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**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES:**

**RECALLING** Article 4 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States which sets out the various institutions of the Community;

**RECALLING** further that Article 4 contemplates the establishment of other commissions or bodies by the Authority in addition to those specifically created under this Article;

**CONVINCED** of the urgent need to create an organ responsible for the defence of the Community in the light of the continuous threat of armed conflict and aggression from outside the Community;

**DESIRING** to conclude an additional protocol amending sub-paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States signed at Lagos on 28th day of May, 1975;

**HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Institutions**

Paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The institutions of the Community shall be:
  - (a) The Authority of Heads of State and Government;
  - (b) The Council of Ministers;
  - (c) The Defence Council;
  - (d) The Executive Secretariat;
  - (e) The Tribunal of the Community; and
  - (f) The following Technical and Specialised Commissions:
    - The Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission;
    - The Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission;

- The Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission;
- The Social and Cultural Affairs Commission;
- The Defence Commission;

And such other Commissions or bodies as may be established bodies as may be established by the Authority of Heads of State and Government or are established or provided for by this Treaty.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Deposit and Entry into Force**

1. This additional Protocol shall enter into force provisionally upon signature by Heads of State and Government of Member States and definitively upon ratification by at least seven Member States in accordance with the constitutional procedure applicable for each signatory State.
2. This additional Protocol and all Instruments of Ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States which shall transmit certified true copies of this Protocol to all Member States and notify them of the dates of deposits of the Instruments of Ratification and shall register this additional Protocol with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and such other organisations as the Council of Ministers shall determine.
3. This additional Protocol shall be annexed to and shall form an integral part of the Treaty.

**IN FAITH WHEREOF WE THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE  
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, HAVE SIGNED THIS  
ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL**

**DONE AT FREETOWN THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 1981, IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE  
ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.**

*Signed*

**H.E. Colonel Mathieu KEREKOU**  
*President of People's Republic of BENIN*

*Signed*

**H.E. Dr. Hilla LIMMAN**  
*President of Republic of GHANA*

*Signed*

**H.E. Pedro PERES**  
*Prime Minister, for and on behalf of  
the President of the Republic of CAPE VERDE*

*Signed*

**H.E. Ahmed Sekou TOURE**  
*President of the People's  
Revolutionary Republic of GUINEA*

*Signed*

**H.E. Abdoulaye KONE**  
*Minister of Economy and Finance for  
and on behalf of the President of the Republic  
of IVORY-COAST*

**H.E. Commandant Joao Bernado  
VIERA**  
*President of the Republic of  
Guinea Bissau*

*Signed*

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*Minister of Economic Planning  
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Republic of GAMBIA*

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*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation  
for and on behalf of the Head of State of  
the Republic of UPPER VOLTA*

*Signed*

**H.E. Master Sergeant S.K. DOE**  
*Chairman, People's Redemption Council and  
Head of State of the Republic of LIBERIA*

*Signed*

**H.E. Alhaji Shehu SHAGARI**  
*President of the Federal Republic  
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**H.E. Drissa KEITA**  
*Minister of Finance, Commerce  
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of the Republic of MALI*

*Signed*

**H.E. Abdou DIOUF**  
*President of the Republic  
of SENEGAL*

*Signed*

**H.E. M.M.K. OULD HAIDALLA**  
*President of the Republic of Mauritania*

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**H.E. Dr. Siaka STEVENS**  
*President of the Republic of  
SIERRA LEONE*

*Signed*

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*Minister of Commerce for and on  
behalf of the Military Council of the  
Republic of NIGER*

*Signed*

**H.E. General Gnassingbe Eyadema**  
*President of the Republic of TOGO*