FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ECOWAS AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja, 17 - 18 July 2013

DECISION A/DEC.2/07/13 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX (6) ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE ECOWAS COMMISSION HEADED BY COMMISSIONERS AND ALLOCATING THE SIX (6) NEW COMMISSIONER POSITIONS TO MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/06/06, adopted on 14 June 2006, amending said Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States;

MINDFUL of the new Articles 17 and 18 of said Supplementary Protocol respectively establishing the Commission, defining its composition and appointing Commissioners;
MINDFUL of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 establishing the modalities for the allocation of statutory positions within the Community institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 increasing the number of Commissioners to fifteen (15), with a view to enhancing the capacity of the Commission to effectively accomplish its regional integration mission;

RECALLING Regulation C/REG.7/06/07 establishing the organisational chart of the ECOWAS Commission;

AWARE of the need to restructure the ECOWAS Commission with a view to increasing the number of Senior Officials therein, thereby endowing the Institution with the requisite technical Directorates and Divisions to enable it execute its mandate;

DESIROUS of creating six (6) new Departments to be supervised by Commissioners;

FURTHER DESIROUS of allocating new Commissioner posts to the Member States in accordance with the modalities established by Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12;

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION by the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its 43rd Session held in Abuja on the 17th and 18th July 2013 of allocation proposals of certain statutory positions into Community Institutions.
HEREBY DECIDES

ARTICLE 1: THE COMMISSION: ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX (6) NEW DEPARTMENTS

There are hereby established six (6) new Departments within the ECOWAS Commission, as follows:

1. Commissioner, General Administration and Conference
2. Commissioner, Human Resource Management
3. Commissioner, Education, Science and Culture
4. Commissioner, Energy and Mines
5. Commissioner, Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology

ARTICLE 2: DEPARTMENTS HEADED BY COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBER STATES TO WHICH THE COMMISSIONER POSTS ARE ALLOCATED

1. Following the New Departments established under Article 1, the full list of Departments within the Commission headed by Commissioners and the States to which these Commissioner positions have been allocated are as follows:

   1. President of the Commission                - Burkina Faso
   2. Vice President of the Commission          - Liberia
3. Department of Finance - Sierra Leone
4. Department of Macroeconomic Policy and Research - Mali
5. Department of Trade, Customs and Free Movement - Niger
6. Department of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources - Togo
7. Department of Infrastructure - The Gambia
8. Department for Political Affairs, Peace and Security - Nigeria
9. Department of Social Affairs and Gender - Senegal
10. Department of General Administration and Conference - Ghana
12. Department of Education, Science and Culture - Benin
13. Department of Energy and Mines - Guinea

14. Department of Telecommunication and Information Communication Technology - Cape Verde

15. Department of Industry and Private Sector Promotion - Côte d'Ivoire

2. The President of the ECOWAS Commission shall ensure that an accelerated recruitment process is put in place with a view to ensuring that the allocated posts are filled as soon as possible.

3. In accordance with the provisions of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Treaty, all the newly allocated positions shall be for a four (4) year non-renewable period.
ARTICLE 3: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND PUBLICATION

1. This Decision shall enter into force upon its signature by the Chairman of the Authority.

2. This Decision shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within thirty days of notification by the Commission.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY 2013

H.E. ALASSANE OUATTARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY