeria to consider the issue objectively, and come to a decision by the end of the meeting, mindful of the fact that the matter had dragged on for three years;

The Executive Secretariat briefed Council fully on the issue, detailing the concessions made at the earlier instance of Council, resulting in the conversion, on humanitarian grounds, of the original sanction of summary

dismissal to that of withdrawal from service. It was thereafter that the former Director herself brought the matter before the Court;

Council condemned the politicisation of this problem and directed that the matter be halted immediately. It directed the Executive Secretariat to terminate the appointment of the former Director of Administration and pay her the benefits due to her. Council agreed that, as an exceptional measure, Nigeria should be authorised to replace the former Director of Administration with another Nigerian national;

- xii) In place of the support staff requested by Parliament for its Speaker, Council approved payment of a monthly allowance of \$US2000 for support services to the Speaker.
- xiii) Council approved the 2007 budgets of the Community Institutions as recommended by the Administration and Finance Commission, in the total sum of UA 95,119,188. The source of funding for the budgets and the allocation is indicated below;

Source of funding (Income)

Community Levy	UA	79 715 449
Reserve Funds	UA	3 100 000
Arrears of Contributions	UA	2 453 271
External Funding	UA	9 227 054
Miscellaneous Income	UA	623 414
	
	UA	95 119 188

Allocation to Institutions (Expenditure)

ECOWAS Commission	UA	70 077 376
ECOWAS Parliament	UA	7 817 037
Community Court of Justice	UA	6 294 775
West African Health Organisation	UA	7 531 328
GIABA	UA	3 398 672
	
	UA	95 119 188

- xiv) Council called on the ECOWAS Institutions to submit regular reports on the execution level of their respective budgets. The Institutions are expected to submit comparative presentations of lines of credit in order to provide the Ministers with a guide to budget execution levels.
- xv) Council also warned the Institutions to guard against budget overruns, in the light of the anomalies pointed out by the External Auditors.

Item 9: Consideration of the report on the lyrics of the ECOWAS Anthem

46. The Council of Ministers considered the memorandum on the ECOWAS anthem. The memorandum highlighted the conclusions of the meeting of experts who proposed two versions in French and English for the ECOWAS Anthem. The two versions were played on CD before Council. After listening to the versions sung in both languages, Council recommended the adoption by the Authority.

47. The Ministers also recommended that both texts should be more closely aligned to serve as a basis for adaptation into Portuguese.

48. Council congratulated the team responsible for the music and lyrics, and expressed its appreciation.

Item 10: Consideration of the report of ECOWAS Ministers of Telecommunications

49. In the presentation by the Executive Secretariat, it was stated that the ECOWAS Ministers of Telecommunications and of Information Technology met at Abuja in May 2006 to consider various proposals made in 2005 by the assembly of West African Telecommunication Regulators (WATRA). The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a regional policy and a regulatory framework. The harmonization of national policies would encourage the creation of a viable homogenous telecommunications market that will meet user needs, create the conditions for telecommunications operators to provide cross-border or global services, ensure increased access and connectivity, facilitate the efficient use of scarce resources and stimulate the development of human and institutional capacities.

50. The Ministers therefore proposed that the Community should adopt a regional telecommunications policy and a regulatory framework covering such specific aspects of the sector as interconnection in respect of ICT sector networks and services, licensing, numbering plan management of the radio-frequency spectrum and universal access/service.

51. The new regional instrument seeks to create the enabling environment that will encourage more competition and attract more investment for a quicker and more harmonious development of the sector.

52. After deliberations, the Council of Ministers endorsed the proposal made by the Ministers of Telecommunications and agreed to submit for adoption by the Authority of Heads of State and Government, the draft regional telecommunications policy and the draft regulations governing specific aspects of the sector such as interconnection in respect of NICT sector networks and services, licensing and numbering plan management of the radio frequency spectrum.

Item 11: Consideration of the memorandum on the establishment of a sub-regional mechanism for bird flu prevention and control in West Africa

53. The presentation by the Executive Secretariat recalled the threat to both the poultry industry and humans from the worldwide outbreak of the avian influenza (bird flu), which affected four ECOWAS Member States. The series of regional actions undertaken at the highest levels to control and prevent the spread of the disease and its transmission to humans included the Dakar Ministerial Meeting in February 2006 at the request of President Abdoulaye Wade, and the subsequent meeting in Abuja, in June 2006, of the ECOWAS Ministers responsible for livestock production, health and regional integration.

54. The various regional meetings and consultations have led to a better understanding of the situation, and agreement on strategies for handling the challenges at both regional and national levels. The ECOWAS Ministers have proposed the establishment of an appropriate regional mechanism for the coordination, prevention and control of bird flu. In connection with this regional approach, the Ministers endorsed a regional strategic plan and implementation schedule; they also proposed the establishment of a Regional Emergency Fund to be managed by the African Development Bank (ADB). The ECOWAS memorandum indicated that a positive response had been received from the ADB, and an ECOWAS Ministerial delegation to the ADB in Tunis was assured that a special ECOWAS window could be opened under an existing ADB facility to ensure quick access to resources needed for the operation of the proposed regional mechanism.

55. At the end of the discussions, the Council of Ministers adopted the mechanism, approved the domiciliation of the ADB Emergency Fund and urged the Secretariat to take all necessary steps to prevent and combat avian influenza in ECOWAS Member States.

Item 12: Consideration of the GIABA Strategic Action Plan 2007 to 2009

56. Dr. Abdulahi Shehu, Administrative Secretary of GIABA, presented the GIABA Strategic Action Plan to Council on behalf of the Chairman of the sixth meeting of the technical commission held in Niamey from 20 to 21 November 2006.

57. The presentation highlighted the specific objectives of the Strategic Action Plan, drawn up in the form of a logical framework specifying the implementing agencies for the activities, a specific schedule of implementation, as well as performance indicators. The Action Plan was prepared in order to identify the problems that were not resolved by the first strategic action plan approved by the Council of Ministers for 2005 – 2006 as well as emerging issues, with a view to finding the most appropriate solutions to them.

58. At the end of the deliberations, the Council of Ministers agreed to approve the draft GIABA Strategic Action Plan for 2007 – 2009.

63. The ECOWAS Secretariat with the support of UNISDR, organized meetings of Member States at the experts level to formulate a policy, which seeks to:

- initiate advocacy and raise awareness on disaster risk reduction
- Integrate disaster risk reduction into development policies, planning and programmes.
- Develop and strengthen institutions, mechanisms and capacities to build resilience to hazards.
- Incorporate risk reduction approaches in emergency preparedness, rehabilitation and recovery.
- Enhance the contribution of disaster reduction to the peace and security of the sub-region.

64. The policy focuses on reducing disaster risk through development interventions by looking at risk reduction as a development challenge. The recommendations therefore cover actions in sustainable development aimed at strengthening the sub-region's capacity for disaster risk management.

65. Council took note of the report.

(iii) **Status of implementation of the Protocol on Free movement of Persons, Right of residence and Establishment for ECOWAS nationals**

Report of the sensitisation mission on the free movement of persons

66. The Executive Secretariat presented the memorandum on the implementation status of the protocol on free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment. The memorandum highlighted the outcome of different joint evaluation and enlightenment missions conducted along the major trunk roads and borders of the ECOWAS Member States in 2006. In addition, Mr Jean De Dieu Somda, Deputy Minister in charge of Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso, led enlightenment missions to Benin, Togo and Mali on behalf of the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers. The findings of the different missions indicate that, with a few exceptions, numerous obstacles to free movement continue to exist along the trunk roads and borders of most ECOWAS Member States.

67. Bearing in mind the reality on the ground, the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat proposed :

- pilot free movement of persons monitoring units should be established at the following borders: Lagos – Cotonou – Lomé – Accra – Abidjan – Ouagadougou -Bamako – Conakry. These units are mainly responsible for ensuring respect for citizens' rights within framework of the free movement of persons;
- units will be gradually extended to the other Member States depending on the results obtained at the Seme border during the two-year pilot phase;

- a central coordinating bureau of the pilot units should be established to ensure day-to-day monitoring of operations;
- a quarterly amount of US\$500 should be granted as an incentive to the best three (3) border security officers who scrupulously respect the rights of citizens to free movement within the region;
- severe sanctions should be imposed on officers who fail in their duties;
- the process of obtaining national identification papers should be simplified.

Council decided that the financial implications of the implementation of the above mentioned proposals shall be included in the next budget.

Presentation of His Excellency Ambassador Aguibou Silamakan DIARRAH

68. Following the adoption in January 2005 by the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ECOWAS Member States, of the Memorandum on the concept of border countries, the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its summit in Niamey on 11 January 2006, decided to extend the application of the concept of border countries to all border zones in the ECOWAS sub-region.

69. In compliance with this decision, Council was briefed on progress in trans-border projects launched within the framework of the ECOWAS trans-border initiatives programme (TIP), namely:

- support project to the pilot trans-border cooperation scheme in the Sikasso-Bobo Dioulasso-Banfora (Mali-Burkina Faso);
- support project to the pilot trans-border cooperation scheme in the southern Senegambia (Senegal-Gambia-Guinea Bissau)
- support project to the pilot trans-border cooperation scheme in Kano-Katsina-Maradi (Niger-Nigeria).

70. In addition, His Excellency outlined to Council the prospects for 2007 which include:

- i) adoption of the convention on trans-border cooperation in the ECOWAS sub-region;
- ii) extension and development of pilot schemes within the TIP framework;
- iii) organisation of an Africa-Europe Conference on trans-border cooperation scheduled to take place in Accra, Ghana in June 2007.

71. Council took note of this information.

(iv) Status of implementation of tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat

72. The Executive Secretariat presented a status report on the implementation of tasks assigned by the 56th Session of Council held in Abuja in June 2006. The tasks included the creation of pilot projects based on the border countries concept, the development of a regional capacity for disaster management, adoption of a protocol on data exchange between regional institutions and interaction with existing airlines companies for improvement of flight services in West Africa.

73. Council took note of the implementation status of tasks assigned presented by the Administration and Finance Commission. It requested the Executive Secretariat to adopt a logical framework presentation in future, indicating completed tasks, implementation level of on-going tasks, tasks yet to commence, and estimated implementation timetable.

(v) Status of the ratification of ECOWAS Treaty, Protocols and Conventions

74. The Executive Secretariat reported to Council that there are some ten protocols and conventions which entered provisionally into force upon signature, but which are yet to be ratified by some Member States. Council was requested to appeal to those Member States which had not already done so to ratify them as a mark of their commitment to the application of these texts.

75. The Executive Secretariat also observed that since the last session of Council, the convention on extradition had entered into force with effect from 8 October 2006.

76. Finally, only one ratification is still needed to enable implementation of the Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance which was signed on 21 December 2001.

77. Council took note of the presentation made by the Executive Secretariat.

(vi) Report of the West African Civil Society Forum

78. The West African Civil Society Organisations Forum (WACSOF) presented the report of its fourth Annual Assembly held at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 15 to 17 December, 2006. In the report the Forum made a number of recommendations aimed at promoting agriculture and food security, trade and regional integration. Other recommendations in the report related to peace and security, good governance and gender development.

79. Council took note of the recommendations and urged the Forum to strive to achieve gender balance.

(vii) Progress report on the Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations between West Africa and European Union

80. The Executive Secretariat informed Council of the outcome of the two meetings of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on the EPA held in Niamey on 6 October 2006 and in Abuja on 20 November 2006 respectively.

81. The first meeting examined the status of preparatory activities and approved the reports on the production sectors and on the reference framework. The meeting recommended the approval of draft regional investment and competition policy frameworks by Member States during the seminar to be organized for the purpose.

82. The second meeting adopted the mid-term review report on the EPA negotiations as specified by Article 37.4 of the Cotonou Agreement.

83. The Ministerial Monitoring Committee decided:

1. That the West Africa region should commence the implementation of the activities of the final phase of negotiations and complete those in the first phase, focusing on the definition of programmes to enhance the competitiveness of the productive sectors.
2. To recommend to the European side to extend the deadline of 2007 ending for the conclusion of negotiations by three years, to 2010, in view of the number of tasks still outstanding and the fact that it is technically and materially impossible to complete them within the initial time frame.

84. Council took note of the report.

Item 14: Consideration of the draft agenda of the thirty-first ordinary summit of Heads of State and Government

85. Council considered the draft agenda submitted by the Executive Secretariat and recommended its adoption to the Authority, after amendment.

Item 15: Any other Business

86. The Chairperson of Council informed the meeting of the concerns that the ECOWAS Parliament had brought to her notice. They relate to:

- the creation, via the protocol amending the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Parliament, of four (4) posts of Deputy-Speaker;
- the organisation of permanent Parliamentary Committees to take into account the areas of competence covered by the technical committees established under the Treaty;

- the need to request Burkina Faso and Senegal to encourage women to apply for the posts of Deputy Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament.

87. Council took note of these concerns and urged the Executive Secretariat to submit to it a memorandum on the inauguration of the second legislature of Parliament and the recommendations of its first session.

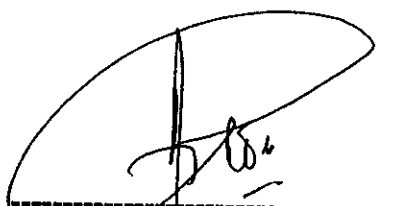
Item 15: Adoption of Report

88. The report was adopted after amendment.

Item 16: Closing Session

89. The Chairperson of Council commended the members of Council for their contributions and for the spirit of compromise displayed during the deliberations. Before declaring the meeting closed, she wished the members a safe journey to their various destinations.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006



AïCHATOU MINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

VOTE OF THANKS

The participants at the Fifty-seventh ordinary session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers held in Ouagadougou from 18 to 19 December, 2006, express their profound gratitude to His Excellency, Blaise Compaoré, President of the Faso, and to the Government and people of Burkina Faso for the warm African hospitality extended to them during their stay in Ouagadougou and for the facilities placed at their disposal to ensure the success of their meeting.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

THE MEETING



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
of the Council of Ministers**

Ouagadougou, 18 – 19 December 2006

**REGULATION C/REG.1/12/06 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE ECOWAS
COMMISSION FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the ECOWAS Commission proposed by the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the ECOWAS Commission for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of seventy million, seventy seven thousand three hundred and seventy six units of account (**70,077,376 UA**) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of sixty one million five hundred and fifty two thousand two hundred and eighty eight units of account (**61,552,288 UA**) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.

2. An amount of six million two hundred and sixty two thousand, eighty one Units of Account (**6,262,081 UA**) shall be derived from external funding.
3. An amount in the sum of two million, three thousand, two hundred and seventy-one Units of Account (**2,003,271 UA**) shall be derived from arrears of contributions.
4. An amount in the sum of two hundred and fifty nine thousand seven hundred and thirty six Units of Account (**259,736 UA**) shall be derived from other sources.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006



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NON. AICHATOUMINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Administration
and Finance Commission**

Abuja, 22nd – 27th November 2006 and
Ouagadougou, 15th – 16th December 2006

**RECOMMENDATION N°10 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION
OF THE BUDGET OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION
FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft budget of the ECOWAS Commission for the
2007 financial year;

RECOMMENDS

TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS to approve the budget of the ECOWAS
Commission for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure
at seventy million, seventy seven thousand three hundred and seventy six
units of account (**70,077,376 UA**).

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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Mr. Aougui NIANDOU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COMMISSION



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
of the Council of Ministers**

Ouagadougou, 18 – 19 December 2006

**REGULATION C/REG.2/12/06 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE
COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 13 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.2/8/94 defining the composition, functions, powers and organisation of the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the Community Parliament proposed by the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Community Parliament for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of seven million eight hundred and seventeen thousand and thirty seven Units of Account (**7,817,037 UA**) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of six million eight hundred and forty seven thousand and thirty seven Units of Account (**6,847,037 UA**) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. An amount in the sum of six hundred thousand Units of Account (**600,000 UA**) shall be derived from excess funds.
3. A sum of two hundred and fifty thousand Units of Account (**250,000 UA**) shall be derived from arrears of contributions.
4. An amount of one hundred and twenty thousand units of account (**120,000 UA**) shall be derived from other sources.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006


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HON. AICHATOUMINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Administration
and Finance Commission**

Abuja, 22nd – 27th November 2006 and
Ouagadougou, 15th – 16th December 2006

**RECOMMENDATION N°11 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET OF THE
COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft budget of the Community Parliament for the
2007 financial year;

RECOMMENDS

TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS to approve the budget of the Community
Parliament for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure
at seven million eight hundred and seventeen thousand and thirty seven
Units of Account (**7,817,037 UA**).

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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Mr. Aougui NIANDOU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COMMISSION



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
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**REGULATION C/REG.3/12/06 APPROVING THE BUDGET
OF THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE
FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 15 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Community Court of Justice;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/7/91 defining the composition, functions, powers and organisation of the Community Court of Justice;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the Community Court of Justice proposed by the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Community Court of Justice for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of six million two hundred and ninety four thousand seven hundred and seventy five Units of Account (**6,294,775 UA**) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of six million one hundred and twenty seven thousand, one hundred and ninety nine Units of Account (**6,127,199 UA**) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. An amount in the sum of one hundred thousand Units of Account (**100,000 UA**) shall be derived from arrears of contributions.
3. An amount of sixty seven thousand five hundred and seventy six units of account (**67,576 UA**) shall be derived from other sources.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006



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HON. AICHATOU MINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Administration
and Finance Commission**

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**RECOMMENDATION N°12 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION
OF THE BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE
FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft budget of the Community Court of Justice for the 2007 financial year;

RECOMMENDS

TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS to approve the budget of the Community Court of Justice for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at six million two hundred and ninety four thousand seven hundred and seventy five Units of Account (**6,294,775 UA**).

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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Mr. Aougui NIANDOU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COMMISSION



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
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**REGULATION C/REG.4/12/06 APPROVING THE BUDGET
OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)
FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.2/7/87 relating to the creation of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO);

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budgets of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the West African Health Organisation proposed by the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the West African Health Organisation for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of seven million five hundred and thirty one thousand three hundred and twenty eight Units of Account (**7,531,328 UA**) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of three million three hundred and ninety five thousand five hundred and forty eight Units of Account (**3,395,548 UA**) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. An amount of two million five hundred thousand Units of Account (**2,500,000 UA**) shall be derived from excess funds.
3. An amount of one million three hundred and sixty seven thousand eight hundred and ninety eight Units of Account (**1,367,898 UA**) shall be derived from external funding.
4. An amount in the sum of one hundred and sixty seven thousand eight hundred and eighty two Units of Account (**167,882 UA**) shall be derived from other sources.
5. An amount in the sum of one hundred thousand Units of Account (**100,000 UA**) shall be derived from arrears of contributions.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006


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HON. AICHATOUMINDAODOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Administration
and Finance Commission**

Abuja, 22nd – 27th November 2006 and
Ouagadougou, 15th – 16th December 2006

**RECOMMENDATION N°13 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET OF THE
WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)
FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft budget of the West African Health Organisation for the 2007 financial year;

RECOMMENDS

TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS to approve the budget of the West African Health Organisation for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at seven million five hundred and thirty one thousand three hundred and twenty eight Units of Account (**7,531,328 UA**).

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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Mr. Aougui NIANDOU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COMMISSION



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
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**REGULATION C/REG.5/12/06 APPROVING THE BUDGET
OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST
MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA FOR THE
2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.9/12/99 establishing GIABA and the Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Action Group Money Laundering in West Africa.

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa proposed by the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of three million three hundred and ninety eight thousand six hundred and seventy two Units of Account (**3,398,672 UA**) is hereby approved.

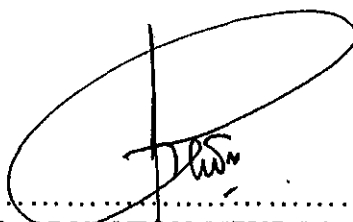
ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of one million seven hundred and ninety three thousand three hundred and seventy seven Units of Account (1,793,377 UA) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. An amount in the sum of one million five hundred and ninety seven thousand and seventy five Units of Account (1,597,075 UA) shall be derived from external funding.
3. An amount in the sum of eight thousand two hundred and twenty Units of Account (8,220 UA) shall be derived from other sources.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006



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HON. AICHATOUMINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Administration
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**RECOMMENDATION N°14 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST
AFRICA FOR THE 2007 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft budget of the Intergovernmental Action Group
Against Money Laundering in West Africa for the 2007 financial year;

RECOMMENDS

TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS to approve the budget of the
Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa
for the 2007 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at three
million three hundred and ninety eight thousand six hundred and seventy
two Units of Account (**3,398,672 UA**).

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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Mr. Aougui NIANDOU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COMMISSION



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
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Ouagadougou, 18 – 19 December 2006

**REGULATION C/REG.6/12/06 APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
FOR THE 2004 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 75 of the said Treaty relating to the appointment of the External Auditor of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the External Auditors on the Financial Statements of the Executive Secretariat for 2004 Financial Year;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the sixth meeting of the Audit Committee held in Dakar, 16 – 17 October, 2006;

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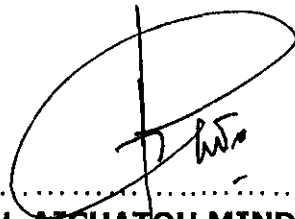
ARTICLE 1

The Audited Statements of the ECOWAS Commission for the 2004 financial year are hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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HON. AICHATOUMINDAODOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
of the Council of Ministers**

Ouagadougou, 18 – 19 December 2006

**REGULATION C/REG.7/12/06 APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE
FOR THE 2004 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 75 of the said Treaty relating to the appointment of the External Auditor of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95 of 13th December 1995;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the External Auditors on the Financial Statements of the Community Court of Justice for 2004 Financial Year;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the sixth meeting of the Audit Committee held in Dakar, 16 – 17 October, 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The Audited Statements of the Community Court of Justice for the 2004 financial year are hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006

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HON. AICHATOUMINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
of the Council of Ministers**

Ouagadougou, 18 – 19 December 2006

**REGULATION C/REG.8/12/06 ADOPTION OF A RATE FOR THE DAILY
SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE AND TRAVEL FARES FOR EMINENT PERSONS
ON OFFICIAL MISSION FOR THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.15/01/05 relating to the adoption of revised rates for the daily subsistence allowance for staff and other ECOWAS representatives on mission for the Community institutions;

CONSIDERING that the Regulation referred to above has not made any provision for daily subsistence allowance rates for eminent persons undertaking official missions for the Community institutions at the expense of the said institutions;

CONSIDERING that the success of some activities requires the services of eminent persons and, in view of the need to despatch them on mission for the Community institutions;

CONSIDERING that, on account of the prominent roles they played, the precedence conferred on them by their status and the privileges generally granted them, eminent persons are in a category that is superior to the highest category of persons for which daily subsistence allowance rates have been provided in the Regulation referred to above;

DESIROUS of fixing a rate for the daily subsistence allowance as well as travel fares applicable to eminent persons on official mission for the Community institutions;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

1. The rate for daily subsistence allowance applicable to former Presidents/Heads of State and former Prime Ministers is seven hundred United States dollars (US\$700). A lump sum of one thousand United States dollars (US\$1,000) shall also be paid to them whilst on mission for the Community.

ARTICLE 2

The former Speakers/President (Senate and House of Representatives), former Vice Presidents and the former Chief Justices of Supreme Courts of Member States shall be paid a daily subsistence allowance of five hundred United States dollars (US\$500).

ARTICLE 3

The eminent persons refer to in articles 1 and 2 of this Regulation shall travel first class.

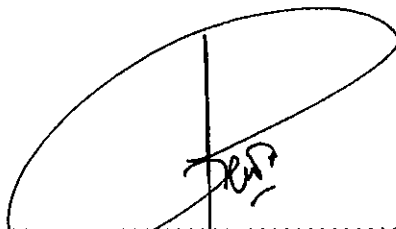
ARTICLE 4

The rates indicated under Articles 1 & 2 of this Regulation shall be applied irrespective of the area where such missions are conducted.

ARTICLE 5

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006



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HON. AÏCHATOU MINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



**Fifty-seventh Ordinary Session
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**REGULATION C/REG.9/12/06 CREATING A SALARY SCALE AND OTHER
EMOLUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF GRADE D2**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 69 of the said Treaty relating to the budget of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 2/11/89 relating to the adoption of a salary scale with elongated grade levels for staff of the Community;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG./12/01/05 increasing the salaries of staff members of the Institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the restructuring of some Institutions of the Community and the transformation of the Executive Secretariat into a Commission led to the creation of a new Professional Staff category of Director D2 with 10 grade levels;

CONSIDERING that Staff in the proposed D2 category operate as administrative heads of their institutions and discharge managerial functions;

CONSIDERING the need to fix a salary scale and determine the benefits attached to this category;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth session of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The salary scale, expressed in Units of Account, in respect of the professional Staff category D2 with 10 grade levels is fixed as follows:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
D2	38814	39808	40803	41798	42801	43871	44964	46077	47137	48222

ARTICLE 2

An Officer in category D2 shall be entitled to an official vehicle and driver and free telephone service at his/her residence up to a ceiling of one hundred and seventy dollars (\$170) a month.

ARTICLE 3

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**REGULATION C/REG.10/12/06 RELATING TO PAYMENT OF
COMPENSATORY HOUSING ALLOWANCE TO THE PROFESSIONAL
STAFF OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 69 of the Treaty relating to the budgets of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Article 32(a) of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations of 2005 relating to housing allowances for the professional staff members of the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING that the Community has to provide residential accommodation for staff members in Member States where ECOWAS Institutions and Agencies are located;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth session of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

1. Compensatory housing allowances, calculated on the basis of current costs of rented property in the duty stations of staff of the Community are hereby granted for staff to whom residential accommodation is not provided for.
2. The approved housing allowances are as follows:
 - a) Abuja
 - Professional staff UA 9,194
 - Directors UA 13,520

b) Cotonou, Lome, Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso

- Professional staff UA 4,436
- Directors UA 6,971

c) Dakar

- Professional staff UA 7,605
- Directors UA 10,140

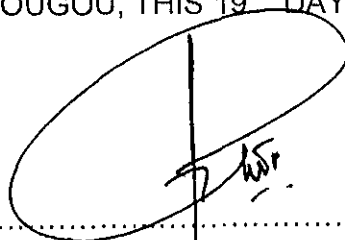
d) Banjul

- Professional staff UA 4,869
- Directors UA 6,261

ARTICLE 2

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**REGULATION C/REG.11/12/06 APPROVING A BUDGETARY
ALLOCATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ECOWAS
LOGISTICS DEPOT IN SIERRA LEONE**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and function;

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to Regional Security;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/01/05 establishing the ECOWAS Logistics Depots in Mali and Sierra Leone;

RECALLING that the Government of Sierra Leone has granted to ECOWAS, the Hastings Airfield Complex in Freetown for use as the ECOWAS Logistics Depot for stocking and maintaining ECOWAS peace support equipment and supplies;

ALSO RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement for the logistics Depot between ECOWAS and the Government of Sierra Leone of 9th January 2006 which was later amended on 29th August 2006;

AWARE of the donation of a large supply of Peace Support equipment by the Government of the United States of America to ECOWAS which will be transferred from the USA Murray Town Depot in Freetown to the Hastings Airfield Complex;

DESIROUS of providing counterpart funding for the management of the depot in Sierra Leone;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty sixth Meeting of Administration and Finance Commission which held in Abuja from 22 - 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

1. A lump sum of one million, one hundred and thirty one thousand nine hundred United States dollars (\$1,131,900:00) is hereby approved as ECOWAS counterpart funding for the management of the logistics depot in Sierra Leone.
2. The amount stated in paragraph 1 of this article which will be sourced from the ECOWAS Peace Fund shall represent the 2007 budgetary allocation for the said depot.

ARTICLE 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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.

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**REGULATION C/REG.12/12/06 FORMALLY ESTABLISHING A
COMMUNITY LEVY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AT THE ECOWAS COMMISSION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 72 of the ECOWAS Treaty introducing a Community Levy to generate revenue for financing the activities of the Community;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/7/96 on the conditions governing the application of the Community Levy;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/Reg.1/9/03 as amended by C/Reg.9/07/04 adopting measures to facilitate and accelerate effective implementation of the Community Levy;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT compliance with the Community Levy requirements by Member States has improved considerably;

DESIRING however to improve on the existing mechanism for the collection and disbursement of the proceeds of the Levy;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee which was held in Abuja, from 22 – 27 November 2007 and in Ouagadougou on 15 and 16 December 2006;

ARTICLE 1

A Community Levy Management Committee is hereby formally established at the ECOWAS Commission.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 2

Members of the Community Levy Management Committee are as follows:

1. The Vice President - Chairman
2. The Financial Controller - Member
3. The Commissioner for Administration & Finance - Member
4. The Commissioner for Trade & Customs, Industry, mines, free movement of persons & goods - Member
5. Heads of ECOWAS Institutions - Members

ARTICLE 3

The functions of the Committee shall include:

- taking measures to ensure full implementation of the provisions of the Protocol on the Conditions for the Application of the Community levy;
- recommending political measures to address the difficulties encountered by Member States in the application of the Community levy;
- allocating the proceeds of the Community levy;
- making proposals for the allocation of sectoral and structural funds;
- taking necessary performance-enhancing measures;
- exploring avenues for the funding of the Community and
- preparing the annual report.

ARTICLE 4

1. A sub-committee shall support the Community Levy Management Committee in its work and shall be composed of one representative each from the departments of Audit, Trade and Customs and Finance;
2. The sub-committee referred to in paragraph 1 shall carry out monitoring missions in Member States in collaboration with the ECOWAS National Units and the National Committees for the Management of the Community Levy, based on terms of reference to be defined by the Community Levy Management Committee;

3. The Sub-committee shall prepare an annual report on behalf of the Community Levy Management Committee which will endorse it for submission to the Council of Ministers through the Administration and Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 5

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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.

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**REGULATION C/REG.13/12/06 ALLOCATING A LUMP SUM GRANT FOR
LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF
THE COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT IN THE HOME STATE**

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;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/06/06 amending the ECOWAS Treaty;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Protocol A/SP3/06/06 amending Protocol A/P2/8/94 relating to the Community Parliament;

RECALLING especially Article 15 of Protocol A/P2/8/94 which provides for a non-residency status for the Speaker at the Headquarters of the Community parliament;

AWARE that the Speaker of the Parliament is responsible for giving the necessary orientations, providing leadership and guaranteeing the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Parliament, even while being outside the headquarters of the Community Parliament;

ASLO AWARE that to achieve the above mentioned activities, the Speaker will operate mostly from this home State;

DESIRING therefore, to grant the Speaker, resources for local support services to maintain an office;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth session of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 22 to 27 November 2006.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

A monthly lump sum allowance of two thousand US dollars (US\$2000) is hereby granted for local support services for the office of the Speaker of the Community Parliament in his home State.

ARTICLE 2

The monthly lump sum allowance shall be paid to the Speaker of the Parliament during his tenure for the purpose indicated in Article 1 of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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.

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**REGULATION C/REG.14/12/06 GRANTING A RESPONSIBILITY
ALLOWANCE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11, and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing their composition and functions,

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.16/01/06 transforming the Executive Secretariat into a Commission and establishing the positions of the President, the Vice President and Seven (7) other Commissioners for the Commission.

MINDFUL of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 Amending the Revised ECOWAS Treaty which re-affirms the creation of the above stated statutory positions within the Commission.

CONSIDERING the responsibilities attached to the position of Vice President.

HAVING noted the special benefits provided for Statutory Appointees under Article 28(b) of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations of 2005.

DESIRING to provide the Vice President with additional benefits in order to ensure that he/she discharges the responsibilities allotted to the position efficiently

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty-Sixth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 22 – 27 November 2006 and in Ouagadougou from the 15 – 16 December 2006.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The Vice President of the ECOWAS Commission is hereby granted an additional benefit in the form of a responsibility allowance to facilitate a more efficient discharge of the responsibilities attached to the position.

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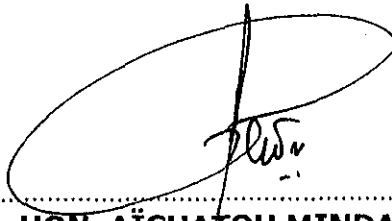
ARTICLE 1

Mr. Mohammed Daramy is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Trade, Customs, Industry, Mines and Free Movement of Persons and Goods of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years with effect from the date he assumes duty.

ARTICLE 2

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**REGULATION C/REG.21/11/06 APPOINTING DR. LAMBERT N'GALADJO
BAMBA AS THE COMMISSIONER FOR MACROECONOMIC POLICY OF
THE ECOWAS COMMISSION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06./06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty of 1993 and which provides for the appointment of nine (9) Commissioners for the ECOWAS Commission and the procedure for appointing them;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.16/01/06 transforming the Executive Secretariat into a Commission;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/06/06 allocating to Member States the positions of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission;

BEARING IN MIND that the position of Commissioner for Macroeconomic Policy was allocated to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire;

RECALLING Regulation C/REG.1/06/06 approving the Organizational Structure of the Commission and determining the technical Areas/Departments to be supervised by each Commissioner;

ALSO RECALLING Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Eleventh Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Ouagadougou on 19th December, 2006.

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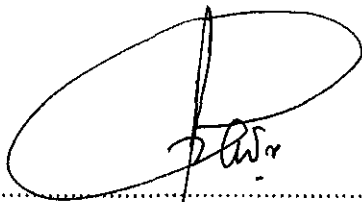
ARTICLE 1

Dr. Lambert N'galadjo Bamba is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Macroeconomic Policy of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years with effect from the date he assumes duty.

ARTICLE 2

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REGULATION REG.22/12/06 ON THE ADOPTION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERNAL AUDITORS OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11, and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining their composition and functions,

RECOGNISING the need to promote a culture of ethical conduct among internal auditors in Community Institutions,

HAVING NOTED that internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity that helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes,

DESIRING therefore to adopt a code of conduct for internal Auditors that would enable them discharge the function of internal auditing which will in turn add value and improve the operations of Community Institutions,

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Third meeting of the Audit Committee which held in Abuja 23 – 25 February 2006.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

A Code of conduct applicable to all internal Auditors working in Institutions of ECOWAS is hereby adopted as attached.

ARTICLE 2

The Code defines and prescribes conduct expected of the internal auditors as well as fundamental principles governing the professional practise of internal auditing.

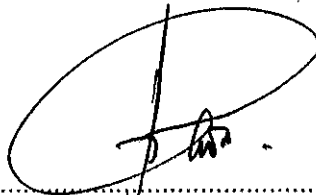
ARTICLE 3

- a) Any contravention of the Code of Conduct shall be reported to the Audit Committee which shall make appropriate recommendations to the Council of Ministers,
- b) Appropriate disciplinary measures may be imposed in accordance with existing Community Regulations.

ARTICLE 4

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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.

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**REGULATION C/REG.23/12/06 ADOPTING THE FRAMEWORK FOR
STRENGTHENING CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ENERGY STATISTICS
IN THE ECOWAS REGION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 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 national statistical systems with regard to the production of accurate and up-to-date energy statistics on Member States;

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

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the experts group meeting on energy statistics held in Abuja from 7 to 9 August 2006;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Commission on Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments, held in Abuja on 13 and 14 November 2006.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The framework for strengthening capacity in the development and institutionalization of energy statistics in the ECOWAS region is hereby adopted and attached as an annex which is an integral part of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 2

The objective of the framework is to strengthen the capacity to develop and institutionalize the production of energy statistics at the regional level and in the national statistical systems of the Member States, within the context of the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), in order to build a sound base of energy statistics.

ARTICLE 3

The Regional Committee on energy and environment statistics shall amongst other duties, monitor the development of energy statistics at both the national and regional levels.

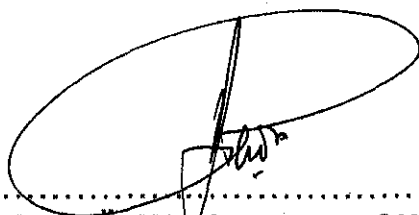
ARTICLE 4

The Commission shall take appropriate measures to implement the framework, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

ARTICLE 5

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**REGULATION C/REG.24/12/06 ADOPTING THE FRAMEWORK FOR
STRENGTHENING CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS
IN THE ECOWAS REGION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 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 environment statistics on Member States;

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

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the experts group meeting on environment statistics held in Abuja from 7 to 9 August 2006;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Commission on Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments, held in Abuja on 13 and 14 November 2006

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

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ARTICLE 3

A Regional Committee on energy and environment statistics is hereby established to monitor the development of energy and environment statistics.

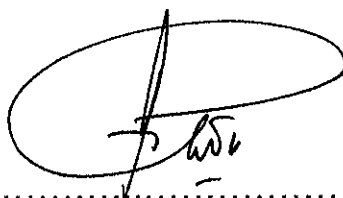
ARTICLE 4

The Commission shall take appropriate measures to implement the framework, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

ARTICLE 5

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**REGULATION C/REG.25/12/06 ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL
COMMITTEE ON POVERTY STATISTICS AND MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOALS INDICATORS
OF THE ECOWAS REGION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 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 national statistical systems with regard to the production of accurate and up-to-date poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals Indicators in Member States;

DESIROUS of putting in place a regional mechanism for the harmonious development of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals Indicators in the region which would ensure the efficient collection, analysis, compilation and dissemination of data at national and regional levels;

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the experts group meeting on ECOWAS Poverty Profile held in Abuja on 10 and 11 August 2006;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Commission on Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments, held in Abuja on 13 and 14 November 2006

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

A Regional Committee is hereby established to monitor the development of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals indicators.

ARTICLE 2

The objective of the Committee is to strengthen the capacity to develop and institutionalize the production of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals indicators at the regional level and in the national statistical systems of the Member States, within the context of the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), in order to build a sound base of poverty statistics.

ARTICLE 3

The Commission shall take appropriate measures to ensure the effective functioning of the Committee, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

ARTICLE 4

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**REGULATION C/REG.26/12/06 RELATING TO THE RESTRUCTURING
OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION IN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION/OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Decision A/DEC.2/11/91 on the adoption of the Scheme of service of Staff of the Institutions of the Community establishing the position of Internal Auditor for all Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.15/01/06 relating to the establishment of an Audit Committee for ECOWAS to assist the Council of Ministers discharge its function of maintaining good financial control principles in the Community;

MINDFUL of the need to assist ECOWAS Institutions improve on budget management, funds control and institutional management thereby promoting transparency, accountability and probity in the overall management of the resources of the Community;

ALSO CONSIDERING the need to separate the control functions from those of Internal Audit to ensure the independence and objectivity of Internal Auditors;

DESIRING therefore to achieve the above stated objectives by restructuring the Internal Audit function within Community Institutions, strengthen the Internal Audit function and ensure compliance of internal control with ECOWAS Protocols, Supplementary Acts, Regulations, Decisions and Directives of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Sixth Meeting of the Audit Committee which was held in Dakar from 16-17 October 2006;

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E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The position of Chief Internal Auditor is hereby established at a D1 Professional Category to manage the Internal Audit functions of all Community Institutions.

ARTICLE 2

The Chief Internal Auditor shall be located within the ECOWAS Commission and will report to the Council of Ministers through the ECOWAS Audit Committee.

ARTICLE 3

The President of the Commission shall appoint staff of the Office of the Chief Internal Auditor in accordance with the ECOWAS Staff Regulations. This staff shall subsequently be appropriately deployed by the Chief Internal Auditor. The Chief Internal Auditor shall manage the budget of his/her office. The Internal Auditor shall report to the Chief Internal Auditor.

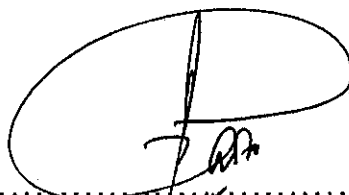
ARTICLE 4

The attached organisation chart indicating the structure for Financial Control and the Internal Audit is hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 5

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006



HON. AÏCHATOU MINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR COUNCIL



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**REGULATION C/REG.27/12/06 RELATING TO THE RE-ORGANISATION
OF THE OFFICE OF THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER
OF THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Decision A/DEC.4/12/2001 reinstating the post of the Financial Controller of the Community;

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of the Community of 1989 as amended, establishing the functions of the Financial Controller;

MINDFUL of the need to assist ECOWAS Institutions improve on budget management, funds control and institutional management thereby promoting transparency, accountability and probity in the overall management of the resources of the Community;

ALSO CONSIDERING the need to separate the control functions from those of Internal Audit to ensure the independence and objectivity of Internal Auditors;

DESIRING therefore to achieve the above stated objectives by re-organising this office and through such re-organisation, also strengthen the performance of their duty of the Financial Controller and ensure compliance of internal controls with ECOWAS Protocols, Supplementary Acts, Regulations, Decisions and Directives of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Sixth Meeting of the Audit Committee which was held in Dakar from 16-17 October 2006;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The Financial Controller shall be responsible for all the financial control functions within Community Institutions.

ARTICLE 2

The Financial controller shall continue to report to the Council of Ministers and also avail the Administration and Finance Commission with information relating to the budget and financial status of the Community.

ARTICLE 3

The office of the Financial Controller shall be located at the Commission. The Financial Controller shall manage the budget of his/her office.

ARTICLE 4

The President of the Commission shall appoint staff of the office of the Financial Controller in accordance with the ECOWAS Staff Regulations, and this staff shall subsequently be appropriately deployed by the Financial Controller. The Staff shall report directly to the Financial Controller.

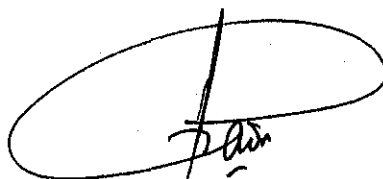
ARTICLE 5

The attached organisation chart indicating the structure for the Offices of the Financial Controller and the Internal Auditor is hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 6

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**REGULATION REG.28/12/06 ESTABLISHING NATIONAL MONITORING
STRUCTURES ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS ON THE
HIGHWAYS AND AT THE BORDERS
WITH ECOWAS REGION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11, and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions,

MINDFUL of Article 59 of the Treaty committing Member States to take measures to ensure that community citizens fully enjoy their rights in the area of free movement within ECOWAS;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/79 of 29 May 1979 on free movement of persons, right to residence and establishment;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/85 of 6 July 1985 establishing an ECOWAS Travel Certificate

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/2000 adopting the ECOWAS Passport

MINDFUL of the Final Communiqué of the twenty-seventh session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government deploring the existence of numerous roadblocks which impede free movement of persons, the right of residence and establishment;

NOTING that harassments still exist on the highways and at the borders, in spite of the 30 years of awareness raising campaigns directed at border security agents and the citizenry;

CONSIDERING that fact-finding missions undertaken along the highways and at the borders of Member States have confirmed that the protocols on free movement of persons are not effectively implemented;

WISHING to address the concerns of Community citizens and to promote trade and investments in the sub-region;

DESIROUS therefore of creating monitoring structures on free movement of persons on the highways and at the borders of crucial importance in ECOWAS, as well as the coordination bureau with a view to attaining the objective of free movement of persons;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of Heads of Immigration Services of Member States held in Abuja, 26 – 27 October, 2006;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report relating to the sensitization mission on free movement of persons and good, undertaken in the Member States in November and December 2006 by the representative of the Chairperson of Council.

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITS: PILOT PHASE

- Member States shall establish Monitoring Units on free movement of persons at the border posts.
- A two-year pilot programme (2007 and 2009) covering the Lagos-Cotonou-Lome-Accra-Abidjan-Ouagadougou-Bamako-Conakry corridors is hereby adopted.

ARTICE 2: COMPOSITION

The monitoring units on free movement of persons shall comprise the following

- Three (3) civil society representatives
- Three (3) private sector representatives
- National Members of the ECOWAS Parliament
- A government Lawyer
- One (1) representative of the ECOWAS National Unit

ARTICLE 3: MISSION

The monitoring units on free movement of persons shall:

- compile a list of all ECOWAS basic texts on free movement of persons, right to residence and establishment and make them available to people from all walks of life;
- Popularize among police officers, gendarmes, customs and immigration officers and judicial officers, orders, degrees, laws, protocols and all other instruments relating to free movement of persons;
- determine the type of checks carried out;
- identify existing forms of harassment;

- note, denounce and prepare reports on breaches to free movement and expose those responsible so that appropriate sanctions can be imposed on them;
- monitor the application of sanctions;
- nominate for reward the best security agents who respect the right of citizens in the area of free movement
- plan and organize at border posts public awareness programmes on rights and duties relating to free movement of persons, right to residence and establishment;

ARTICLE 4: MONITORING AND APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

The monitoring units on free movement of persons shall ensure the application of the sanctions imposed and report to the Commissioner for Trade, Customs and Free Movement of Persons who shall inform the Council of Ministers and the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

ARTICLE 5: ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATION BUREAU

To enable the pilot units located along the Cotonou-Lome-Accra-Abidjan, Ouagadougou-Bamako-Conakry corridors to effectively pursue their objective, a co-ordination bureau for the pilot units is hereby established.

ARTICLE 6: OBJECTIVES OF THE COORDINATION BUREAU

The coordination bureau shall:

- ensure that the pilot units strictly comply with their terms of reference;
- carry out periodic evaluation of the performance of the pilot units;
- provide basic training for the members of the pilot units on the community law on free movement of persons, right to residence and establishment;
- provide pilot units with documentation or and other tool necessary for the realization of their activities;
- prepare consultative meetings to enable the various units to exchange good practices so as to identify problems and find solutions to them.

ARTICLE 7: RESOURCES OF THE PILOT UNITS AND THE COORDINATION BUREAU

The Commission shall provide the pilot units and the coordination bureau with human, financial and material resources to enable them to attain their objectives.

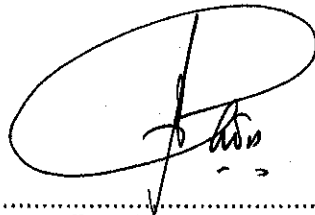
ARTICLE 8: EXTENSION OF THE UNITS

At the end of the 2007-2009 pilot phase, and after evaluation of progress, the Council of Ministers shall replicate the monitoring units on the free movement of persons at other major borders.

ARTICLE 9:

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DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006

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HON. AÏCHATOU MINDAOU DOU
CHAIRPERSON

FOR THE COUNCIL



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**REGULATION C/REG.29/12/06 AUTHORISING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TO TERMINATE THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. TOKUNBO LIJADU-
OYEMADE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION,
AND TO REPLACE HER WITH A NIGERIAN NATIONAL**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty, as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING that dismissal of an officer of the Community is an administrative affair and that the procedure and appeals are provided for in the Staff Rules and Regulations of the institutions of the Community;

NOTING that the memorandum of the staff representatives is very critical of the former Director of Administration;

RECALLING, however, the willingness of Council to give a human face to the resolution of the issue relating to the dismissal of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade, and noting the initiatives already taken in this direction by the ECOWAS Executive Secretary;

CONSIDERING the need to put an end to the issue relating to the dismissal of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade, which has dragged on for three (3) years;

DESIROUS of providing the Institutions of the Community with highly qualified, competent staff, committed to the duties and obligations as prescribed by the Staff Regulations of the Institutions of the Community;

REAFFIRMING its commitment to abolish the quota system with regard to the appointment of professional staff;

DESIROUS however of maintaining the current equitable geographical distribution of professional staff posts among all the Member States;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

1. The Executive Secretary is hereby authorised to terminate the appointment of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade, former Director of Administration of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.
2. The afore-mentioned officer shall be paid the benefits due her.

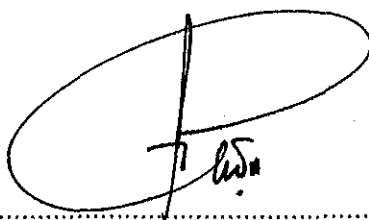
ARTICLE 2

As an exceptional measure, the recruitment of a Nigerian national is hereby authorised to fill the vacancy created by the dismissal of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade.

ARTICLE 3

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**REGULATION C/REG.30/12/06 ADOPTING
THE GIABA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its compositions and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.9/12/99 relating to the establishment of GIABA;

MINDFUL of the Revised Statutes of GIABA expanding its mandate to the fight against the financing of terrorism;

CONSIDERING that the fifty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers, held in Niamey adopted a biennial strategic action plan for GIABA;

NOTING that the meeting of Experts, held from 20 to 21 November 2006, evaluated the said action plan and proposed a triennial (2007 – 2008 – 2009) strategic action plan for GIABA activities;

AWARE of the need for GIABA to fully carry out its operational activities;

DESIROUS of providing this Institution with a Strategic Action Plan;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of Experts, held in Niamey from 20 to 21 November 2006;

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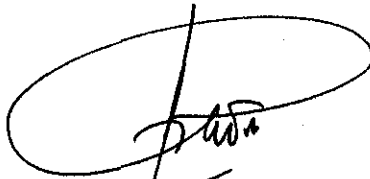
ARTICLE 1

The GIABA Strategic Action Plan 2007 – 2008 – 2009 is hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 2

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