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A/DEC 1/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 12, 13, 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Treaty;

MINDFUL of the request for derogation from the application of the provisions of Article 20 of the ECOWAS Treaty made by CEAO and MRU;

CONSIDERING that the provisions of Article 20 on the most favoured nation treatment enjoins each ECOWAS Member State to extend any tariff concessions granted to a third State to other ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 15/5/80 of 28th of May, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the fixing of the level of participation by Nationals of Member States in the Equity Capital of Industrial Enterprises whose products benefit from preferential duty;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 18/5/80 of 28th of May, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS relating to the Liberalisation of Industrial Products;

MINDFUL of Decision No. C/DEC. 3/11/81 of the Council of Ministers dated 26 November 1981 relating to the studies to be undertaken for the Harmonisation of Trade Liberalisation Schemes between CEAO, MRU and ECOWAS, and the implementation of ECOWAS Customs and Statistical documents;

MINDFUL of Resolution No. C/RES. 3/5/83 dated 7th May, 1983 of the Council of Ministers relating to the Adoption and Application of a Single Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products originating from Community Member States;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

An appeal is made to the Authorities of CEAO to merge the aims, aspirations and programmes of CEAO with those of ECOWAS with a view to avoiding duplication of efforts and facilitating total solidarity towards creation of the Customs Union and economic integration under the ECOWAS Treaty.

ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat shall commence without delay a programme of implementation of existing decisions among all the Member States.

ARTICLE 3

All Member States are required to implement the Trade Liberalisation Scheme of ECOWAS in respect of originating industrial products as stipulated hereunder in this Decision.

ARTICLE 4

Member States are classified into the following three groups for the implementation of the Trade Liberalisation Scheme defined in Article 5 below:

- Group I Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, The Gambia, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania and Niger
- Group II Benin, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Togo
- Group III Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal

ARTICLE 5

The Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products originating from Member States of the Community as well as the time-table for the elimination of tariffs and the said products by the groups of Member States as classified in Article 4 above are fixed as follows:

COUNTRY G	PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS P1	NON PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS P2
G1: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	8 years on the basis of 12.5% reduction each year.	10 years on the basis of 10% reduction each year
G2: Benin, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo	6 years on the basis of 16.66% reduction each year	8 years on the basis of 12.5% reduction each year
G3: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal	4 years on the basis of 25% reduction each year	6 years on the basis of 16.66% reduction each year

ARTICLE 6

The list of priority industrial products for the application of the Trade Liberalisation Scheme defined above is that List which is the subject of Decision C/DEC.3/5/82 dated 26 May, 1982 of the Council of Ministers relating to the Priority Industrial Products for the application of the Trade Liberalisation Programme.

ARTICLE 7

The level of participation of Nationals of Member States in the equity capital of Industrial Enterprises whose products shall benefit from preferential taxation because of their Community origin, as well as the implementation schedule are amended and fixed as follows:

- May 1983 : 20% (May 1981 : 20%)
- May 1986 : 40% instead (May 1983 : 35%)
- May 1989 : 51% of (May 1989 : 51%)

ARTICLE 8

The provisions of Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.18/5/80 of May 28th, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to Trade Liberalisation in respect to Industrial Products are replaced by the provisions of Articles 5 and 6 of this Decision.

ARTICLE 9

The Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products defined above shall enter into force on May 28th, 1983.

ARTICLE 10

Technical arrangements may eventually be made by the appropriate Technical Commissions without any further delay in the application of the single Trade Liberalisation Scheme.

ARTICLE 11

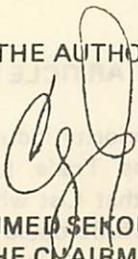
Member States shall take all necessary measures for the implementation of this Decision.

ARTICLE 12

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

A/DEC.2/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STRUCTURES IN MEMBER STATES.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition.

REALISING the need and importance of establishing ECOWAS National Structures with a view to ensuring the implementation and follow-up of acts and decisions of Community decision making bodies;

AWARE that despite an earlier recommendation made to Member States by the Council of Ministers in November 1982, some Member States are yet to establish such National Structures;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

A specific unit should be set up at the ECOWAS Secretariat to monitor implementation of Community Acts and Decisions.

ARTICLE 2

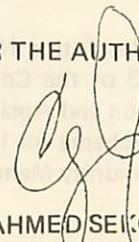
Information on the organisation of each national structure should be communicated to the Executive Secretariat.

ARTICLE 3

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

A/DEC. 3/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMMES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State, its composi-

ition and functions.

MINDFUL of resolution C/RES 1/5/83 dated 7th May, 1983 of the Council of Ministers relating to development cooperation programmes.

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The development cooperation programme below is adopted.

1. SHORT-TERM MEASURES

- Exchange of Information on important Industrial Investment projects.
- Realisation of joint studies on the identification of bilateral or multilateral projects.
- Search for better technical cooperation through the exchange of qualified manpower and training facilities.

11. MEDIUM TERM MEASURES

Implementation of identified bilateral or multilateral projects.

- Harmonisation of Investment promotion measures and Industrial development plans.
- Rationalisation of existing Industries in the sub-region through specialisation.
- Contribution to the optimum use of raw materials and other natural resources to the effective economic development of Member States.
- Exchange and popularisation of results obtained in the field of technology development.
- Close cooperation in the field of technology development including training, technical assistance as well as the exchange and popularisation of results obtained.

III. LONG TERM MEASURES

ARTICLE 1

Formulation of heavy Industrialisation policies within the ECOWAS sub-region.

ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat is responsible for the implementation of programmes defined in Article 1 above.

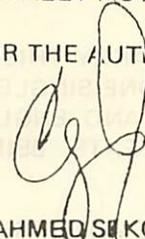
ARTICLE 3

This decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of

the Community and the Gazettes of Member States.

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

A/DEC. 4/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION POLICY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS treaty on the establishment of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, its composition and functions.

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES 2/5/83 dated 7th May, 1983 of the Council of Ministers on the Industrial Development Cooperation Policy.

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The Community is requested to adopt a regional industrial development cooperation approach; such a regional industrialisation approach shall give priority to Industries contributing to the modernisation and development of the sectors below:

- (i) Rural sector (agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing) for self-sufficiency in food production and the improvement of the standard of life of the rural populations.
- (ii) Transport and Communications Infrastructures
- (iii) Natural resources (including hydraulic resources)
- (iv) Energy

ARTICLE 2

This Scheme aims at establishing a community industrial base through the development of intermediary goods industries and production goods by the specialisation of Member States.

ARTICLE 3

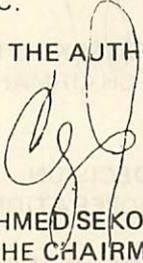
The Executive Secretariat is responsible for the implementation of the industrial development cooperation policy defined above.

ARTICLE 4

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

A/DEC 5/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN BY ECOWAS MEMBER STATES TO THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision No. A/DEC.9/5/82 mandating the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to lend its support to the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of Member States of the Community;

MINDFUL of Article 49 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to cooperation in social and cultural affairs;

CONSIDERING the importance Member States attach to youth activities within the Community;

HAVING AFFIRMED its determination to hold the ECOWAS Games in Cotonou in keeping with the resolution of the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of 15 April, 1983;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

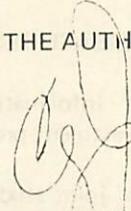
Member States are requested to give moral and financial support to the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports for the achievement of all its objectives.

ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community as well as the Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

A/DEC.6/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF AN ECOWAS SINGLE MONETARY ZONE.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONVINCED that economic integration objectives of ECOWAS could not be achieved without very close cooperation in the monetary and fiscal policies of Member States;

AWARE of the difficulties posed by the existence of eleven currencies within the sub-region to the development of intra-regional transactions;

RECALLING the on-going studies aimed at the achievement of limited currency convertibility in the sub-region;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

To resolve the problems posed by the multiplicity of currencies within the sub-region, the chairman of the Authority is mandated to take all necessary steps, and in particular to contact the relevant international organisations for assistance in undertaking necessary studies aimed at the establishment of an ECOWAS Monetary Zone.

ARTICLE 2

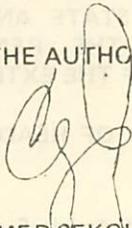
The Chairman of Authority may consider the necessity of creating an Ad Hoc Committee of Heads of State and Government to assist Him in the execution of this mandate.

ARTICLE 3

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H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

A/DEC 7/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN SUB-REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the decision of the United Nations establishing a Women's Decade from 1975 to 1985;

CONSIDERING UN Resolution 332-XIV of 27 March 1979 on the African Development Strategy;

CONVINCED of the need to integrate women in the process of development;

HAVING HEARD the paper presented by the Chairperson of the West African Sub-Regional Committee for the integration of Women in Development;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The West African Sub-Regional Committee for the Integration of Women in Development is hereby granted observer status within the institutions of ECOWAS.

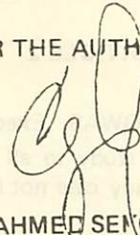
ARTICLE 2

This decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

A/DEC. 8/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE RATIONALISATION OF COOPERATION EFFORTS WITHIN THE WEST AFRICAN SUB-REGION.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

AWARE of the existence within the Sub-Region of several inter-governmental organisations with similar aims and objectives;

DETERMINED to curtail the unnecessary duplication of efforts and wastage of scarce resources;

RECALLING the directive of the Council of Ministers to the Executive Secretary to study this matter with a view to rationalising the cooperation efforts being made by West African States;

RECALLING resolution No. 9 adopted by the Fifth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the ECA MULPOC for West Africa, held at Banjul in February 1982, requesting the Executive Secretary of ECA to undertake a study on the rationalisation, restructuring and harmonisation of the operations of all West African inter-governmental Organisations with a view to strengthening and accelerating economic cooperation and integration in West Africa, in conformity with the Lagos Plan of Action and the final act of Lagos;

NOTING the statement of the Executive Secretary of ECA delivered to the Sixth Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS to the effect that the study on the rationalisation, restructuring and harmonisation of the operations of West African inter-governmental Organisations will be completed before the end of 1983,

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The Executive Secretary of ECOWAS, in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of ECA, should expedite the finalisation of the study.

ARTICLE 2

That the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat should circulate the study to all Member States as soon as possible, in any case not later than October 31, 1983;

ARTICLE 3

Member States, on receipt of the study shall undertake appropriate consultations among themselves and between themselves and West African inter-governmental organisations with a view to recommending appropriate action to the Seventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS.

ARTICLE 4

The Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS will assist Member States and West African inter-governmental organisations in the consultations.

ARTICLE 5

The Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE AUTHORITY

**H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.**

A/DEC 9/5/83 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The appointment of the firm R. A. DILLSWORTH and Company as External Auditors is hereby renewed for one year up to May 1984.

ARTICLE 2

This decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE AUTHORITY

**H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN**

(b) DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**C/DEC1/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY****THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSCIOUS of the important role that agriculture plays in the socio-economic development of Member States;

CONVINCED that the Regional Agricultural Development Strategy adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government in May, 1982 at Cotonou (cf. A/DEC.4/5/82) necessitates the definition of clear and comprehensive programmes for the implementation of the said Strategy;

AFTER having considered the Report of the First Joint Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture and Ministers of Water Resources and Forestry;

DECIDES**ARTICLE 1**

The following short and medium-term projects for the implementation of the Regional Agricultural Development Strategy are hereby adopted:

I. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**A. PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES**

- Limitation of rural exodus
- Water management programme (small dams and boreholes)
- Animal feed production
- Protection of pasture and farmlands
- Extension programmes on agricultural equipment and improvement of cultivation methods.

B. POST PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Composite Flours.

II. AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL**A. PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES**

- Seed production centres
- Production of fertilizers and pesticides
- Irrigation development programme (large dam projects)
- Applied research
- Training
- Animal health
- (Ndama and Muturu) Cattle breeding stations
- Fishing and pisciculture.

B. POST PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

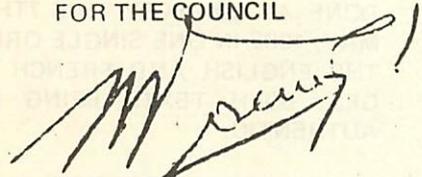
- Food security
- Crop protection

ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE COUNCIL



HONOURABLE MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

C/DEC 2/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS INSURANCE BROWN CARD.**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 40 of the Treaty for the Economic Community of West African States;

MINDFUL of the need to encourage the Free Movement of Goods and Persons between Member States;

HAVING examined the 18-23 April, 1983 Conakry Report of the Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Commission;

DECIDES**ARTICLE 1**

FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS BROWN CARD:

- (a) each Member State shall nominate a National Company or distinct body to play the role of National Bureau,
- (b) each Member State shall establish a National Bureau not later than the 1st of August, 1983,

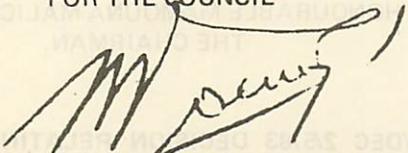
- (c) there shall be established a Council of Bureaux not later than 1st October, 1983,
- (d) each Member State shall ensure the ratification of the Protocol before the 31st of December, 1983, in order for the ECOWAS Insurance Brown Card to enter into force definitively on the 1st of January, 1984.

ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE COUNCIL



HONOURABLE MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

C/DEC 3/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE "REAFFORESTATION DECADE" (1983-1993)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

IN PURSUANCE of the Decisions of Heads of State and Government (A/DEC.2/5/82) on re-afforestation;

CONSCIOUS of the alarming rate of desert encroachment in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING the importance of wood in the overall energy resources of the sub-region;

CONVINCED that no Member State could on its own solve the desertification problem;

DECIDES

ARTICLE I

Priority is hereby given to the following actions:

1. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL:

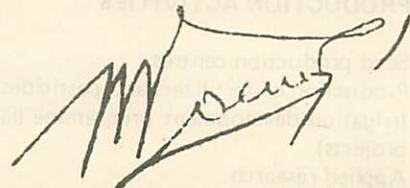
- (i) The control of desertification through reafforestation and paying particular attention among other things to the following:
- (ii) Intensification and adoption of forestry research to reafforestation programme; also improving the exchange of scientific information;
- (iii) Improvement of manpower training, public enlightenment and education;
- (iv) Pooling of the efforts of Member States and those of all specialised bodies of the sub-region with a view to mobilising the necessary funding for the implementation of re-afforestation programmes within the sub-region;
- (v) Harmonisation of forestry development plans of Member States at the sub-regional level;
- (vi) Encouragement and assistance in establishing national forestry fund in each Member State;
- (vii) Organisation of a common front against poaching, and trafficking in trophies and other wildlife parts as part of the campaign to preserve certain species;
- (viii) Triennial meetings to evaluate progress and achievements in the implementation of the "Reafforestation Decade" programme.

ARTICLE 2

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FOR THE COUNCIL



HONOURABLE MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

C/DEC 4/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE DRAWING UP OF PROJECT PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSCIOUS of the need to define clear programmes for the implementation of the regional development policy;

AFTER having considered the report of the First Meeting of Ministers of Planning;

RECOGNISING the need for proper articulation and coordination of project proposals from Member States in various sectors;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The following procedure is hereby adopted for drawing up project programme within the framework of sub-regional cooperation:

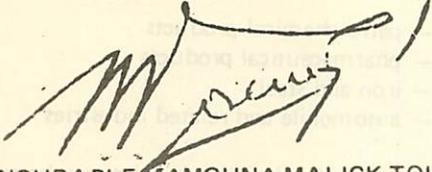
1. All Member States shall forward their proposals with detailed information as required in the Secretariat's call letter dated March 1983.
2. The Permanent Committee for Studies and Research established by Decision A/DEC.6/4/78 shall evaluate all such project proposals using the agreed general guidelines and criteria and make recommendations to the meetings of Planning. Experts and Ministers of Planning. Such recommendations shall be accompanied by detailed information on each projects.
3. The meetings of Experts and Ministers of Planning shall examine the draft programme with a view to ensure its coherence and balance and after its approval, the draft shall be submitted to the Council of Ministers.

ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE COUNCIL



HONOURABLE MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

C/DEC 5/5/83 DECISION RELATING TO GENERAL POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers, and defining its composition and functions;

CONSCIOUS of the need, at this stage of the evolution of the Community to mobilise the necessary resources for socio-economic development of the sub-region;

CONVINCED that the formulation and economic evaluation of projects must be preceded by a clear definition of criteria for the selection of such projects;

TAKING into account Council Decision of November, 1982 concerning the strategy for the development and promotion of projects;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

It is hereby adopted the following general policy guidelines and criteria for the selection of projects:

I GENERAL GUIDELINES

- (i) re-orienting national production and consumption pattern towards the Community Market;
- (ii) a careful selection of sectors and types of production in line with the priorities set by the Community.

At the top of the list of priority sectors to be assisted by the Community are agriculture and agro-industry, communications and industrial infrastructures. With respect to industrial production as a whole, sub-regional development master plans shall be drawn up in the following areas already designated as priority sectors:

- food processing
- processing of agricultural chemicals
- agricultural tools
- construction materials
- wood processing
- telecommunications and electronic products

- petro-chemical products
- pharmaceutical products
- iron and steel
- automobile and related industries

This list of priority industries may be expanded in line with Article 2.2. of Decision C/DEC.3/5/82:

- (iii) Search for a global regional balance: In seeking to reduce the disparities in the levels of development of Member States, a special attention shall be given to the promotion of projects in the less developed Member States.

II. SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Projects submitted for inclusion in the Regional Development Programme shall also satisfy the following objectives:

- Achievement of the objective of collective self-reliance
- Promotion of economic integration and complementarity at both national and Community levels
- Better use of raw materials and natural resources in the sub-region.
- Production of goods and services designed to satisfy the basic needs of the peoples of the sub-region
- Production of intermediate and capital goods to satisfy the needs of priority sectors and industries
- Offer of employment and provision of training opportunities to increase skills and promote the transfer of technology.

ARTICLE 2

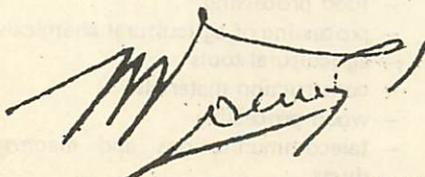
It is to be understood that, apart from the general guidelines and criteria listed above, each project must satisfy the usual viability criterion and the ECOWAS rules of origin.

ARTICLE 3

This Decision comes into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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FOR THE COUNCIL



HONOURABLE MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

DECISION C/DEC 6/5/83 RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN SUB-REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the decision of the United Nations establishing a Women's Decade from 1975 to 1985;

CONSIDERING UN Resolution 332-XIV of 27 March 1979 on the African Development Strategy;

CONVINCED of the need to integrate women in the process of development;

HAVING HEARD the paper presented by the Chairperson of the West African sub-regional Committee for the integration of Women in Development;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

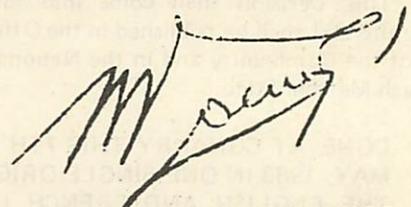
The West African Sub-regional Committee for the integration of Women in Development is hereby granted observer status within the institutions of ECOWAS.

ARTICLE 2

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FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

2. RESOLUTIONS

a. OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

A/RES. 1/5/83 RESOLUTION ON THE OAU. THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

CONSIDERING the difficulties currently confronting the Organisation of African Unity (OAU);

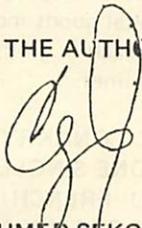
CONSIDERING the position of ECOWAS within this Panafrikan Organisations;

CONVINCED of the need to safeguard the unity of this Organisation;

1. EXPRESSES the unanimous determination of Member States of ECOWAS to do everything possible to overcome the crisis which at present exists in the OAU and to safeguard this Organisation;
2. Resolves, to this end, to respond positively to the appeal made to Heads of State and Government to go to ADDIS ABABA, Capital of the Socialist Republic of Ethiopia, for the 19th Summit of the Organisation scheduled for the period 6-11 June, 1983.
3. Recommends to the current Chairman of the OAU to enlarge the Committee of Twelve (12) in order to explore, on the eve of the Summit, ways and means likely to ensure its success, and thus to strengthen the unity of action sought by all Member States of the continental Organisation.

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FOR THE AUTHORITY



H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

A/RES 2/5/83 RESOLUTION ON THE APPEAL FOR SUPPORT TO CHAD AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

CONSIDERING that representatives of Central African Republic and the Republic of Chad participated as observers at the meeting of the Authority;

CONSIDERING that this participation is a testimony to the common destiny of these States

and ECOWAS;

CONSIDERING the persistent drought and its disastrous effects on the socio-economic development of the West and Central African sub-regions;

MINDFUL of the need to undertake concrete actions with a view to facing these calamities;

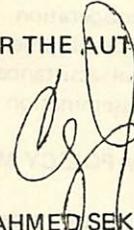
CONSCIOUS of the special difficulties being faced by some Central African States particularly the sister State of Chad with the cumulative effects of drought and war dangerously compromising the future;

DESIROUS of reinforcing the solidarity between ECOWAS Member States and those of other African Sub-Regional Organisations;

APPEALS to the international Community, friendly countries and international organisations for their material support to the most affected States of Africa, particularly Chad and the Central African Republic, which have suffered very badly from the effects of the drought.

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H. E. AHMED SEKOU TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN.

b. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

C/RES 1/5/83 RESOLUTION RELATING TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

CONSCIOUS of the need to define clear programmes for the implementation of the regional development policy;

AFTER having considered the report of the First Meeting of Ministers of Planning;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO PROPOSE TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT;

The adoption of the following development cooperation programme :

I. SHORT-TERM POLICY MEASURES

- exchange of information on important industrial investment projects;
- joint studies with a view to identifying bilateral or multilateral projects;
- search for greater and better technical cooperation through the provision of qualified manpower and training facilities.

II. MEDIUM-TERM POLICY MEASURES

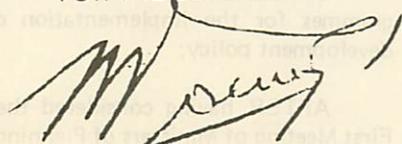
- implementation of identified bilateral or multilateral projects;
- harmonisation of promotional measures for investments and industrial development plans;
- nationalisation of existing industries in the sub-region through specialisation;
- contribution to maximum use of local raw materials and other natural resources, and to the effective economic development of Member States;
- close cooperation in the field of technology development, including training, technical assistance as well as exchange and dissemination of research results.

III. LONG-TERM POLICY MEASURES

- financing of research projects on the transfer and development of new technology;
- formulation of policies and strategies for the development of heavy industries in the ECOWAS sub-region.

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HON. (DR) MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

C/RES 2/5/83 RESOLUTION RELATING TO REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION POLICY**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

- CONSCIOUS of the fact that the process of sub-regional integration presupposes a regional approach to development which involves the integration of markets as well as physical integration;
- AWARE that policies and programmes for the integration of the economies of the sub-region would not be complete without the establishment of an ECOWAS Industrial base;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT :

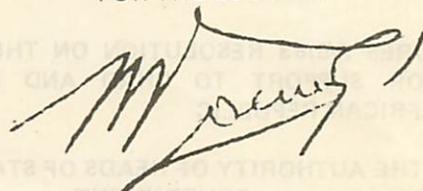
1. The adoption by the Community of a regional approach to industrial development. Such a regional industrial policy should give priority to industries which contribute, within an integrated framework, to the modernisation and development of the following sectors :

- i) rural sector (agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing) in order to achieve self-sufficiency in food and the raising of the standard of living of the rural population;
- ii) transport and communications infrastructure;
- iii) natural resources (including water resources)
- iv) energy.

2. This scheme presupposes the establishment of an industrial base through the promotion of intermediate and capital goods industries on the basis of specialisation by each or groups of Member States in given production lines.

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HON. (DR) MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE
THE CHAIRMAN

C/RES 3/5/83 RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of the request for derogation from the application of the provisions of Article 20 of the ECOWAS Treaty made by CEAO and MRU;

CONSIDERING that the provisions of Article 20 on the most favoured nation treatment enjoins each ECOWAS Member State to extend any tariff concessions granted to a third State to other ECOWAS Member states;

CONSIDERING Decision No. C/DEC 3/11/81 of 26 November, 1981 on studies to be undertaken for the harmonisation of trade liberalisation mechanisms of ECOWAS, CEAO and MRU;

MINDFUL of the results of the deliberations of the meetings of Experts and Chief Executives of the three organisations held in Ouagadougou on the 4th and 7th March, 1983;

MINDFUL of the difference in the objectives of the Treaties of CEAO and ECOWAS;

MINDFUL of the difficulty of harmonising the liberalisation schemes of the two Organisations as a result of these divergencies;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Articles 12 and 13 of the Treaty establishing ECOWAS;

CONSIDERING that, in order to avoid delays in the implementation of the Trade Liberalisation Programme, a strong political decision needs to be taken at the highest level as regards the objectives of the Community;

CONSIDERING the need for solidarity among Member States to work together towards the creation of a Customs Union;

CONSIDERING the imperative need for applying a single Trade Liberalisation Scheme within the sub-region;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO PROPOSE TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

1. To make a strong appeal to the appropriate Authorities of CEAO to merge the aims, aspirations and programmes of CEAO with those of ECOWAS with a view to avoiding duplication of efforts and facilitating total solidarity towards the creation of the Customs Union and Economic Integration envisaged under the ECOWAS Treaty;
2. To give the appropriate mandate to the Exe-

cutive Secretariat to commence, without delay, a programme of implementation of existing decisions among those Member States that subscribe to the ideals and objectives set out under requisite decisions already adopted;

3. To request all Member States to implement the Trade Liberalisation Scheme of ECOWAS in respect of Originating Industrial Products with the following modifications.

I. TRADE COOPERATION OBJECTIVE

In view of the various disparities existing among the countries of the sub-region, total Trade Liberalisation without the rectification of such disparities would adversely affect certain countries without promoting trade or enhancing the economic development of the sub-region. However, because of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action, it is necessary to retain the ultimate objective of Customs Union within the sub-region if West Africa is to respect the provisions of the Continental Programme.

II. TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME

(a) Rules of Origin

The equity participation ratio should be modified as follows :

May 1983	:	20%
May 1986	:	40%
May 1989	:	51%

The earlier ratio it will be recalled was as follows:

May 1981	:	20%
May 1983	:	35%
May 1989	:	51%

(b) Classification of Countries

The countries of the sub-region should be classified into three groups using cumulatively the following criteria :

- the level of industrial development
- the importance of customs revenue in the national budget of the Member States
- problems resulting from lack of accessibility (i.e. transportation problems pertaining particularly to island and land-locked countries).

It is proposed that for the purpose of sub-regional trade, the countries of the sub-region should be classified as follows:

GROUP I : CAPE-VERDE, GUINEA-BISSAU, THE GAMBIA, UPPER VOLTA, MALI, MAURITANIA and NIGER

GROUP II : BENIN, GUINEA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE and TOGO

GROUP III : IVORY VOAST, GHANA, NIGERIA AND SENEGAL

(c) CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS

The following criteria were agreed upon for the selection of priority industrial products which should be subjected to an accelerated tariff elimination.

- (i) the products should be manufactured by industries established in the sub-region and must fall under the agreed priority industrial sectors.
- (ii) the said products should be given preferential treatment either because of social considerations (food, housing, health and hygiene) or economic considerations (contribution to industrialisation, job creation, value added or impact on the economies of the States of the sub-region).
- (iii) the products should satisfy in all case the rules of origin.

(d) THE PERIOD OF TOTAL LIBERALISATION OF TRADE

Considering the provisions of the Lagos Plan of Action which envisages the setting up of an African Common Market by the year 2000 to be preceded by the setting up of sub-regional Common Market by the year 1990, a ten-year period with effect from May 1983 was decided upon for the total liberalisation of trade among the States of the sub-region.

(e) TIME TABLE FOR TARIFF LIBERALISATION

In the light of the above, the following schedule is proposed for the elimination of tariffs:

COUNTRY GROUP G	PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS P1	NON PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS P2
G1: CAPE VERDE, THE GAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSAU, UPPER VOLTA, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER	8 years on the basis of 12.5% reduction each year	10 years on the basis of 10% reduction each year
G2: BENIN, GUINEA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO.	6 years on the basis of 16.66% reduction each year	8 years on the basis of 12.5% reduction each year
G3: IVORY COAST, GHANA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL	4 years on the basis of 25% reduction each year	6 years on the basis of 16.66% reduction each year

Technical arrangements may eventually be made by the appropriate Technical Commission without any further delay in the application of the single trade liberalisation scheme.

III. SUPPORTING MEASURES FOR TRADE LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME

In order to reduce any possible adverse effects of the Trade Liberalisation Programme, the following supporting measures should be implemented.

SUPPORTING MEASURES
SHORT-TERM ACTIONS

1. Compensation scheme
2. Determination of starting rates for tariff reduction
3. Establishment of a Non-Tariff Barriers' Liberalisation Scheme.

MEDIUM-TERM ACTIONS

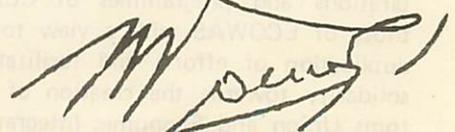
4. Establishment of a Common External Tariff
5. A study on alternative sources of budget financing for Member States.
6. A study on the establishment of a West African Trade Development Bank.
7. A study on the establishment of an Export Credit Insurance system in West Africa.
8. A study on the establishment of a West African Standards Board.
9. A study on payments problems in intra-West African Trade.
10. Working out a coordinated development programme for the sub-region.

LONG-TERM ACTIONS

11. A study on Social and Economic Cost of Integration (problem of resource allocation).

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THE CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDATIONS**OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

A/REC.1/5/83 RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO THE MOBILISATION OF THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION IN THE INTEGRATION PROCESS.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

AWARE of the need to mobilise and involve all sections of the population in the building of the Community;

DETERMINED to harness to the full, the potential of Parliamentarians, the Youth, Women, Workers and University communities and to integrate them in the development process;

RECOMMENDS TO ALL MEMBER STATES

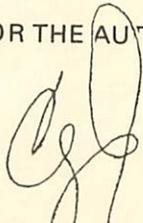
1. To cooperate towards the creation, for the purpose of their effective mobilisation at the sub-regional level :

- A West African Youth Association
- A West African Women's Association
- A West African Labour Association
- A West African Association of Universities and Research Institutions

2. The Executive Secretariat is directed to monitor the effective implementation of this Recommendation.

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4. DIRECTIVES**OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

C/DIR 1/5/83 DIRECTIVE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and function :

DIRECTS

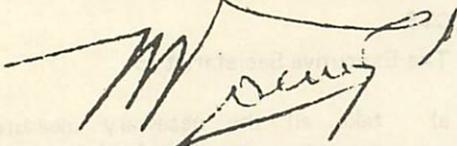
The Executive Secretariat to :

- a) take all the necessary measures to present a printed draft highway code to the next meeting of the Transport Sub-Commission.
- b) undertake with Member States, studies on all the uncompleted portions by using as much as possible, National Consultancy Firms in the construction of the Trans West African Highway before 1988.
- c) stress the needs of Member States in the field of training for road maintenance. This study should lead to the revision of the training programmes of the two Liaising centres if need be.
- d) contact officially, the Federal Government of Nigeria for the choice of a training centre for the English-speaking countries.
- e) examine further the proposals on the toll system, the management and control over funds thus generated.
- f) convene a consultative meeting comprising the Ministerial Conference for West and Central African States on maritime transportation and its specialised agencies, managements of shipping companies and the departments responsible for maritime transportation for countries without shippers' councils to examine the study on the creation of a multinational coastal shipping company.
- g) continue with the study on the cooperation between West African Airlines by determining among other things the areas of intervention that may lead to the establishment of an ECOWAS Airline.
- h) carry out a study on the International Convention on the Law of the Sea in view of the importance to the ECOWAS Member States of the issues involved.
- i) study in collaboration with ECA, the

establishment of a higher institute for Transport within the sub-region for the training of high level manpower in the field of Transport.

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C/DIR 2/5/83- DIRECTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY TELECOMMUNICATION PROGRAMME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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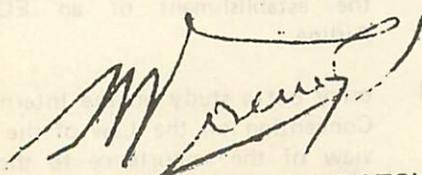
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The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to :

- a) organise, in September, 1983 in Dakar, a Seminar on the management of local networks;
- b) organise in the course of 1984, a Seminar on Telecommunications statistics;
- c) organise a meeting of Heads of Telecommunications Departments to study all the problems which currently exist in the implementation of interstate links, particularly those problems concerning the application of ECOWAS Telephone Tariffs on inter-state links.

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