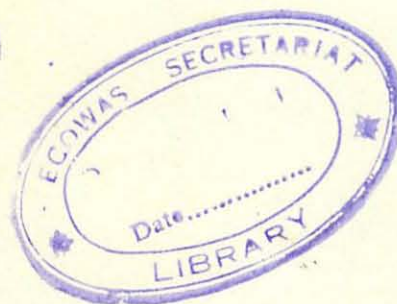
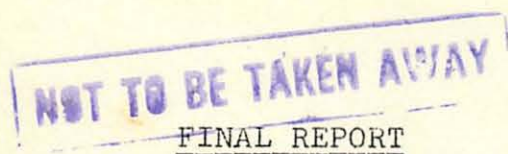


ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

18TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER 1985



I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held its 18th Session from 25 to 29 November, 1985, at the HOTEL DU 2 FEVRIER in Lomé, Republic of Togo.

2. The following Member States were represented:

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

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3. The West African Health Community was also present as an observer.

The list of participants is attached to this Report.

II. OPENING SESSION

NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY

4. The Session was opened by Honourable Komlan ALIPUI, Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Togo, and outgoing Chairman of the Council of Ministers. Honourable ALIPUI welcomed delegates to this Session on behalf of His Excellency General GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic, the Government and the people of Togo. He made a brief report on the activities of the Community underscoring particularly the rationalisation of resource management and the need to adopt an economic development strategy capable of assisting Member States in finding a definite solution to the problems of external indebtedness and drought within the framework of the Economic Recovery Programme.

5. He appealed to Member States to honour their obligations vis-a-vis the two Institutions of the Community and in particular the payment of contributions to the operational budget of the Executive Secretariat now facing a serious financial problem arising from the non-payment of contributions over many consecutive years. (The speech of the Honourable Minister is attached to this Report as an Annex).

6. The Executive Secretary of ECO-WAS, Alhaji Momodu MUNU, informed Honourable Ministers and delegates that during the last meeting of Council, Togo was elected Chairman and that a few days later Nigeria was elected Chairman of the Authority and that, in keeping with practice, Nigeria should take over as Chairman of Council. He then invited

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Honourable Dr. Chu S.P. OKONGWU, leader of the Nigerian delegation and Minister of National Planning of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to take the chair.

7. The new Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Honourable Dr. Chu S.P. OKONGWU, expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Government and the People of Nigeria to his distinguished colleagues for electing Nigeria Chairman of Council. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to His Excellency President GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic, the Government and the People of Togo for hosting this Council meeting.

8. The Chairman of the Council appealed to Community Institutions to cooperate more closely with a view to helping the economies of Member States to get out of their difficulties and reiterated the commitment and the readiness of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to give the necessary moral and material support within the limits of its resources. The Chairman assured the Member States of his total commitment and promised to do whatever was within his power to defend the interests of the Community during his tenure of office. (The speech of the Honourable Minister is attached to this Report as an Annex).

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

9. The following Bureau was elected:

- Chairman : Nigeria
- Rapporteurs: Niger
Sierra Leone

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

10. The Agenda presented by the Executive Secretariat was amended and adopted as follows:

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1. Report of the Executive Secretary
2. Reports by Member States on the implementation of Community decisions
3. Reports of Technical Committees and Commissions
 - a) ECOWAS Committee of Finance Experts;
 - b) Memorandum on the Status Report relating to directives on telephone bills, school fees and furniture for Statutory Officers;
 - c) Transport, Communications and Energy.
4. Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund
5. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Economic Recovery
6. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions
7. Appointments of Deputy Executive Secretaries and Deputy Managing Director, and Taking of Oath of Office
8. Any Other Business.

V. RESULTS OF PROCEEDINGS

Item 1: Report of the Executive Secretary

11. The Executive Secretary presented the report of his activities covering the period of July to November, 1985.

12. After reviewing the African and World Economic situation in 1985, emphasis was laid on action undertaken by economic sectors: Customs and Trade Cooperation, Immigration, Monetary Cooperation, Industrial Cooperation, Cooperation in the area of Transport, Communications, Energy, Social and Cultural Cooperation, Economic Recovery and the rationalisation of Inter-governmental Organisations.

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13. Work programmes for 1986 were presented by sector of activity.

14. The Report underscored the precarious financial situation of the Executive Secretariat as a result of an accumulation of contributions arrears to the operational budgets from 1979 to 1985 for a total amount of 10,186,338 UA.

15. The Report in referring to administrative and institutional issues mentioned the assumption of duty of the two new Deputy Executive Secretaries (Messrs Kadre Desiré OUEDRAOGO and Adelino Mano QUETA) and three other Professional Staff, as well as the nomination of Mr. Mustapha A.B. KAH as the Deputy Managing Director of the Fund. The Report also drew attention to the expiry of the terms of offices of the Financial Controller (Mr. Isaac O. ADEYALE) and Mr. Souradjou IBRAHIM, Deputy Managing Director of the Fund.

16. The Executive Secretary introduced the new Statutory Appointees to the Council of Ministers and expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Officials for their contribution to the task of integration in West Africa.

17. The Executive Secretary reminded Council that Niger is yet to forward the name of the new Financial Controller who should assume duty on 1st December, 1985.

18. After discussions on the issues, Council took note of the Report and made the following criticisms and observations:

- (i) The Report is quite an improvement on previous ones especially if account is taken of the time during which it had to be written.
- (ii) The Work Programme presented was not suitable.

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- (iii) As a document on an Organisation such as ECOWAS with 16 Member States which are conscious of their individual and collective credibility, the Report contains a number of inadequacies. In fact, it does not comply with the directives of the 17th session of Council of Ministers.
- (iv) The Report of the Executive Secretary should have contained an assessment of the economic situation of the sub-region in relation to fixed targets, the level of realisation of sectoral objectives, and should also have contained detailed economic and budgetary data for the assessment of actual progress or setbacks of the Community.
- (v) Outside this Report, the Executive Secretary should endeavour to master Community objectives to organise his departments so as to ensure a permanent control on the responsibilities entrusted to them by the Decision-Making Authorities of the Community.
- (vi) Furthermore, the Executive Secretary should work with the Council of Ministers to create and sustain a community faith based on the need for a much wider economic territory which is the only guarantee for the survival of the West African people. Consequently, it is important that Member States honour their various obligations vis-a-vis the Community particularly in respect of contributions to the budget and meeting the appropriate logistics and manpower requirements of the Community.

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- (vii) Another requirement is to redefine areas of Community action in relation to efforts made by Member States themselves. Studies and development activities will be more successful and achieved in a timely manner if they take into account the realities of Member States, without wasting resources; concrete development action should be undertaken with minimum resort to foreign consultants.
- (viii) A more realistic method should be adopted in the conceptualisation of projects and programmes; this should be done within the context of the capacity of Member States to contribute including the least developed countries, before any other parameter is used.
- (ix) The necessary measure must be taken by the Executive Secretariat to forward the Official Journal of the Community as well as copies of acts and decisions of Community regularly to Member States.
- (x) In order to find a solution to the problem of arrears of contributions to the Budget, the Executive Secretariat in collaboration with the Chairman of Council should undertake a tour of the Member States concerned in order to arrive at firm and realistic commitments.

Item 2: Reports by Member States on implementation of Community Decisions

19. The Council heard the reports presented by Member States on the ratification of protocols and the implementation of Community Acts including their contributions to the Secretariat budget and the ECOWAS Fund.

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20. The Council directed:

- (i) that the Executive Secretariat should forward to Member States copies of the originals of Community Acts requiring ratification ;
- (ii) that the Executive Secretariat should prepare this agenda better by compiling a comprehensive list of Community Acts and Decisions for ratification and application in the Member States and by preparing a detailed questionnaire for Member States in order to obtain their observations on conditions of application. This would make it possible to have a more fruitful exchange of experiences;
- (iii) that the Executive Secretariat and the Fund should use the most appropriate methods for the sending of documents to Member States, at least one month in advance;
- (iv) that on the arrears of contributions to the budget of Community Institutions, the Chairman of Council of Ministers will lead a delegation to the Member States concerned with the view to negotiating a time-table for payment that must be complied with;
- (v) that the Executive Secretariat should continue to examine the possibility of applying appropriate measures (such as the withdrawal of the right of speech, the application of interest surcharges and other sanctions for delay in payment of arrears) to prompt Member States to honour their financial commitments vis-a-vis the Community. All factors in favour or against such methods should be taken into account in formulating the proposals to be submitted to the next Session of Council.

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Item 3: Reports of Technical Committees and Commissions

3. (A): Report of the Committee of Finance Experts

21. After listening to the report presented by the Chairman of the Committee of Finance Experts, Council adopted it and took the following decisions:

- (i) Council directed the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of Legal Experts as previously mandated to study the texts of relevant documents with a view to clarifying and harmonising the relationship between the ECOWAS Fund and the Executive Secretariat and make recommendations to Council.
- (ii) Council directed that in future the Executive Secretariat should present a Work Programme along with its annual budget proposals to the Committee of Finance Experts.
- (iii) Council recognised the need to review the directive that Community officials may not stay in a hotel for more than three months. In the meantime it was decided that, on humanitarian grounds, this time limit may be exceeded. Furthermore, Council appealed to the host governments to assist the institutions of the Community to obtain staff residential quarters as early as possible.
- (iv) Council directed that, in future, the Reports of the Financial Controller and the External Auditor should be presented to Council, with the comments of the Committee of Finance Experts.
- (v) Council directed that the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection should report its findings to the next session of the Council of Ministers in May, 1986.

- (vi) In view of the prevailing financial difficulties confronting the Executive Secretariat, Council authorized the ECOWAS Fund to grant interim advances to the Executive Secretariat on the understanding that the advances will be repaid when contributions are received from Member States, provided that such advances do not exceed UA 250,000.

Both the Executive Secretariat and the Fund should report to the Chairman on the utilization and repayment of such advances for information of Council.

Council is of the view that such an arrangement is to be temporary and should not be institutionalised.

Council considered that the fundamental problem of financing the budget of the Executive Secretariat should be referred to the Authority after adequate study.

- (vii) Council approved the budget of the Secretariat for 1986 which amounted to five million, five hundred and twenty-two thousand, one hundred and seventy-four Units of Account (5,522,174 UA) representing a reduction of 7.64% in comparison with the budget approved for 1985.

22. Council also approved the Executive Secretariat accounts for 1983 and 1984 financial years, as certified by the External Auditors. The Executive Secretariat and the Management of the Fund were directed to study critically the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting procedures and suggest amendments. Consequently, the recommendation of the Financial Experts on this issue was not adopted.

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3. (B): Memorandum on the Status Report relating to Council Directives on Telephone Bills, School Fees and Furniture for Statutory Officers

23. The Executive Secretary summarised the document to Council.

24. Council, however, decided to defer its consideration pending its presentation to the Committee of Financial Experts in accordance with laid-down procedures of the Community.

3. (C): I - Report of the Transport Sub-Commission

25. The Chairman of the Transport Sub-Commission presented the report of the meeting held in Lome from 18 to 20 November, 1985.

26. After discussing Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 attached to the Report and taking decisions thereon, Council decided to defer further consideration of the document to allow Member States enough time to examine the issues raised therein.

II - Report of the Telecommunication Sub-Commission

27. This document was given to Delegates at the same time as the report of the Transport Sub-Commission and for the same reason its consideration was deferred to the next Session of Council.

Item 4: Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund

28. After the presentation of the Report by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, questions were asked on the assets and commitments of the Fund. The Managing Director furnished information on these issues.

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29. Council directed that the Committee of Finance Experts should be convened to reflect on the financial structure of the Fund - implications of commitments of the Fund on the budget and the capital of the Institution - and to report to the next session of Council. Council adopted the Report of the Board of Directors which contains the 1986 operational budget of the Fund, fixed at 3,750,951 UA as revenue and 3,010,312 UA as expenditure (the surplus of 740,639 UA is to be put in the reserve account) and an investment budget of 24,221,664 UA.

30. At the suggestion of the External Auditor, the accounts of the Fund for the 1983 and 1984 financial years were approved.

Item 5: Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Economic Recovery

31. The Chairman of the Committee informed Council of the existence of two reports on this issue: one from the Executive Secretariat and the other from the ICOWAS Fund.

32. Considering that economic practitioners from Member States were not associated with the drafting of these documents, as has been directed by Council of Ministers, it was suggested that Council should defer consideration of this item.

33. Council adopted the following Work Programme on Economic Recovery that was put forward by the Executive Secretariat:

- (i) Meeting of Experts of Member States: January 1986
- (ii) Meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee:
January, 1986
- (iii) Extra-ordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers,
as soon as the Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial
Committee is ready, to adopt Phase I of the
Economic Recovery Programme.

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- (iv) Phase II of the Recovery Programme: formulation of Investment Programme
- (v) Phase III of the Recovery Programme: implementation including International Conference on mode of implementation.

34. Council insisted that the programme to be initiated should as much as possible closely reflect the concrete development needs of the economies of Member States.

Item 6: Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of Headquarters of Community Institutions.

35. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the construction of the Headquarters of the institutions of the Community presented the report of the Committee on the construction of the Headquarters of the Fund.

36. Council adopted the Report as well as the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee.

Item 7: Appointment of Deputy Executive Secretaries and Deputy Managing Director - Swearing-in.

37. The Executive Secretariat presented a memorandum on the appointment of Messrs K.D. OUEDRAOGO, A.M. QUETA and M.A.B. KAH to the posts of Deputy Executive Secretaries for Economic Affairs, Administration and Deputy Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund respectively.

38. Council appointed the two Deputy Executive Secretaries who took the Oath of Office in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Community Staff Regulations.

39. Mr. Mustapha A.B. KAH, nominated by the Government of The Gambia, was appointed to the post of Deputy Managing Director of the Fund as from the 1st of December, 1985. Mr. KAH was later presented to Council.

Item 8: Any Other Business

40. The Chairman called on Council members to reflect on the issue of ways to ensure that candidates nominated to fill statutory posts are of very high calibre and comparable to those of similar international institutions.

Item 9: Adoption of the Report

41. The Report was adopted.

Closing Session

42. A vote of thanks for the Government and People of Togo for their hospitality was moved and adopted.

43. The Chairman of Council thanked his colleagues and all the delegates for showing a spirit of cooperation in bringing this Council session to a successful close. He repeated his determination to ensure that the Community functions smoothly, during the coming year. The Executive Secretary expressed his gratitude to honourable members of Council and paid a special tribute to the Chairman and the Togolese Ministers for Economy and Finance, Planning and Foreign Affairs who cooperated together to get this session of Council out of a difficult situation.

44. The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

DONE AT LOME, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1985.

FOR THE COUNCIL



THE CHAIRMAN
DR. CHU S.P. OKONGWU

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29. NOVEMBER, 1985

V O T E O F T H A N K S

The Council of Ministers meeting at its Eighteenth Session in Lome from 25 to 29 November, 1985, wishes to express its profound gratitude to His Excellency General GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, Founding Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic of Togo, the Government and People of Togo for the warm hospitality and for the facilities placed at its disposal for the success of its deliberations.

LOME, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1985

THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

18TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER, 1985

DECISION C/DEC.1/11/85 RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE 1983 AND 1984 FISCAL YEARS

The Council of Ministers,

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

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the External Auditor,

D E C I D E S :

Article 1: The accounts of the Community (ECOWAS Secretariat
and FUND) and the consolidated accounts for 1983
and 1984 fiscal years are approved.

Article 2: This decision shall enter into force upon signa-
ture and shall be published in the Official
Journal of the Community and the Gazette of
each Member State.

Done at Lome, this 29th day of November, 1985

For the Council of Ministers



HON. DR. CHU S. P. OKONGWU
THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

18TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER, 1985

DECISION C/DEC 2/11/85 ON THE ADOPTING OF THE BUDGET
OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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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 the provisions of Article 53 of the Treaty relating to the Community budget ;

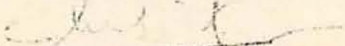
HEREBY DECIDES :

Article 1: The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the year 1986 is hereby fixed at the sum of five million, five hundred and twenty-two thousand, one hundred and seventy-four units of account (5, 552, 174 UA).

Article 2: This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Lome, this 29th day of November, 1985

For the Council of Ministers


Hon Dr CHU S.P. OKONGWU

Chairman

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER 1985

C/DEC..3./11/85 DECISION RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF
THE TENDER DOCUMENTS AND THE FINANCING OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS FUND IN
LOME, REPUBLIC OF TOGO

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Treaty of ECOWAS 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 Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for the Construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions held in Lome on 21st November, 1985 ;

DECIDES

Article 1 : The tender documents are hereby approved.

Article 2 : The Architect, Pierre GOUDIABY ATEPA, is hereby requested to amend the tender documents in accordance with the recommendations of the Experts of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS Institutions held in Lome from 4th to 10th November 1985.

Article 3 : The Management of the Fund is hereby directed:

- a) to convene a meeting of the Experts of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community to approve the tender documents amended by the Architect in accordance with the decisions taken.
- b) to continue on-going negotiations with a view to securing a loan which will be in line with the criteria defined by the Council of Ministers in July 1985, namely:
 - execution of works under General Contract
 - tender limited to firms established in the Community
 - execution of the architectural contract within the proscribed period
 - effective participation of firms established in the Community
 - maximum utilization of local materials.
- c) pending finalisation of negotiations, to commence the works using 40% of the cost of the project to be borne by the Fund, with the aim of meeting the deadline fixed by the Council of Ministers ;
- d) to submit proposals accompanied by detailed computations to the May 1986 Session of the Board of Directors so that the Board may make a final decision on the financing institutions to be chosen for the remaining 60% of the cost of the project. These proposals should be sent to Member-States of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community at least one month before the Meeting of the Experts of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee ;

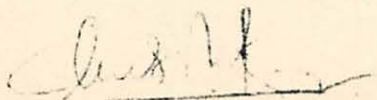
Article 4: The following schedule for the Construction of the Fund:

- 15th to 30th November, 1985:
Publication of Pre-selection notice
- Period for submission of applications:
30 November to 30 December 1985
- 14 to 18 January, 1986:
Meeting of the Pre-selection Committee
- 30 January to 31 March 1986:
Launching of Invitation to Tender
- Deadline for the submission of tenders:
31 March, 1986 at 11 a.m.
- Opening of tenders: 31 March, 3 p.m.
- Evaluation of tenders:
31 March - 30 April, 1986
- Contract negotiations: 2 to 31 May, 1986
- Signing of Contract : Not later than 31 May, 1986
- Commencement of works : 2 June, 1986
- Completion of works : 2 June, 1988

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.

DONE AT LOME, THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1985

FOR THE COUNCIL



HON. DR. CHU S.P. OKONGWU
THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

18TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER 1985

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DECISION C/DEC.4/11/85 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR DESIRE KADRE OUEDRAGO AS THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY(ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES.

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 8 of the said Treaty on the appointment of Statutory Officers ;

MINDFUL of Decision DEC.5.11.84 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 23 November 1984 on the distribution of statutory posts which allocated the post of Deputy Executive Secretary(Economic Affairs) to Burkina Faso ;

CONSIDERING that the Government of Burkina Faso nominated Mr. Désiré Kadré OUEDRAGO for the post of Deputy Executive Secretary of the Community ;

MINDFUL of the letter of the current Chairman of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers dated 28 October 1985 on the appointment of Mr. Désiré Kadré OUEDRAGO as Deputy Executive Secretary(Economic Affairs) of the Community ;

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1

MR. DESIRE KADRE OUEDRAOGO is hereby appointed Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs) of the Economic Community of West African States from 7th September, 1985.

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 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1985

FOR THE COUNCIL



HON. DR. CHU S. P. OKONGWU
THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

18TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER 1985

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DECISION C/DEC 5/11/85 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ADELINO MANO QUETA AS THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES.

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 8 of the said Treaty on the appointment of Statutory Officers ;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC5/11/84 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 23 November 1984 on the distribution of statutory posts which allocated the post of Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) to the Republic of Guinea Bissau ;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau nominated Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA for the post of Deputy Executive Secretary of the Community ;

MINDFUL of the letter of the current Chairman of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers dated 28 October 1985 on the appointment of Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA as Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) of the Community;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA is hereby appointed Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) of the Economic Community of West African States from 12th September, 1985.

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, 29th Day of November, 1985

FOR THE COUNCIL



HON. DR. CHU S. P. OKONGWU
THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

18TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER, 1985

DECISION C/DEC.6/11/85 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
MR. MUSTAPHA A. B. KAH AS THE DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF
THE FUND FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

The Council of Ministers,

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

MINDFUL of Article 28 of the Protocol creating the Fund;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/11/85 of the Authority of
Heads of State and Government dated 23 November 1984 on the
distribution of statutory posts and the allocation of the
post of Deputy Managing Director of the Fund to the Gambia;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the Republic of
the Gambia nominated Mr. Mustapha A. B. KAH for the post of
Deputy Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund.

D E S I R E S

ARTICLE 1 :

Mr. Mustapha A.B. Kah is hereby appointed Deputy Managing Director of the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development from 1st December, 1985.

ARTICLE 2:

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

Done at Lome this 29th Day of November, 1985

FOR THE COUNCIL



H.E. CHU S.P. OKONGWU

CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

LOME, 25 - 29 NOVEMBER 1985

DECISION C/DEC.7/11/85 ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FUND IN
THE FINANCING OF THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

- MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing
the Council of Ministers and defining its compo-
sition and functions,
- CONSIDERING the cash flow problems encountered by the
Executive Secretariat due to the fact that certain
Member States have not fulfilled their their
financial obligations to the Community,
- HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Finance Experts,

D E C I D E S

Article 4:- The ECOWAS Fund is hereby authorised to grant
to the Executive Secretariat, for its 1986 ope-
rational budget, an interim advance of the sum
of 250,000 UA.

Article 2: The Executive Secretariat shall refund this
advance through contributions, from Member States,
as and when they pay to the operational budget.

Article 3 : A thorough study shall be carried out on the
financing of the operational budget of the
Executive Secretariat. The findings of this
study shall be submitted to the authority of
Heads of State and Government for their decision.

Article 4 : This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the official Gazette of each Member State.

Done at LOME, this 29th day of November 1985

FOR THE COUNCIL



HON. DR. CHU S.P. OKONGWU

CHAIRMAN

Done...

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

18TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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LOME, 25 - 27 NOVEMBER 1985

Honourable Ministers,
Distinguished Executive Secretary,
Distinguished Managing Director of the Fund,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Some days ago, when, with such enthusiasm, we welcomed the various statutory commissions, the technical Ad Hoc Committees, the Board of Directors of the Fund and, today, the Council of Ministers of our Community, the Togolese people, united behind the Government of General Gnassingbe Eyadema, Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Republic, wished to demonstrate our great pleasure at this opportunity to open wide our arms and our heart to receive you, worthy representatives of sister states united in ECOWAS, the future hope of the peoples of the whole West African sub-region.

The situation cannot be otherwise, since this Community was set up by our Heads of State and Government to transform the economic and socio-cultural image of West Africa and to translate the hopes of the peoples of the sub-region into reality by reaffirming our unity and our collective autonomy in a pitiless world which has increasingly less regard for the essential virtues of mutual aid and solidarity.

This is why, Honourable Ministers, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to carry out the pleasant duty assigned to me by the President of the Republic of Togo, that of welcoming you to Togo, a meeting point for harmonious cooperation.

Dear Colleagues, when, in July 1985, you appointed me Chairman of our Council, certain programmes were to be continued and others needed to be initiated.

Thus the work on the INTELCOM I project Phases A and B is going on smoothly, as is the work on the Trans West African road network.

As regards the construction of the headquarters of the Fund of our Community, contracts have been signed with the Project Management Consultant and the company responsible for the technical supervision of the project.

Furthermore, the tender documents have been approved and with the adoption of the time-table for the implementation of the project I can tell you that construction work should begin in June 1986.

The salutary decisions taken in July 1985 by the Authority to improve the running of our institutions and put an end to the wastage and depletion of our meagre resources are gradually being implemented.

I seize this opportunity to ask officers of our institutions to accelerate the cleaning up process to enable our Community acquire total credibility.

Honourable Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen, you will recall that in November 1984, the Authority adopted the Lome Declaration in which the Heads of States and Government invited all States to carry out individual and collective actions to combat the crisis and the various disasters afflicting our economies.

The urgency and the need to adopt a common economic development strategy, as well as the harmonisation of policies in the key areas of our economies have been highlighted by the Chief Executives of the Community. The same is true of indebtedness and drought.

The short and medium term programme requested by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee responsible for economic recovery should be improved upon and submitted to you at an extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers likely to be convened in January 1986.

Honourable Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our colleague from Burkina-Faso, who is outgoing Chairman of the Board of Directors, said, and I quote: "despite our economic and financial difficulties, we must do our utmost to ensure that we force ourselves to pay our arrears of contribution to the capital of the Fund and the Special Telecommunications Fund as soon as possible." This alarming appeal is even more indispensable for the survival of the Executive Secretariat which, if we are not careful, may be completely paralysed due to a shortage of financial resources.

Suffice it for me to give you a few figures to describe the dramatic situation of the Executive Secretariat:

Out of a total amount of 15,658,054 UA due from Member States as at 1 January 1985, only the sum of 4,156,278 UA had been paid by September 1985, i.e. 26.54% of the total.

- 2 States still owe their 1979 contributions;
- 13 States still owe their 1984 contributions;
- Only 2 States have paid their 1985 contributions.

Such is the financial situation of our Community. It is indeed preoccupying and it deserves our full attention to ensure the smooth running of our institutions.

I hope, Honourable Ministers, that our discussions will be based on these fundamental issues.

These discussions, I am convinced, will take place in the constantly re-affirmed Community spirit.

I am sure you will give my successor the collaboration necessary for him to carry out his task.

I am also convinced that the conclusions of our deliberations will fulfill the hope for a better life in our Community, and on behalf of the Founder Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally, President of the Republic, General Gnassingbe Eyadema, I reaffirm to you the faith of the Togolese people in ECOWAS.

ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF NATIONAL PLANNING
DR. CHU S. P. OKONGWU ON HIS ELECTION AS THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN
OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST-
AFRICAN STATES HELD IN LOME, TOGO ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 1985

The Honourable out-going Chairman of Council,
Honourable Ministers,
Executive Secretary of ECOWAS,
Managing Director of ECOWAS FUND,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Government and People of Nigeria, I thank the Honourable Ministers and the distinguished delegates for the honour done me and my country by electing me the current Chairman of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers. I believe that you will all continue to extend to me the kind of support and cooperation which has guaranteed the survival and gradual growth of ECOWAS over the years and even much more in the light of the fundamental crisis which the sub-region is going through. On my part, I pledge my loyalty to the ideals of the Community and assure you that I will do all that is in my power to achieve the cause of the Community to greater heights during my tenure of office.

I should also stress at this point in time that my country's faith in the ideals, aspirations and future of this Organisation remains unshaken. As one of the founding fathers, Nigeria believes that ECOWAS has a major role to play in the socio-economic survival and development of the peoples of the sub-region. To this end, Nigeria will continue to give her strong moral and material support to the organisation within the limit of her resources.

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Member States do not need to be reminded anymore that at this time when the world economy is undergoing its worst crisis since the 1930's and the gap in the rate and level of development between the developing and the developed economies is ever-widening, ECOWAS, as a strong sub-regional economic groupings, offers significant hope for all our peoples and we must not fail to let them realise these hopes and aspirations. Although the task of achieving the economic integration of so many independent states is not an easy one, we in ECOWAS can, with pride, say that our ten years of experiment in this direction has been fruitful, even if it has not met our initial expectations. In spite of all the problems that have confronted the organisation, we have been able to record some moderate achievements by way of setting the frame for the effective take off of the Organisation and implementation of concrete development projects.

Of greater concern to me has been the performance of our national economies which have moved from one crises to another and continue to lack the appropriate structural formation that will guarantee stability and endogenous development. My strong conviction is that until we all jointly and severally put our economies in order by taking the appropriate measures necessary for the restructuring of our economies for so long shall we continue to floundered. Some of these measures may be quite bitter and inconvenient, but unless we summon the courage to apply them, we may unwittingly perpetuate our dependency syndrome and not scratch the surface of our problems. We must resolve to put our socio-economic houses in order so that we can, at community level, exploit the vast resources potential which ECOWAS offers.

I would like to take this opportunity to call on the institutions of the Community - the Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund - to cooperate more closely with each other and come out with new initiatives in the struggle to pull the sub-region out of

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the present state of socio-economic vise. I hope that with greater determination by Member States and given the necessary political will, we will achieve greater results in the years ahead.

Honourable Ministers, I should not end this address without giving special thanks to the outgoing Chairman, the Honourable Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Togo for his untiring efforts in successfully piloting the ship of this Council for the past session. My special thanks also go to His Excellency GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, Founding Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally and President of the Republic of Togo as well as to the Government and People of Togo for their brotherly love and traditional African hospitality which they have extended to all of us since our arrival here.

I should also thank them for the unflinching support both by way of human and material resources which they have put in to sustain and strengthen the Organisation.

I look forward to a very successful session and I urge you all to do all in your power to achieve this objective.

LONG LIVE ECOWAS!