



## **Seventieth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**

Abidjan, 20 – 21 June 2013

### **RECOMMENDATION C/REC.5/06/13 RELATING TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY OF MEMBER STATES OF ECOWAS**

#### **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 3 of the said Treaty defining the aims and objectives of the Community;

**MINDFUL** of Chapter XI of the ECOWAS Treaty which contains provisions that underscore Member States obligations to co-operate in social, cultural and development issues and to harmonize and co-ordinate their policies and programmes in these areas;

**RECALLING** in particular Articles 60(2)(a) and 61(2)(b) under Chapter XI of the Treaty on co-operation in the area of employment and for the harmonisation of Labour and Social Security Legislations of Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SA.2/05/09 adopting a Labour and Employment Policy for ECOWAS;

**CONSIDERING** that the Member States undertake to cooperate with a view to mobilising the various sections of their populations to ensure their effective integration and contribution to the development of the region;

**RECALLING** the objectives of the International Labour Organization on Equal Treatment, (1962, (N° 118) and on the Preservation of Social security Rights, (1982 (N° 157), aimed at the effective realisation of equal treatment for migrant workers and the preservation of their social security rights;

**RECALLING** the Abuja Treaty and its Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, the Right of Residence and establishment;

**RECALLING** the African Union Migration Policy Framework for Africa (Banjul 2006), particularly its sections on migrant workforce and regional integration;

**REALISING** that greater benefit would be derived from the ECOWAS Free Movement Protocols if a General Convention on Social Security was adopted for the Community;

**CONSIDERING** therefore the need to coordinate the social security programmes of Member States of ECOWAS;

**REALISING** that the implementation of the Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment may be achieved through the adoption of a General Convention on Social Security;

**DESIROUS** of restructuring the Social security Systems of Member States;

**RECOMMENDS**

**TO THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT** to adopt the attached draft Supplementary Act relating to the General convention on Social Security of Member States of ECOWAS. AP

**DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2013**



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**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**

CHAIRMAN

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