ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 1 - 3 JULY 1985

FINAL REPORT

I/ INTRODUCTION

1. The Council of Ministers held its seventeenth session from 1 to 3 July 1985 in the Banquet Hall of the Headquarters of the Togolese People's Rally (Maison du RPT) in Lome, Republic of Togo.

2. All Member States were represented :

- People's Republic of Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cape Verde
- Republic of Ivory Coast
- Republic of the Gambia
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Republic of Niger
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Republic of Togo.

The following organisations were also represented as observers :

- Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Mano River Union (MRU)
- Economic Community of West Africa (CEAO)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- European Economic Community (EEC)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

The list of participants is attached as an appendix to this Report.

II. OPENING SESSION

3. The session was opened by Mr. Komla ALIPUI, Honourable Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Republic of Togo. On behalf of His Excellency, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic, and on behalf of the Government and people of Togo, the Honourable Minister welcomed the distinguished delegates and observers participating at this session which coincided with the 10th anniversary of ECOWAS. In his opening speech, the Minister stressed the need to strengthen the collective self-reliance of ECOWAS while ensuring that the resources of the Community are managed efficiently. (The text of the Honourable Minister's speech is attached as an appendix to this Report).

4. In reply to the welcome speech, Major Sory DOUMBOUYA, Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Republic of Guinea and Chairman of Council took the floor

and on behalf of the National Military Recovery Council and the Guinean Government expressed sincere gratitude to General Gnassingbe EYADEMA and to the Government and people of Togo, for their constant willingness to contribute to all matters affecting African unity and particularly the success of ECOWAS.

5. The Honourable Minister pointed out to Council that the main objective of this session should be to look back over the activities so far carried out and reflect with courage and determination on the future of our Community even if for any reason we cannot take stock of the last 10 years of ECOWAS in detail (The speech is attached as an appendix to this Report).

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

6. The following Bureau was elected :

- Chairman : Togo
- Rapporteurs : Ghana and Mali

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

7. The Agenda presented by the Executive Secretariat was amended as follows :

1) Opening Ceremony

i) Welcome address by the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Republic of Togo

ii) Opening speech by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of Guinea, current Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

iii) Election of Chairman of Council of Ministers for the period 1985/1986

iv) Adoption of the Agenda

2) Confirmation of the appointments of the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Fund

3) Oath of allegiance of the Managing Director of the Fund

4) Report of the Executive Secretary

5) Reports of Technical Commissions :

a) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission

b) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

c) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

6) Economic matters

7) Consideration of ways and means for ensuring implementation of decisions by Member States

8) Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions (Fund and Secretariat)

9) Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund

10) Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Commission on Evaluation and Reflection

11) Preparation of the ~~agenda for the Summit of the Authority~~ of Heads of ~~State and Government~~

12. Any other matters

13. Adoption of report and closing ceremony.

CONCLUSIONS OF DELIBERATIONS

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND

8. The Council, in accordance with the powers vested in it, confirmed the appointment of Mr. Mahenta Birima FALL as the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development. Council also decided to submit for the consideration of the Authority the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Momodu MUNU as the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS. To this end, a draft Decision for adoption by the Authority is attached as an appendix to this Report.

ITEM 3: OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND

Mr. Mahenta B. FALL swore an oath of allegiance as Managing Director of the Fund before the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Staff Regulations.

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

10. The Executive Secretary presented his report in which he outlined the progress made by ECOWAS and stressed the difficulties encountered in the implementation of development programmes and projects adopted by the decision-making bodies of the Community. The report also identified the resources necessary for the pursuance of the objectives of the Community and made projections for the future.

11. The Executive Secretary's report focussed on the following four headings :

- economic situation
- activities of the Community
- relations with the outside world
- 1985/86 work programme

12. After congratulating the Executive Secretary for the quality of his report, Council made the following observations:

- On the economic situation of states of the sub-region, Council noted that the report did not mention IMF (International Monetary Fund) interventions in certain Member States, particularly, financial adjustment programmes designed to correct imbalances.

Henceforth, the Executive Secretariat should inform Council of measures taken in this regard in collaboration with the IMF and assess their impact on the economic situation of Member States.

The Secretariat should also outline the various measures to be adopted to overcome the economic crisis in the sub-region.

- Council noted that the report did not sufficiently underscore the deterioration of terms of trade. Export earnings in real terms have remained unchanged despite the increase in the value of the dollar - the major trading currency. Commodity prices keep falling because of international speculation, while the prices of manufactured goods continue to rise.

- Council also observed that the report made no reference to the debt situation, one of the causes of the present stagnation of the economies of Member States. The Executive Secretariat should focus greater attention on the problem of excessive indebtedness of Third World countries particularly ECOWAS Member States. This issue should be examined more thoroughly to find ways and means of alleviating the harmful effects of the crisis on the economic situation of States of the sub-region.

- On economic recovery, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to modify its approach in the implemenation of the relevant programme. In addition to the services of universities, the Executive Secretariat was further directed to resort to experienced practitioners in the field of economic development, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Lagos Plan of Action and Final Act.

- Council requested that the portions of the report relating to the way in which experts of the Ministerial Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee had carried out their work, and to the problem of non-implementation of Acts and Decisions of the Community be presented in a more circumspect manner.

- Council directed that in future the Executive Secretary's report on the co-existence of IGO's in the sub-region be presented in a more acceptable form.

Council took note of the report of the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 5: REPORT OF TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

a) Agriculture, Industry and Natural Resources Commission

13. After presentation of this report by the Secretariat, Council took note of comments made by the Commission concerning

the revision of the studies on Community cattle breeding centres and seed production centres which were to be carried out in 2 phases :

Phase 1 : Study and reinforcement of centres already in operation

Phase 2 : Study of centres yet to be established.

14. On the recommendation relating to emergency aid measures to alleviate the effects of drought and famine in Member States, Council requested that in view of the importance of this item, it should be considered under item 6 of the agenda, that is, Economic matters.

b) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

15. The report and recommendations were presented by the Chairman of the Commission and they were adopted by Council with the following observations :

1) Trade : The Consultation and Coordination Committee responsible for programming Trade Fairs and similar events should, as soon as it is established, compile a list of the various types of Trade Fairs and Commercial events in the sub-region in order to determine those which should be organised at Community level and those which are to be organised at the national level.
The Committee should also outline the type of coordination to be established between the two groups.

2) Customs :

a) Computer Programme

- having taken cognisance of the need to computerise external trade data of Member States, and in view of the fact that the ASYCUDA project could be improved upon, Council

recommended that the Executive Secretariat should take the necessary steps to ensure :

i) that this project becomes more functional and compatible with the systems existing in the other Member States; and

ii) that a more efficient computer system is installed in the Member States.

- As regards the Lome Computer Centre the Secretariat was directed to set up a Committee of Experts to assess the requirements in this area and the cost of establishing the centre. The Secretariat was also requested to draw up the technical specifications in order to enable Council take a decision.

- Concerning the list of industrial enterprises which may have the capacity to export their products to Member States and as a result benefit from the preferential tax applicable to originating Community products, Member States were requested to forward this list to the Executive Secretariat together with the dossiers of the industrial enterprises concerned. These documents would be submitted to a Committee of Experts for examination.

3) Immigration : In the light of the report which was presented by the Commission relating to the application of the provisions of the Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment, Council members were in favour of moving on to the second phase as provided for in the Protocol. However, Nigeria and Liberia expressed reservations on this item, concerning the immediate application of the second phase of the Protocol.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
LOME 1 - 3 JULY 1985

DECISION C/DEC.2/7/85 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS FUND IN LOME REPUBLIC OF TOGO

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC 17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions;

IN ACCORDANCE with Decision No. F-BD/CA-13-84/3B recommending that the financing of the Fund Headquarters be made of 40% from the resources of the Fund and 60% from external loans;

CONSIDERING the meetings of Finance Experts and Committee of Experts of Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee held in Lomé from 16 to 18 May 1985 and 28 June 1985 respectively.

DECIDES:

Article 1. The Fund Management should pursue on-going negotiations with external financial sources for the best terms of financing to enable the Council make a decision during the November 1985 session.

Article 2. The mobilization of funds should be undertaken at the same time as the launching of the tenders.

Article 3. 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.

DONE AT LOME 3 JULY 1985 IN ONE SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN
HON. DR. KOMLA ALIPUI

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME 1 - 3 JULY 1985

DECISION C/DEC.3/7/85 RELATING TO THE CHOICE OF A MODEL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA)

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the Decision of the Heads of State and Government allocating the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat and the Fund to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Togo respectively;

IN ACCORDANCE with Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Heads of State and Government establishing the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community;

CONSIDERING the Report of the Meeting of Experts of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community held from 27 to 30 June, 1985;

DECIDES:

Article 1. The four winning models in order of merit are as follows:

1st Model N° 6	- AIM Consultants (Nig.) Ltd in association with YUSUF MOHAMED Association (Nigeria)
2nd Model N° 1	- A.T.A.I. - R.K. FARA (Togo)
3rd Model N° 15	- EGDOR and Associates (Nigeria)
4th Model N° 11	- Messrs NIGER Consultants (Nigeria)

Article 2. The cost for each project-design shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) billion CFA francs, an amount fixed, and not subject to revision, for the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat at Abuja (Federal Republic of Nigeria).

Article 3. The winner of the competition shall operate within the limits set in Article 2 above while taking into consideration the desired technical and town planning criteria.

Article 4. In the event that the winner of the competition does not fulfill the conditions laid down above, the second bidder shall be retained.

Article 5. 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 COUNCIL

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME 1 - 3 JULY 1985

DECISION C/DEC.3/7/85 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the decision of the Heads of State and Government relating to the allocation of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat and the Fund to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Togo respectively;

IN CONFORMITY with Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of 29 May 1982 of the Heads of State and Government that the construction of the Headquarters of the Secretariat and the Fund in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Togo respectively should be financed by the Community;

FOLLOWING Decision N° C/DEC/6/11/82 of 17 November 1982 of the Council of Ministers stipulating that the same procedure should be followed for the construction of the Headquarters of both Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee at its meeting held in July 1984 in Lagos that the financing for the construction of the Fund Headquarters should be made up of 40% of Fund's resources and 60% loans from friendly financial sources;

DECIDES

Article 1. The Executive Secretariat shall comply strictly with Article 1 paragraph 3 of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82, stipulating

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that preliminary studies relating to the construction of Secretariat Headquarters shall be financed by a loan given by the Fund which will be refundable;

Article 2. The financing for the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat shall be made up of 40% of Fund's resources and 60% to be borrowed on the best possible terms.

Article 3. The method of financing shall be in line with the following objectives:

i) implementation of the architectural contract;

ii) effective participation of firms established in the sub-region;

iii) maximum utilisation of local materials.

Article 4. The total amount to be spent on the construction of Headquarters shall not exceed five (5) billion CFA francs. This amount is not subject to revision.

Article 5. 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 COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN
HON. DR. KOMLA ALIPUI

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 1 - 5 JULY 1985

DECISION C/DEC.5/7/85 RELATING TO THE CHOICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FUND IN LOME REPUBLIC OF TOGO

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the construction of the ead-quarters of the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING the report of the Meeting of the Committee of Experts held in Lomé from 17 to 21 May, 1985;

DECIDES

Article 1. The various companies in the tender for the Project Management Consultant are hereby awarded the following points:

- Associated Consultants, Ghana : 77.97
- Milton & Richards, Liberia : 77.47
- Towry-Coker Associates, Nigeria : 64.65
- Krakue Mercer & Partners, Ghana : 61.65
- Cabinet AUDA Engineering of LOCOH-DONOU, Togo : 58.14
- BCEOM, Togo : 51.90
- Deji Oyenuga & Partners, Nigeria : 27.01

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Article 2. In [illegible] was very little difference between the total points of the first and second firms the Fund shall negotiate with the two firms and choose the lesser bidder.

Article 3. During the negotiations the objectives shall be to ensure that the cost of the Project Management Consultant does not exceed 1% of the total cost of the construction project.

Article 4. The Fund shall contact the first two firms, asking them for proposals which shall include direct cost and additional cost to ensure that the Fund does not meet any other obligations.

Article 5. The winner shall submit all documents in the two official languages (English and French).

Article 6. The Sub-Committee of Experts composed of Benin, Nigeria and Togo shall help the Fund during contract negotiations and the preparation of contracts.

Article 7. 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 COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN
HON. DR. KOMLA ALIPUI

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 1 - 3 JULY 1985

C/DEC 6/7/85 - DECISION RELATING TO THE CHOICE OF CONTROL BUREAU FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS FUND IN LOME, REPUBLIC OF TOGO

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS :

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

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC 17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community,

MINDFUL OF Decision C/DEC 6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING the Report of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions from 27 - 30 June, 1985,

D E C I D E S

Article 1 : SOCOTEC Bureau, Togo, is hereby selected as Control Bureau.

Article 2 : The functions of SOCOTEC shall, among other things, be a ten-year guarantee of technical control and supervision and fire safety.

Article 3 : The cost of all assignments for SOCOTEC shall be negotiated at 0.7% of the total cost of works excluding the cost of road works and other networks.

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Article 4 : 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.

DONE IN LOME ON 3RD JULY 1985

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FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN

HON. DR. KOMLA ALIPUI

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
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WELCOME ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY KOMLA ALIPUI, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO

His Excellency, Chairman of the Council of Ministers
Honourable Ministers
Mr. Executive Secretary
Mr. Managing Director of the Fund
Distinguished Delegates
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yesterday, the people of Togo, united behind their Government and the Founding Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally and President of the Republic of Togo, His Excellency General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, had great pleasure and indeed felt honoured in hosting the meetings of the Technical Commissions, the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of our Institutions and the Board of Directors. Today, we have the same pleasure and feel equally honoured to host the current session of the Council of Ministers of our Community, ECOWAS.

It could not have been otherwise since this is an Organisation to which our Heads of State and Government have entrusted the responsibility of translating into reality the hopes of the inhabitants of the sub-region while strengthening our collective autonomy in a world which is becoming increasingly ruthless to the weak and forsaken and impenetrable to the fundamental virtues of solidarity and mutual assistance.

Honourable Ministers, distinguished Delegates, it is in view of the foregoing that I would first of all like to avail myself of this opportunity to welcome you to Togo, a land of dialogue and concertation on behalf of the Founding Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA.

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Honourable Ministers, allow me on behalf of all of us to pay a well-deserved tribute to the Chairman of our Council, Honourable Minister Sory DOUMBOUYA who has always conducted the meetings of our Council with competence and foresight.

The results of the preliminary discussions in preparation for our Council meeting will soon be submitted for our consideration. In examining them, we must bear in mind the internationa economic climate which has increased the constraints on the Third World, particularly our Continent, and worsened the inflexibility of a harsh system which is becoming increasingly unjust and unbearable. Added to that are the devastating effects of imported inflation and excessive indebtedness.

To make matters worse, implacable nature, through drought, has been devastating daily the majority of Member States of our Community.

Faced with all these challenges, we must take bold and judicious decisions to rekindle the hopes of our people raised ten years ago at the inception of ECOWAS.

This anniversary must be an occasion for us to evaluate our past activities and exchange ideas on future activities, as well as changes to be made where necessary.

Futhermore, our major concern must be the sound management of all the resources which our people are toiling to make available to the Institutions of our Community, for it would be intolerable to let reprehensible negligence and waste prevail in ECOWAS Institutions whereas at national level strict accountability in resource management is the order of the day.

Your Excellency, honourable Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

it is my ardent hope that these crucial observations will be the guiding principles in our deliberations which, I daresay will take place in the Community spirit which has always prevailed.

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Convinced that the ~~results of our deliberations~~ will reflect the desire of our peoples to live together, I wish to reaffirm, on behalf of the Founding Chairman of the RPT, President of the Republic, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, the Togolese People's faith in ECOWAS.

17TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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17è SESSION DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES
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c) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

16. Council took note of the Report of the Commission, which dealt mainly with cooperation in petroleum and petroleum products. It was however pointed out that, as a general rule, when experts of the Community are commissioned to carry out studies, they should also consider technical aspects and the resources necessary for the implementation of the proposed recommendations. Council therefore requested that the document be improved through :

i) a country by country evaluation survey of all projects identified;

ii) identification of the ways and means necessary for the implementation of such projects.

ITEM 6: ECONOMIC ISSUES

17. Since no documents were submitted on this item, the various delegations exchanged views on the continued deterioration of the economic situation in the sub-region, characterised by :

i) Drought and desert encroachment which are afflicting virtually all Member States, particularly the Sahelian States which are suffering from considerable grain deficits.

ii) External debt problems of Member States, which are hampering economic development, since debt servicing takes up a large part of export revenue.

iii) Low level of agricultural development.

iv) The participation of the IMF in the preparation of financial programmes of certain Member States.

18. In this connection, Council recalled the text of the Lome Resolution A/RES.1/11/84 on economic recovery in which the Heads of State and Government decided to adopt a common position on the economic crisis currently afflicting the sub-region. The Resolution also recommends ways and means of overcoming the crisis through concerted Community policies and programmes which will cover all areas of economic activity.

19. It was pointed out that, in order to make this Resolution effective, the Authority decided to set up an Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee to examine all the problems relating to the crisis.

20. Council observed that this Committee had not yet been set up and designated the following Member States as members :

- Chairman : TOGO
- Members : BURKINA
  GHANA
  NIGERIA
  SENEGAL

21. Council also decided that henceforth economic issues should always be included on the agenda of each of its sessions as a matter of course. The Executive Secretariat was directed to take the necessary steps to ensure that this is done.

22. Council appealed to all Member States to adopt a common position on all issues to be discussed during the next Economic Summit of Heads of State and Government of the OAU which is scheduled to take place from 18 to 20 July 1985 in ADDIS-ABABA.

ITEM 7: CONSIDERATION OF WAYS AND MEANS OF ENSURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS BY MEMBER STATES

23. Council took note of the Memorandum presented by the Executive Secretariat on the extent to which Member States had honoured their commitments to the Community.

The following observations were made :

- The Executive Secretariat was directed to update the document indicating the status of ratification of Protocols and Conventions attached to the Memorandum, in view of the new information supplied by some Member States.

- Council rejected the proposal to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to assist the Secretariat in the prompt implementation of Community Acts and Decisions. An appeal was however made to Member States to establish national structures for the coordination and monitoring of ECOWAS affairs in States where such structures do not exist and to endow these units with adequate resources to enable them carry out the tasks assigned to them effectively.

- Council urged all Member States to implement Community Acts and Decisions.

- To avoid delay in payment of contributions, the Executive Secretariat was directed to contact Member States with a view to establishing a time-table for payments which would enable the countries to pay up their arrears by instalments.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF THE AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF INSTITUTIONAL HEADQUARTERS (FUND AND SECRETARIAT)

24. On the construction of the headquarters of the Secretariat, Council approved the gradings based on merit for the four designs selected by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee as follows :

GRADING	PROJECT N°	POINTS	MAY 1985 COST	OBSERVATIONS
1	6	84.54	30.069.053 Naira or 20.074.417.628 CFA	Estimated cost included equip for the Conference hall
2	1	74.20	9.500.000 $ or 4.452.156.900 CFA	No details on the the cost of equipments
3	15	63.39	35.000.000 Naira or 24.297.800.000 CFA	"
4	11	55.58	17.354.351 Naira or 12.047.675.570 CFA	"

25. Council examined project costs at length and decided to fix a maximum of 5 Billion F CFA and not subject to revision for the construction of the headquarters of the Executive Secretariat in ABUJA (Federal Republic of Nigeria) in view of the difficult economic situation prevailing in the Member States.

26. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to instruct the winner of the competition to operate within the limits of the amount approved without jeopardising the desired technical and town planning criteria.

Should the winner reject these proposals, the second bidder should be selected for the construction works.

27. Council also arrived at the following results after opening tenders for the construction.

1. Model N° 6 : AIM Consultants (Nig) Limited in Association with YUSUF MOHAMED Association (Nigeria).

2. Model N° 1 : A.T.A.I. - R.K. FARA (TOGO)

3. Model N° 15 : EGBOR and Associates (Nigeria)

4. Model N° 11 : Messrs NIGER Consultants (Nigeria)

28. The financing scheme for the construction of the headquarters of the Executive Secretariat would be the same as for the Fund i.e. 40% from the Fund's resources and 60% to be borrowed on the best possible terms.

29. As regards the construction of the headquarters of the Fund, Council adopted the report of the Ministerial ad hoc committee and amended the recommendation relating to the financing of the construction. Council directed that the management of the Fund should continue with on-going negotiations with a view to obtaining loans under the most advantageous conditions.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FUND

30. Council adopted the Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund and decided that the Recommendation on external financing of the Fund Headquarters should be amended in accordance with the recommendation of the Board which directs

the Fund Management to pursue on-going negotiations with external financial sources to ensure the best terms of financing.

ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMISSION ON EVALUATION

31. This item was discussed in a closed session.

ITEM 11: PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

32. The draft agenda submitted by the Executive Secretariat was adopted and is attached as an appendix.

ITEM 12: OTHER MATTERS

33. The Executive Secretariat informed Council that the terms of office of the Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs) and the Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) would be expiring in July and in September 1985 respectively.

34. The Executive Secretary also informed Council of the appointment of Mr. Ahmed HAIBA of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the post of External Auditor.

ADOPTION OF REPORT

35. This report was adopted.

36. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Yaovi ADODO, the Togo Minister for Planning and Industry, standing as Chairman of Council for the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, Mr. Komla ALIPUI ~~expressed his gratitude~~

~~to the Honourable~~ Ministers and delegates for the high quality of work done. He congratulated the Managing Director of the Fund on his appointment and confirmation. He then re-affirmed the need to strengthen sub-regional cooperation to ensure a better future for our people, since ECOWAS provides the ideal framework for economic integration.

DONE AT LOME, 3RD JULY 1985

FOR THE COUNCIL

HON. DR. KOMLA ALIPUI
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, JULY 1 - 3,1985

VOTE OF THANKS

The 17th Session of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) meeting in Lome from 1st to 3rd July 1985 expresses its gratitude to His Excellency General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, Founder-Chairman of the Togolese People:s Rally, President of the Republic, to the people and Government of Togo for the warm welcome accorded to the Council and for the facilities made available for the success of its deliberations.

DONE AT LOME THIS 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1985

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
LOME 1 AND 3 JULY 1985

DECISION C/DEC.1/7/85 OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL

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

MINDFUL of Article 28 paragraph 1 of the Protocol relating to the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development of the Economic Community of West African States and to the appointment of the Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund,

MINDFUL of the Final Communiqué of the 7th Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Lomé on 22 and 23 November 1984 offering the post of Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund to the Republic of Senegal;

MINDFUL of letter No. 82/MF/CAB dated 25 January 1985 by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of ECOWAS appointing Mr. Mahenta Birima FALL as Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund with effect from 1 January 1985 for a probationary period of six months;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Mahenta Birima FALL has accomplished with satisfaction the six months probation period referred to above;

DECIDES:

Article 1. The appointment of Mr. Mahenta Birima FALL as Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund is hereby confirmed with effect from 1 January 1985.

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Article 2. 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.

DONE AT LOME 3 JULY 1985 IN ONE SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN
HON. DR. KOMLA ALIPUI