

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY, 1987

FINAL REPORT

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✓ (iii) Concerning the proposed alternative accommodation policy, the following decisions were taken:

- ✓ (a) Council directed the Institutions of the Community to undertake the exhaustive study requested by the November 1986 session of Council on a new housing policy, including the possibility of paying housing allowances to professional staff instead of the existing policy of hiring houses for them and deducting 10% from their salaries;
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(iv) Council approved the accounts of the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund and their consolidated accounts for the 1985 budget year.

Item 8 : Report of Ministers of Finance

27. The Honourable Chairman of the Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Finance presented the report on the said meeting. He recalled the Authority decision on the creation of an ECOWAS Single Monetary Zone and the subsequent studies that had been undertaken by the Expert Study Group, set up by the Committee of Governors of Central Banks, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat. The Ministers of Finance examined the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme proposed in the report of the Study Group, and concentrated their discussions on the outline of short-term measures to strengthen and improve the operations of the West African Clearing House, and, as medium to long-term objectives, the introduction of adjustment measures to achieve limited convertibility and the establishment of a single monetary zone.

28. In the course of the discussions that ensued on the proposed Monetary Cooperation Programme, Council stressed the importance of monetary cooperation in view of the problems posed by the multiplicity of currencies to the sub-regional integration process. In this connection, it was proposed that the Executive Secretariat should develop the Community Cooperation Programmes in the trade, monetary and transport and communications sectors into a coherent package to ensure the required complementarity. Council underscored the need for strong political will in implementing measures such as those proposed by the ECOWAS Ministers of Finance. Council endorsed the recommendation to set up an Implementation Committee to monitor and follow-up on the adjustment measures proposed, and decided to forward the proposals to the Authority for consideration.

29. Council was informed that, contrary to what is recorded in the Final Report of the First Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Finance, the Gambia was not represented at that meeting. The Gambian delegation, nevertheless, indicated its entire agreement with the conclusions of the said meeting.

30. Cape Verde maintained its reservation that had been expressed during the above-mentioned ECOWAS Ministers of Finance meeting.

Item 9 : Report of the Meeting of the Trade, Customs,
Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

31. Following the presentation of the report of this Commission by its Chairman, Council adopted the said report, subject to the following comments and recommendations:

(i) With regard to extending the issuance of ECOWAS Laissez-Passer to include officers in Category "M" in both Institutions of the Community, Council decided that a special travel document different from the current Laissez-Passer be issued to this category of staff.

(ii) Concerning the report on the effective date of entry into force of the trade liberalisation programme for industrial products originating from Member States, Council recalled that at its November 1986 Session held in Lagos, it was decided to fix May 28 1988 as the effective take-off date for this scheme. However, in view of the fact that the time between now and 28 May 1988 would be too short to enable the necessary actions to be taken in order to clear all obstacles to the scheme, Council recommended to the Authority to adopt the following proposals:

- (a) Member States are urged to set up, as soon as possible, a national working group including the Ministries responsible for Industry, Trade and Finance with a view to examining the problems encountered in the course of implementing Acts and Decisions relating to the trade liberalisation programme for industrial products and to finding solutions to facilitate the fixing of an effective take-off date. The Working Group shall take into consideration the structural adjustment measures being implemented in certain Member States that affect the trade liberalisation programme.
- (b) The Executive Secretariat is to liaise with the Working Groups, through the Ministries responsible for ECOWAS affairs, in the coordination and implementation of any measures that may be adopted to this end.

- (c) In the light of the conclusions contained in the reports of the Working Groups, the Executive Secretariat is to submit a report to the decision-making bodies of the Community with a view to fixing a new date for the take-off of the trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States.

(iii) As regards difficulties arising from the computerisation of customs and statistical data in the Member States using the computerised customs system (ASYCUDA), Council accepted the proposal made by the Commission, requesting that a team of computer experts be sent immediately to assess the system. The Executive Secretariat was directed to take all necessary steps to ensure that the team is made up of independent computer experts so as to obtain an objective assessment of the system.

32. The Executive Secretariat was also instructed to carry out the proposed mission to Côte d'Ivoire to look into the compatibility of ASYCUDA with the computer system used by the Ivorian Customs Department.

Item 10 : Memorandum on the Status of Ratification of Protocols and Conventions

33. The Executive Secretariat submitted the said memorandum to Council for information only. Council took note of the document and pointed out that ratification procedure for Protocols and Conventions in Member States was very slow. Council once again made an urgent appeal to all Member States to ratify and implement the Conventions, Protocols and Decisions adopted by the decision-making bodies of the Community.

Item 11 : Report of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions

34. The report on the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund and Executive Secretariat was presented and adopted by Council with the following observations and recommendations:

(i) ECOWAS Fund

35. Council took note of the satisfactory progress made in the construction of the Headquarters of this Institution. Council requested the Management of the Fund to establish contact with the Togolese Government with a view to finding a favourable solution to the problem of service taxes on construction work on the Headquarters.

36. Council noted with regret that on the issue of contributions for the construction of the Headquarters, very few Member States had paid up. Council therefore requested Member States to honour their financial obligations in this respect as soon as possible.

37. It was directed that the table showing the position with regard to paid-up contributions be up-dated in the light of the information provided by a number of delegations whose contributions had been paid.

(ii) Executive Secretariat

38. Council adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of Headquarters as well as that of the ECOWAS Tenders Board which awarded the contract for the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat to Société Générale d'Entreprises (Nig.) Ltd. whose offer was considered the lowest bid, that is 5,298,214,866 CFA Francs.

Item 12 : Report of the Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection

39. After the presentation of the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection, Council noted that the Community had suffered financial losses, although there had been no proven case of embezzlement. In order to prevent a repetition of any of the irregularities highlighted by the Evaluation Committee, Council requested for the strengthening of the management structure of the Community institutions and the review of the relevant provisions of the regulations whose vagueness gave rise to the exercise of undue discretionary powers. Council repeated

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40. Council requested the heads of the Community Institutions to ensure the re-imbusement of sums to be recovered from persons identified by the Evaluation Committee; the countries of origin of ex-officers were requested to assist in recovering the amounts. Côte d'Ivoire reserved her position on the issue of re-imbusement. The Gambia and Ghana indicated that they are against proceeding with the recovery of these amounts if, in the process, the Community risks spending more than is to be recovered.

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(iii) Concerning the proposed alternative accommodation policy, the following decisions were taken:

- (a) Council directed the Institutions of the Community to undertake the exhaustive study requested by the November 1986 session of Council on a new housing policy, including the possibility of paying housing allowances to professional staff instead of the existing policy of hiring houses for them and deducting 10% from their salaries;
- (b) Council decided that pending the outcome of the study referred to above, the deduction of 10% from the salaries of staff at present residing in FESTAC be suspended, with effect from the date on which each occupant took up residence, since the Community is at present incurring no cost on these houses. It was also decided that deductions made so far be refunded to officers affected by this measure;
- (c) Council appealed to the Nigerian authorities to ensure that any decision entailing payment of rent on these houses by the Community should not be retroactive. To this end, the Executive Secretariat was directed to contact the Federal Government of Nigeria to obtain the conditions governing the occupation of the FESTAC houses.

(iv) Council approved the accounts of the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund and their consolidated accounts for the 1985 budget year.

Item 8 : Report of Ministers of Finance

27. The Honourable Chairman of the Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Finance presented the report on the said meeting. He recalled the Authority decision on the creation of an ECOWAS Single Monetary Zone and the subsequent studies that had been undertaken by the Expert Study Group, set up by the Committee of Governors of Central Banks, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat. The Ministers of Finance examined the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme proposed in the report of the Study Group, and concentrated their discussions on the outline of short-term measures to strengthen and improve the operations of the West African Clearing House, and, as medium to long-term objectives, the introduction of adjustment measures to achieve limited convertibility and the establishment of a single monetary zone.

28. In the course of the discussions that ensued on the proposed Monetary Cooperation Programme, Council stressed the importance of monetary cooperation in view of the problems posed by the multiplicity of currencies to the sub-regional integration process. In this connection, it was proposed that the Executive Secretariat should develop the Community Cooperation Programmes in the trade, monetary and transport and communications sectors into a coherent package to ensure the required complementarity. Council underscored the need for strong political will in implementing measures such as those proposed by the ECOWAS Ministers of Finance. Council endorsed the recommendation to set up an Implementation Committee to monitor and follow-up on the adjustment measures proposed, and decided to forward the proposals to the Authority for consideration.

29. Council was informed that, contrary to what is recorded in the Final Report of the First Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Finance, the Gambia was not represented at that meeting. The Gambian delegation, nevertheless, indicated its entire agreement with the conclusions of the said meeting.

30. Cape Verde maintained its reservation that had been expressed during the above-mentioned ECOWAS Ministers of Finance meeting.

Item 9 : Report of the Meeting of the Trade, Customs,
Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

31. Following the presentation of the report of this Commission by its Chairman, Council adopted the said report, subject to the following comments and recommendations:

(i) With regard to extending the issuance of ECOWAS Laissez-Passer to include officers in Category "M" in both Institutions of the Community, Council decided that a special travel document different from the current Laissez-Passer be issued to this category of staff.

(ii) Concerning the report on the effective date of entry into force of the trade liberalisation programme for industrial products originating from Member States, Council recalled that at its November 1986 Session held in Lagos, it was decided to fix May 28 1988 as the effective take-off date for this scheme. However, in view of the fact that the time between now and 28 May 1988 would be too short to enable the necessary actions to be taken in order to clear all obstacles to the scheme, Council recommended to the Authority to adopt the following proposals:

- (a) Member States are urged to set up, as soon as possible, a national working group including the Ministries responsible for Industry, Trade and Finance with a view to examining the problems encountered in the course of implementing Acts and Decisions relating to the trade liberalisation programme for industrial products and to finding solutions to facilitate the fixing of an effective take-off date. The Working Group shall take into consideration the structural adjustment measures being implemented in certain Member States that affect the trade liberalisation programme.
- (b) The Executive Secretariat is to liaise with the Working Groups, through the Ministries responsible for ECOWAS affairs, in the coordination and implementation of any measures that may be adopted to this end.

- (c) In the light of the conclusions contained in the reports of the Working Groups, the Executive Secretariat is to submit a report to the decision-making bodies of the Community with a view to fixing a new date for the take-off of the trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States.

(iii) As regards difficulties arising from the computerisation of customs and statistical data in the Member States using the computerised customs system (ASYCUDA), Council accepted the proposal made by the Commission, requesting that a team of computer experts be sent immediately to assess the system. The Executive Secretariat was directed to take all necessary steps to ensure that the team is made up of independent computer experts so as to obtain an objective assessment of the system.

32. The Executive Secretariat was also instructed to carry out the proposed mission to Côte d'Ivoire to look into the compatibility of ASYCUDA with the computer system used by the Ivorian Customs Department.

Item 10 : Memorandum on the Status of Ratification of Protocols and Conventions

33. The Executive Secretariat submitted the said memorandum to Council for information only. Council took note of the document and pointed out that ratification procedure for Protocols and Conventions in Member States was very slow. Council once again made an urgent appeal to all Member States to ratify and implement the Conventions, Protocols and Decisions adopted by the decision-making bodies of the Community.

Item 11 : Report of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions

34. The report on the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund and Executive Secretariat was presented and adopted by Council with the following observations and recommendations:

(i) ECOWAS Fund

35. Council took note of the satisfactory progress made in the construction of the Headquarters of this Institution. Council requested the Management of the Fund to establish contact with the Togolese Government with a view to finding a favourable solution to the problem of service taxes on construction work on the Headquarters.

36. Council noted with regret that on the issue of contributions for the construction of the Headquarters, very few Member States had paid up. Council therefore requested Member States to honour their financial obligations in this respect as soon as possible.

37. It was directed that the table showing the position with regard to paid-up contributions be up-dated in the light of the information provided by a number of delegations whose contributions had been paid.

(ii) Executive Secretariat

38. Council adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of Headquarters as well as that of the ECOWAS Tenders Board which awarded the contract for the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat to Société Générale d'Entreprises (Nig.) Ltd. whose offer was considered the lowest bid, that is 5,298,214,866 CFA Francs.

Item 12 : Report of the Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection

39. After the presentation of the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection, Council noted that the Community had suffered financial losses, although there had been no proven case of embezzlement. In order to prevent a repetition of any of the irregularities highlighted by the Evaluation Committee, Council requested for the strengthening of the management structure of the Community institutions and the review of the relevant provisions of the regulations whose vagueness gave rise to the exercise of undue discretionary powers. Council repeated

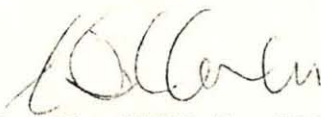
VI. ADOPTION OF REPORT

48. This Report was adopted after amendment.

VII. CLOSING SESSION

49. The Chairman of Council expressed his gratitude to his honourable colleagues and the delegates for the quality of work done.

DONE AT ABUJA, JULY 6, 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

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DECISION C/DEC.1/7/87 RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF MEMBER
STATES CONTRIBUTIONS

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 5 of the
Protocol on Member States contributions to the ECOWAS budget;

CONSIDERING the increasing amount of arrears of
contribution owed by Member States and the detrimental
effect this situation has on the functioning of Community
Institutions;

HAVING considered the report of Finance Experts
meeting in Abuja from 22 to 27 June 1987;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

i) Contributions to the budget of Community insti-
tutions shall be expressed in Special Drawing Right (SDR) of
the International Monetary Fund in accordance with the
provisions of Article 5 of the Protocol on Member States'
contributions to ECOWAS budgets.

ii) The exchange rate for currencies used in the payment of contribution shall be the rate applicable on the 1st of January of the Financial Year in which such contribution falls due.

Article 2

The conversion rate applicable for payment of arrears of contributions by Member States shall be the highest applicable rate between the due date and payment date.

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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

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DECISION C/DEC.2/7/87 APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS FOR THE 1985 BUDGET YEAR

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 Recommendation of the Committee of Finance Experts on the approval of the Accounts and Financial Statements of the Community Institutions for the 1985 Budget year;

D E C I D E S


Article 1

The accounts of the Community Institutions (the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund) and their consolidated accounts for the 1985 budget year, are hereby approved.

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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987


HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

Computer Centre (CCC) as stipulated in the specifications shall not be subject to the quota system.

The vacant post should be widely advertised in all Member States and recruitment based on free competition in order to attract the best Computer Experts in the Sub-Region.

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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

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DECISION C/DEC.3./7/87 GOVERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM RECRUITMENT
PROCEDURE IN FORCE WITHIN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

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 Staff Regulations of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.2/6/86 of the Council of Ministers dated 20th June 1986, establishing the Statutes governing the organisation of the Community Computer Centre, and particularly of Article 3 of this Decision;

AWARE of the high technical competence required of the Computer Experts necessary for the take-off of the Community Computer Centre (CCC);

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Exceptionally, recruitment to fill the posts of Computer Experts needed for the take-off of the Community

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DECISION C/DEC.4/7/87 RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COMPONENTS MAKING UP THE EX-FACTORY PRICE OF A FINISHED PRODUCT BEFORE TAX, AND THE VALUE ADDED

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 1 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP2/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 29th May 1979, amending Article 2-1(c) of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of Products originating from ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.9/5/79 dated 29th May 1979, amending the last paragraph of Article 1 in the French text of the Protocol on the Concept of Products originating from Member States; and the definition of the Concept of "Value added";

MINDFUL of Article 2 of Decision A/DEC.10/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 29th May 1979, mandating the Council of Ministers to assess the components making up the ex-factory price of a finished product before tax and those of value added;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission adopted at its 18th Meeting held in Lagos from 2 to 4 June 1987;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The components making up the ex-factory price of a finished product before tax are the following:

- raw material inputs of Community or foreign origin,
- other inputs of Community or foreign origin,
- none recoverable packing material of Community or foreign origin,
- wages and salaries
- duties and taxes,
- works supplies and external services,
- transport and travel,
- miscellaneous management charges,
- financial charges,
- depreciation charges,

Excluded from the determination of ex-factory price before tax are:

- tax on profit
- value added tax
- tax and turnover

Article 2

Value added is the difference between the ex-factory price before tax of a finished product, including subsidies, and the CIF value of the raw material of Community origin or imported from third countries and used in the production.

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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

THE CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

DECISION C/DEC...5/7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) AND
THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board
of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to
2nd July, 1987 ;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The Managing director of the Fund is authorised to
finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the
african Development Bank (ADB) ;

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 ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

DECISION C/DEC...6./7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY FOR INVESTMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (SIFIDA) AND THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board
of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in abuja from 30th June to
2nd July, 1987 ;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The Managing Director of the fund is authorised to
finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the
International Finance Company for Investment and
Development in Africa (SIFIDA).

ARTICLE 2

The 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 ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

DECISION C/DEC...7./7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) AND
THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th session of the Board
of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to
2nd July, 1987 ;

D E C I D E S

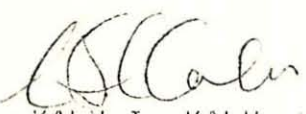
ARTICLE 1

The Managing Director of the fund is authorised to
finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the
Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987


HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
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21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

DECISION C/DEC...&/7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) AND THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board
of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30 June to 2
July, 1987 ;

D E C I D E S


ARTICLE 1

The Managing Director of the Fund is authorised to
finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the
International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD).

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 ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987


HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

DECISION C/DEC..9./7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE STUDY ON
ENHANCING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the 19th Session of the Board of
Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to 2nd
July 1987 ;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The Management of the Fund is authorised to conduct an
in-depth study into the possibility of enhancing the
Financial resources of the Fund.

ARTICLE 2

This study should:-

- Consider the present structure of the Fund, its
resources, commitments, in respect of the various pro-
grammes of the Community and its operational procedures
taking into account the level of development in the
Community
- Analyse in detail the various options for enhancing
the resources of the Fund with particular emphasis on
the following:-

- i) financing from the internal resources of the Community ;
 - ii) the transformation of its capital into shares ;
 - iii) the opening up of its share capital to Institutions and non-Member States of ECOWAS ;
- Determine all the possible consequences of the options retained with particular emphasis on the following points:-
- i) the objective and role of the Fund as set out in the Treaty establishing ECOWAS and the Protocol relating to the Fund;
 - ii) the present financial structure, organisation, manpower resources of the fund;
 - iii) the relationship of the Fund with the executive Secretariat and other Institutions of the Community;
 - iv) the size of the capital and resources to be mobilised;
 - v) the système of voting applicable and its effect on the current decision-making process in the Community;
 - vi) a system of share transfer rules.
- Make appropriate recommendations to the policy-making bodies of the Community and specify the implementation period for the options studied.

ARTICLE 3

The study should be submitted to the May 1988 Session of the Finance Experts committee. The Management of the Fund should launch an invitation to tender limited to Institutions and Member States of the Community and submit for approval to the current Chairman of the Council an estimated cost of the study to be conducted.

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 AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

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DECISION C/DEC.10/7/87 RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE
DEDUCTION OF 10% FROM SALARIES OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF ACCOMMO-
DATED AT FESTAC TOWN

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establish-
ing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition
and functions;

CONSIDERING that for the purpose of easing the
burden of rental charges on the Community, the Government
of the host country of the Headquarters has made available
at FESTAC TOWN residential units for housing the profession-
al staff of the Executive Secretariat;

CONSIDERING that while awaiting the determination of
the conditions governing the allocation of houses, these
residential units are occupied by the Executive Secretariat
personnel free of cost to the Community;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The deductions as contributions towards rent charges
of 10% from the annual salaries of the professional staff
residing in the houses made available to ECOWAS at FESTAC

TOWN by the host government of the Community is hereby suspended with effect from the date of occupation by each such Official.

Article 2

The deductions made from the salaries of the Officials specified in Article 1 of this Decision in application of the provisions of Article 50.a(ii) of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations shall be refunded in full to the Officials concerned.

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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES.1/7/87 ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE
OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO THE COMMUNITY

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 Decision A/DEC.1/7/86 of the Authority rela-
ting to the appointment of the firm of HAIBA and Company as
External Auditors to the Community;

CONSIDERING that the mandate of the External Auditor
expired on 31 December 1986;

PROPOSES that the Authority of Heads of State and Govern-
ment;

- approve and adopt the attached Decision on the renewal
of the mandate of the firm of HAIBA and Company as
External Auditors to the Community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
C H A I R M A N

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY 1987

DECISION A/DEC.1/7/87 RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE
MANDATE OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS TO 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 A/DEC.1/7/86 of the Authority rela-
ting to the appointment of the firm of HAIBA and Company as
External Auditors to the Community;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.1/7/87 of the Council of
Ministers meeting in ABUJA from 3 to 6 July 1987;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The mandate of the firm of HAIBA and Company as External
Auditors to the Economic Community of West African States is
hereby renewed for a period of two (2) years with effect from
1st January, 1987.

Article 2.

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS DAY OF JULY 1987

H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA

C H A I R M A N

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES.2/7/87 ON THE ADOPTION OF AN
ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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 Decision C/DEC.5/5/81 of the Council of Ministers on the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme dated 27 May 1981;

MINDFUL of Article 3, Decision C/DEC.4/5/82 of the Council of Ministers dated 26 May, 1982 on the definition and nomenclature of non-tariff barriers;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 30 May, 1983 on proposals for the creation of a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone;

RECOGNISING the need for Monetary Cooperation in order to achieve the ECOWAS objective of integration as defined in Article 2 of the Treaty and promote increased intra-regional trade and payments transactions;

CONSIDERING the different studies already carried out on:

- measures for the improvement and strengthening of operations of the West African Clearing House;
- limited convertibility of the currencies of the Sub-Region; and

- the creation of a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone;

UPON the recommendation of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Finance, held in Abuja on 26 and 27 June and on 3 July, 1987,

Proposes that the Authority of Heads of State and Government approve and adopt the attached draft decision on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

C H A I R M A N

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY 1987

DECISION A/DEC.2/7/87 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF
AN ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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 and functions;
- MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 2(h) of the Treaty setting out the objectives of the Community;
- MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 30 May 1983 relating to the proposal to establish a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone;
- RECOGNISING the need for monetary cooperation in order to achieve the ECOWAS objectives of integration and promotion of increased intra-regional trade and payments transactions between Member States;
- MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.2/7/87 of the Council of Ministers dated 6 July 1987 on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

A Monetary Cooperation Programme of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby adopted as contained in the appendix to this decision.

Article 2.

This Programme which shall involve the adoption of collective measures for the purpose of setting up a harmonised monetary system and common management institutions shall aim at the achievement of the objectives of monetary cooperation through a phased approach;

Article 3.

Member States of ECOWAS shall, individually and collectively, take all the measures required for the implementation of the Monetary Cooperation Programme as defined in Article 1 above.

Article 4.

The Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS, in collaboration with the Committee of Governors of the Central Banks of Member States of the Community, shall be responsible for the coordination of the implementation of this Programme with a view to gradually solving the problems encountered and reporting on them to the competent authorities of the Community.

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 ABUJA, THIS DAY OF JULY, 1987

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA

C H A I R M A N

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
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ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME
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ABUJA, JULY 1987

MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

An ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme involves the adoption of collective policy measures designed to achieve a harmonised monetary system and common management institutions. The programme envisages the adoption of a phased approach to monetary cooperation towards the achievement of the following objectives:

1. SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES

- Improvement and strengthening of the WACH mechanism to facilitate increased intra-regional trade and payments transactions through greater use of national currencies.

2. MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

(a) Achievement of limited convertibility;

(b) The creation of a Single Monetary Zone which will have the following features;

- a common monetary authority
- the issue of a common ~~convertible currency~~
- the pooling and management of all reserves
- the formulation of a common policy on short-term external liabilities arising from trade and balance of payments financing. The policy on management of medium and long-term debt will however, be the responsibility of each Member State.
- the adoption of a common monetary policy
- an agreement on convertibility guarantee.

3. POLICY MEASURES TO ACHIEVE SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES

- i) The establishment of a forum at the level of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks to undertake, within a period of six months, with effect from the date of decision by the Authority, negotiations between debtor and creditor banks aimed at settling all delayed settlements through WACH.
- ii) The extension of the range of eligible products and transactions to be channelled through the WACH mechanism. All Member States shall take necessary steps to ensure implementation of this measure.
- iii) The establishment of a viable unit at the level of WACH Secretariat and the strengthening and revitalising of the unit at the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat in order to compile and disseminate information pertaining to intra-regional tradeable goods and services.
- iv) The introduction of a credit and guarantee fund mechanism in WACH, after the completion of the detailed studies with the following terms of reference:
 1. The purposes for which the fund may be employed.
 2. The determination of the size of the credit Fund.
 3. Methods and formulae for the mobilisation of the credit fund and for its replenishment.
 4. The rules pertaining to access to the fund including the financial terms and conditions of borrowing and repayment, and borrowing limits.

5. The conditions for the use of the resources of the credit fund and forms of sanctions for non-payment.

v) The settlement obligations which underline an efficient clearing system should be strictly adhered to and measures should be taken under which settlements are made promptly.

4. POLICY MEASURES TO ACHIEVE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

1. The commitment by Member States to collectively implement necessary adjustment measures specified in the Monetary Zone Report, namely:

(i) The total liberalisation of eligible products in intra-ECOWAS trade in accordance with the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme and the removal of all licensing and exchange control restrictions including administrative and non-tariff barriers on factors of production.

(ii) Adjustment in exchange rates designed to align and harmonise exchange rates to improve the balance of payments position and enhance the level of international reserves in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Report during the agreed transitional period of five (5) years, 1988 - 1992.

(iii) Adjustment in fiscal policies and domestic credit to the private sector designed to ensure monetary stability and the achievement of sustained economic growth by the adoption of a uniform policy on Central Bank and Commercial Bank credit to Government in any one year not in excess of an ~~additional~~ ^{reduction} of 2% of the previous

indicative ceiling of 20% of the previous year's fiscal revenues, subject to changing domestic and external economic conditions of Member States.

2. The adoption of a transitional period of five years covering the period 1988 to 1992 for completing the adjustments mentioned in 4.1 (ii) - (iii) above by Member States and undertaking all necessary preparatory measures during this period.

3. Closer coordination between countries on the design and implementation of their national macro-economic policies.

4. The setting up of an interim coordinating Committee comprising representatives of all the Central Banks, Ministries of Finance/National Treasuries and the Executive Secretariat, to undertake the necessary follow-up action on details of programme of implementation; to monitor and review progress in implementation and undertake relevant preparatory measures envisaged during the transitional period including adjustments in legal frame works. The Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS in collaboration with the Committee of Governors of Central Banks is entrusted with the responsibility of setting up and coordinating the work of the Committee.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES.3/7/87 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT
PROTOCOL ESTABLISHING THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

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 Decision C/DEC.1/11/84 relating to the
establishment of a single West African Health Organisation
through the merger of the West African Health Community (WAHC)
and the Organisation for Coordination and Cooperation in the
control of Endemic Diseases (OCCGE) and to form a single organi-
sation with the status of a specialised ECOWAS Institution;

CONSIDERING the Recommendation of the ECOWAS Ministers
of Health meeting held in Lagos on 23 and 24 April 1987;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

- to approve and adopt the attached draft Protocol
establishing the West African Health Organisation.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

C H A I R M A N

FOR THE COUNCIL

DRAFT PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

PREAMBLE

THE GOVERNMENT OF MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES :

CONSIDERING that health is an important aspect of social
economic development;

RECOGNISING that diseases know no boundaries and unequal development
in different countries in the promotion of health and control of
disease pose a common problem;

MINDFUL of the usefulness of creation of a single West African Health
Organisation as a means of effective mobilisation of all human,
material, and financial resources available within the sub-region for
solving health problems;

RECALLING its Decision A/DEC6/5/83 relating to the rationalisation
of co-operation efforts in the West African Sub-region and its
importance in the sub-regional integration process;

NOTING Decision C/DEC1/11/84 of its Council of Ministers that the
West African Health Community (WAHC) and the Organisation de Coordi-
nation et de Cooperation pour la Lutte Contre les Grandes Endemies
(OCCGE) be merged into one single Organisation as a specialised
agency of ECOWAS;

CONVINCED that a single West African Health Organisation will be more
effective in tackling health problems as well as have a much wider
coverage;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

ARTICLE I

Definitions

In this Protocol:

"Treaty" means the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States;

"Community" means the Economic Community of West African States established by Article 1 of the Treaty;

"Authority" means the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Community established by Article 5 of the Treaty;

"Council" means the Council of Ministers of the Community established by Article 6 of the Treaty;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community appointed under Article 8 of the Treaty;

"Member State" or "Member States" means a Member State or Member States of the Community;

"Health Organisation" means the West African Health Organisation;

"The Assembly" means the Assembly of the Ministers of Health of Member States;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Assembly;

"Director-General" means the Director-General of the Health Organisation.

ARTICLE II

1. The West African Health Community (WAHC) and the Organisation de Coordination et de Cooperation pour la Lutte Contre les Grandes Endemies (OCCGE) are hereby merged into a single health organisation in the sub-region.
2. There is hereby established a single health organisation in the sub-region to be known as THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION.
3. The members of the organisation hereby established shall be the member States of ECOWAS which constituted the former WAHC and OCCGE plus Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde.
4. The West African Health Organisation shall be a specialised agency of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

1. The objectives of West African Health Organisation (hereinafter called "the Health Organisation") shall be the attainment of the highest possible standard and protection of health of the peoples in the sub-region through the harmonisation of the policies of Member States, pooling of resources, cooperation with one another and with others for a collective and strategic combat against the health problems of the sub-region.
2. In order to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1 of this Article, the functions of the Health Organisation shall be:
 - (a) to study and promote research on the major endemic diseases of the sub-region and undertake activities aimed at eradicating or controlling them;
 - (b) to promote the training of post graduate health professionals and where necessary sponsor the training of undergraduates as well;

- (c) to serve as a forum for collecting and disseminating technical, epidemiological, research, training and other types of relevant health information among Member States;
- (d) to assist in the setting up of technical information centres in the Member States;
- (e) to promote and harmonise the establishment of the production of vaccines, manufacture of drugs, and quality control laboratories in the sub-region;
- (f) to encourage cooperation in combating and eradicating drug abuse and drug dependence in the sub-region;
- (g) to promote exchange of manpower and health technology among Member States;
- (h) to advise Member States on the health aspects of all development projects, if requested;
- (i) to assist in strengthening the Health Services and infrastructure of Member States where necessary;
- (j) to give active support to Member States in solving health problems in times of natural disasters or emergencies;
- (k) to collaborate with international, regional and sub-regional organisations with a view to solving health problems in the sub-region;
- (l) to promote cooperation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of health;

- (m) to propose conventions, agreements and regulations and make recommendations with respect to sub-regional health matters and to perform such duties as may be assigned thereby to the Organisation and are consistent with its objectives;
- (n) generally to take all necessary action to attain the objectives of the Health Organisation.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANS OF THE HEALTH ORGANISATION

The functions of the Health Organisation shall be carried out by:

- (a) The Assembly of Ministers of Health
- (b) The Committee of Experts
- (c) General Directorate

ARTICLE V

THE ASSEMBLY OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH Establishment & Composition

1. There is hereby established the Assembly of Ministers of Health (hereinafter called "the Assembly").
2. The Assembly shall be composed of the Ministers of Health in the Governments of the Member States.

3. The Assembly shall meet in ordinary session once a year and such meeting shall be held before the current annual meeting of the Authority.
4. Extraordinary meetings of the Assembly may be convened if the Assembly so determines or if requested by a simple majority of the Member States.
5. The Assembly shall elect its Chairman from among its members in rotation according to an order to be determined by the Assembly.
6. The Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedures.
7. The ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the Assembly shall be held at the Headquarters of the Health Organisation or at such other place as may be determined by the Assembly.
8. The presence of all Ministers of Health or their duly accredited representative is obligatory at all meetings of the Assembly.
9. The decisions of the Assembly shall be by consensus.

ARTICLE VI

FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Assembly shall be:

- (a) to determine the general policies of the Organisation;
- (b) to approve the programme of work of the Organisation;

- (c) to consider and adopt the budget of the Organisation and make recommendations to the Council for its approval;
- (d) to consider and approve the audited account for the past year submitted to it by the Director-General through the Committee of Experts;
- (e) to decide on matters submitted to it by the Director-General through the Committee of Experts and any such other committees that the Assembly may establish;
- (f) to monitor technical projects and achievements;
- (g) to approve annual report submitted to it by the Director-General on the activities of the Organisation during the previous year;
- (h) to determine from time to time the composition of the Committee of Experts;
- (i) to recommend to the Council of Ministers the Candidate to be appointed the Director-General of the Organisation;
- (j) to establish such technical Committees as it may consider desirable for the work of the Organisation;
- (k) to consider directives or recommendations bearing on health made by the Authority and report to it the steps taken by the Organisation to give effect to such directives or recommendations;
- (l) to approve staff regulations of the Organisation

- (m) to take any other appropriate decisions as may promote or further the attainment of the objectives of the Organisation.

ARTICLE VII

The Assembly shall have authority to make recommendations to Member States with respect to any matter within the competence of the Organisation.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

Establishment, Composition and Functions

1. There is hereby established the Committee of Experts of the Health Organisation
2. The Committee shall consist of one health Expert from each Member State assisted by others as may be desired by the Member State.
3. The Committee shall assist the Assembly in the principal areas of activities of the Health Organisation and make appropriate recommendations to it.
4. The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Assembly.
5. The Committee shall meet in ordinary session once a year.
6. The Committee shall meet in extraordinary session when necessary.

ARTICLE IX

THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF THE HEALTH ORGANISATION

1. There shall be established a General Directorate of the Health Organisation which shall be headed by a Director-General who is medically qualified and possesses post-graduate qualification with adequate and relevant experience. The health

2. The Director-General shall be appointed by the Council of Ministers on the recommendation of the Assembly to serve in such office for a term of four years and may be re-appointed for another term of four years only.
3. The Director-General shall be the chief technical, administrative and financial officer of the Health Organisation.
4. The Director-General shall be assisted by a Deputy Director-General who is medically qualified and possesses postgraduate qualification with adequate and relevant experience. He shall be appointed by the Council of Ministers on the recommendation of the Assembly.
5. The Director-General shall be ex-official Secretary of the Assembly, of all Committees of the Organisation and of conferences convened by it. He may delegate these functions.
6. The Director-General shall prepare and submit annually to the Assembly through the Committee of Experts the programme of work and the budget estimates of the organisation.
7. The Director-General shall be responsible for carrying out the directives, decisions and instructions of the Assembly, the Council and the Authority which have bearing on health.
8. The Director-General shall appoint the officials and other staff of the Health Organisation in accordance with staff regulations established by the Assembly.
9. In appointing officials and staff the Director-General shall, subject to the paramount importance of securing the highest standard of efficiency and technical competence, pay due regards to the equitable representation of nations of Member States.

10. The conditions of service of the staff of the Health Organisation shall conform as far as possible with those of other Institutions of the Community.
11. The responsibilities of the Director-General and other officials and staff of the Health Organisation shall be exclusively international in character and in the discharge of their duties shall not seek or receive instructions from any Government or from any authority external to the Organisation. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials. Each Member State of the Organisation on its part undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the Director-General and other officials of the Organisation and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their duties.
12. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 9 & 10 of Article 8 of the Treaty, the Director-General shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Health Organisation.

ARTICLE X

THE TECHNICAL AND SPECIALISED DIVISIONS OF THE HEALTH ORGANISATION

1. There shall be established technical and specialised Division in the Directorate of the Health Organisation including:
 - (i) Division of Health Manpower Development

- (ii) Division of Health Research and Disease Control
 - (iii) Division of Technical Assistance
 - (iv) Division of Health Management and Information.
2. The Assembly may establish other Divisions as it deems necessary.
 3. These Divisions shall respectively be under the authority of the Director-General. They shall ensure the coordination of activities and the results obtained from different operational units under them which shall be constituted respectively of the institutes, the centres and the Antennae of the former OGCCE and the specialised agencies of the former West African Health Community (WAHC).
 4. The operational units shall be responsible for effecting activities and the task corresponding to the different functions which will ensure the attainment of the stated objectives of the Organisation.

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ARTICLE XI

HEADQUARTERS

The location of the headquarters of the Health Organisation shall be determined by the Authority.

ARTICLE XII

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BUDGET

1. There shall be established a budget for the Health Organisation.

2. The Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Assembly through the Committee of Experts the annual budget estimates of the Organisation.
3. The Administration and Finance Committee shall consider the budget and submit to the Health Assembly who shall, after review, adopt the budget and submit the same to the Council for approval.
4. Resources of the budget shall be derived from annual contributions by Member States and such other sources as may be approved by the Council of Ministers.
5. The formula for contribution by each Member State and the regulation laid down for the payment of contributions due from Member States as provided for in Articles 2 and 3 of the Protocol Relating to the contributions by Member States to the Budget of ECOWAS shall apply to the budget of the Health Organisation.

ARTICLE XIII

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Health Organisation shall adopt the financial regulations approved by the Council of Ministers and used in other institutions of ECOWAS.

ARTICLE XIV

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Upon the coming into force of this Protocol in accordance with its provisions the Health Organisation shall take over the respective assets and liabilities of the former OCCGE and West African Health Community (WAHC).

ARTICLE XV

RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES

1. The Health Organisation shall establish relations and cooperate closely with such other international organisations as may be desirable. Any formal agreement entered into with such organisations shall be subject to approval by the Assembly.
2. Where the competent authorities of an international organisation or agency are desirous of vesting the Health Organisation with the undertaking of certain activities on their behalf, the Director-General may subject to the approval of the Assembly, enter into a mutually agreed arrangement for this purpose.

ARTICLE XVI

STATUS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Health Organisation, as an International Organisation, shall enjoy legal ~~personality~~ ~~personality~~.
2. The Health Organisation shall have in the territory of each Member State:
 - (a) the legal capacity required for the performance of its functions under this Protocol;
 - (b) power to acquire, hold or dispose of moveable or immovable property.

3. In the exercise of its legal personality under this Article, the Health Organisation shall be represented by the Director-General.
4. The Member States of the Community shall grant in their territories such privileges and immunities to the officials and property of the Health Organisation as is consistent with the normal practice of international organisations.

ARTICLE XVII

AMENDMENTS

1. Any Member State may submit proposals for the amendment or revision of this Protocol.
2. Any such proposals shall be submitted to the Director-General who shall communicate them to other Member States not later than 30 days after the receipt of such proposals. Amendments or revisions shall be considered by the Authority after Member States have been given : **30 days written notice thereof.**

ARTICLE XVIII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This protocol shall enter into force provisionally upon signature by Heads of State and Government and ~~definitively~~ upon ratification by at least seven (7) signatory States in accordance with the constitutional procedures applicable for each signatory state.

2. This Protocol and all the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat which shall transmit certified true copies of this Protocol to all Member States informing them of dates on which instruments of Ratification have been deposited. This Protocol shall be registered with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations Organisation and such organisations as the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS shall determine.

IN FAITH WHEREOF WE THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES HAVE SIGNED THIS
PROTOCOL.

DONE AT THIS DAY OF
19.... IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES
BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY, 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES.4/7/87 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES
OF THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)

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 Recommendation A/REC 1/5/83 on the mobilisation of the various social classes in the integration process;

CONSCIOUS of the need to involve our peoples in the building of the Community, particularly in assuring, at sub-regional level, the integration and participation of women in economic and social development endeavours;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the ECOWAS Ministers of Social Affairs meeting in DAKAR on 27 and 28 April 1987;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

- to approve the Statutes of the West African Women's Association (WAWA) as contained in the annex attached to this Resolution.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
C H A I R M A N

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
(W.A.W.A.)

S T A T U T E S

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1:

There is hereby established between the women's organisation of the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) a West African Women's Association (WAWA) hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

Article 2:

The Headquarters of the Association shall be situated at and may be transferred to any other site within the sub-region with the consent of the future host country and at the request of 2/3 of the members.

Article 3:

The women's organisation of each ECOWAS Member State shall be represented within the Association by a 2 member delegate entitled to a single vote.

Article 4:

The objectives of the Association are:

- a) to contribute to the achievement of unity within the sub-region for the effective integration of ECOWAS Member States in order to contribute fully to the

process of liberating the creating potential of each individual;

- b) to mobilise and involve women of the sub-region in the Community-building process;
- c) to initiate Community projects in priority sectors inter alia agricultural development, trade, water supply schemes, desertification control, health and education;
- d) to participate fully in the establishment of a new economic order taking into account the aspirations of the peoples of the sub-region and to benefit from such an order;
- e) to urge and encourage by all possible means private initiative on the part of women, through, among other things, access to credit for women and the improvement of distribution channels;
- f) to foster sub-regional cooperation with a view to speeding up the economic, social and cultural integration of ECOWAS in order to secure a better future of the peoples of the sub-region;
- g) to organise colloquia and seminars on topics of interest to the sub-region, aimed at improving living conditions in all sectors capable of enhancing the overall development and welfare of mankind;
- i) to initiate and develop research programmes on living and working conditions of women and to urge Member States of ECOWAS to accord greater attention and a more effective support to the implementation to such programmes;

- i) to promote exchange of experiences between Member States of ECOWAS;
- j) to cooperate, in the interests of the sub-region, with all similar or international organisations likely to help it attain the above-mentioned objectives.

Article 5:

The working languages of the Association shall be such African languages declared official by ECOWAS and English and French.

Article 6:

The Association shall be a specialised institution of ECOWAS.

CHAPTER II

STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Article 7:

The organs of the Association shall be:

- the General Assembly
- the Bureau.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 8:

The General Assembly shall be the supreme organ of the Association. It shall be composed of National officers of Women's organisation of each Member State of ECOWAS. It shall meet once every two years and may be convened in an extraordinary session by the Bureau or at the request of 2/3 of the member Associations. All member Associations shall receive notification of an extraordinary session of the General Assembly at least one month before such a session.

Article 9:

The General Assembly shall:

- define the general policy of the Association and draw up programmes of activity;
- select the Headquarters of the Association;
- adopt and amend the statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the Association;
- elect the Bureau;
- adopt the budget of the Association;
- approve the accounts of the Association;
- determine the venue of its meetings in consultation with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

Article 10:

Members of international organisations responsible for women's affairs resident in the sub-region, as well as experts from other organisations may be invited to meetings of the Association.

Article 11:

The Association may be informed of any problems concerning the activities of women in the sub-region and may adopt any recommendations in conformity with the spirit and objectives of the Economic Community of West African States.

Article 12:

The General Assembly shall appoint as Chairperson for a non renewable two-year term the national official of the host country and shall elect the other members of the Bureau.

Article 13:

Decisions of the Association shall be taken by consensus. In case of a vote, a simple majority shall be required.

THE BUREAU

Article 14:

The Bureau of the Association shall be made up of five members:

- the Chairperson
- 1st Vice-Chairperson
- 2nd Vice-Chairperson
- the Secretary General
- the Treasurer

The Bureau shall be elected by the General Assembly. Two External Auditors shall be elected from within the General Assembly and shall submit a report before each General Assembly responsible for renewing the Bureau. The External Auditors shall be nationals of two countries which shall not be the countries of the other members of the Bureau.

Article 15:

The Bureau shall:

- meet twice a year and when necessary at the invitation of the Chairperson;
- make preparations for meetings of the Association in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of the Community;
- implement the directives of the General Assembly;
- represent the Association within the technical and specialised commissions of ECOWAS;
- maintain contact between the General Assembly and other African and International Institutions pursuing the same objectives.

Article 16:

The Chairperson shall be the legal representative of the Association, which she shall represent at all national and international institutions, and shall act in close collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS.

Article 17:

The Secretary General shall be responsible for administrative matters of the Association and for any other activities which may be entrusted to her by the Chairperson of the Association.

Article 18:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial management of the Association and shall make payments on the instructions of the Chairperson.

CHAPTER III

BUDGET

Article 19:

The resources of the Association shall consist of:

- annual contributions from member Associations;
- revenues generated from activities initiated by the Association;
- grants from ECOWAS or from any other subregional and international organisations;
- donations and legacies.

The Chairperson shall be responsible for giving instructions on the administration of the budget.

Article 20:

The amount of the annual contributions shall be determined by the General Assembly and shall be paid up by 31 December of each year at the latest.

Article 21:

The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1st January and end on 23rd December.

CHAPTER IV

SPECIAL CLAUSES

Article 22:

Any national member of the Association which does not pay up its contributions for a period of two years shall be suspended from the activities of the Association.

Article 23:

Any member Association may submit proposals for the amendment or revisions of these statutes.

Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Association at least six months before the meeting of the General Assembly.

Article 24:

The Rules of Procedure shall give specific details of all the provisions contained in these statutes.

Article 25:

The Association shall be constituted for an unlimited period.

Article 26:

In case of dissolution of the Association, its movable and immovable assets shall be handed over to ECOWAS.

Article 27:

The emblem of the Association shall be selected by the General Assembly after consultation with ECOWAS

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 28:

These statutes shall enter into force upon adoption.

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

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RESOLUTION C/RES.5/7/87 ON THE GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF
SPECIALISED INSTITUTION OF ECOWAS TO THE WEST AFRICAN
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSIDERING Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the
Authority on the mobilisation of the various social classes
in the integration process,

CONVINCED of the important role of motivator which the
Women's Association is capable of playing in the development
process in Member States,

PROPOSES that the Authority of Heads of State and
Government,

- approve and adopt the attached decision on the
granting of the status of specialised institution
of ECOWAS to the West African Women's Association.
(WAWA).

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

10TH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY 1987

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DECISION A/DEC.3/7/87 ON THE GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF
SPECIALISED INSTITUTION OF ECOWAS TO THE WEST AFRICAN
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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

CONSIDERING Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the
Authority on the mobilisation of the various social classes
in the integration process;

CONVINCED of the important role which the Women's
Association is capable of playing in the development
process in Member States;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.5/7/87 of the Council of
Ministers Meeting in ABUJA from 3 to 6 July 1987;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The status of specialised institution of ECOWAS is
hereby granted to the West African Women's Association (WAWA).

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 ABUJA, THIS ... DAY OF JULY 1987

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA
C H A I R M A N

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY 1987

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DECISION A/DEC.4/7/87 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES OF
THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty, establish-
ing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and
defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Recommendation A/REC/1/5/83 on the
mobilisation of the various social classes in the integration
process;

CONSCIOUS of the need to involve our peoples in the
building of the Community, particularly in assuring, at
sub-regional level the integration and participation of
women in economic and social development endeavours;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.4/7/87 of the Council of
Ministers Meeting in Abuja from 3 to 6 July 1987;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

That the Statutes of the West African Women's Associa-
tion (WAWA) as contained in the appendix to this Decision
are hereby approved.

the Fund (transformation of its capital into share capital and opening its capital to non-regional participation) be submitted for the consideration of the Authority prior to any decision as to the desirability of commissioning a study on the matter.

45. At the instance of the Ghanaian delegation, Council reiterated the need to review the coefficient for payment of contributions in accordance with Article 2.4 of the Protocol on the Community Budget which stipulates that the coefficient for contributions should be reviewed every three years.

Item 14 : Preparation of the Agenda for the Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

46. Council considered and agreed on a Provisional Agenda for the Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government scheduled to take place at ABUJA from 7 to 9 July, 1987.

Item 15 : Any other Matter

47. Under this Agenda item, the following issues were raised:

(i) System for evaluating the performance of Statutory Appointees

Council regretted the non-existence of a system for evaluating the performance of Statutory Appointees and requested the Executive Secretariat to submit an appropriate proposal on this matter at the next session of Council.

(ii) Sub-Regional Control of Water Hyacinth

The Chairman of the Nigerian Inter-Ministerial Committee on Water Hyacinth presented a Memorandum on the problem posed by the fresh water hyacinth (*EICHHORNIA CRASSIPES*) and the need for concerted action within the sub-region in the area of control and research on this weed.

The Executive Secretary was advised to seek the assistance of such organisations as the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), UNESCO, UNDP and FAO with a view to obtaining the necessary funding for the control of this weed.

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 ABUJA, THIS.....DAY OF JULY 1987

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES.6/7/87 ON THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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 Decision C/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority
relating to the construction of the Headquarters of Community
Institutions ;

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

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government
the adoption of the attached draft Decision on the financing
of the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Executive
Secretariat.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY 1987

DECISION A/DEC.5/7/87 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS SECRETARIAT.

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 A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority
relating to the construction of the Headquarters of Community
Institutions;

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

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.6/7/87 of the Council of
Ministers Session held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July 1987;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

- (i) The total cost of construction works for the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat including Architects' fees and other charges) shall not exceed a ceiling of five billion (5,000,000,000) FCFA.
- (ii) The Federal Republic of Nigeria undertakes to pay the difference between the above ceiling and the cost at which the contract was awarded i.e. 5,298,214,866 CFAF (five billion, two hundred and ninety-eight million, two hundred and fourteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-six CFAF.

- (iii) The cost of furnishing the Headquarters, i.e. five billion CFAF, is not included in this amount.
- (iv) Sixty (60) per cent of the five billion FCFA ceiling shall be financed from the ECOWAS Funds own resources while forty (40) per cent shall be shared amongst Member States in accordance with the coefficient for payment of contributions as stipulated in Article 5 of the Protocol relating to the Fund.

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 ABUJA ON THIS DAY OF JULY 1987.

FOR THE AUTHORITY

H.E. MAJOR GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY, 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES...7./7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE
REMAINING PART OF THE AUTHORISED CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS
FUND.

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSCIOUS of Article 17 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS
Fund which empowers the Board to periodically review the
adequacy of the resources of the Fund and propose for the
approval of the Council of Ministers an increase in the contribu-
tions to be paid by Member States;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the
Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30
June to 2 July 1987;

HEREBY RESOLVES

TO RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of State and Government
to declare callable the remaining part of the Fund's authorised
capital amounting to U.S. \$400,000,000 (four hundred million
United States Dollars).

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
10TH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY, 1987

DECISION A/DEC..8./7/87 OF THE AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE
REMAINING PART OF THE AUTHORISED CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS
FUND.

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;

CONSCIOUS of the need for the ECOWAS Fund to mobilise resources
in the international financial markets;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 21st Session of the
Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July 1987;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The remaining part of the Fund's authorised capital
amounting to US \$400,000,000 (four hundred million
United States Dollars) is hereby declared callable.

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 ABUJA THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 1987

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY, 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES..8./7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE
SECOND TRANCHE OF THE CALLED-UP CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS
FUND.

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSCIOUS of Article 7 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS
Fund which empowers the Board to periodically review the
adequacy of the resources of the Fund and propose for the
approval of the Council of Ministers an increase in the contri-
butions to be paid by member States;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the
Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30
June to 2 July, 1987;

HEREBY RESOLVES

TO RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of State and Government
to call in for payment the second tranche of the called-up
capital of the ECOWAS Fund, that is US \$50,000,000 (fifty million
United States Dollars).

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

10TH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY 1987

DECISION A/DEC...6./7/87 OF THE AUTHORITY RELATING TO
THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE CALLED-UP CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS
FUND.

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;

CONSCIOUS of Article 7 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS
Fund which empowers the Board to periodically review the adequacy
of the resources of the Fund and propose for the approval
of the Council of Ministers an increase in the contributions
to be paid by Member States;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 21ST Session of the
Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July, 1987

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The second tranche of the called-up capital of the
ECOWAS Fund, that is US \$50,000,000 (fifty million
United States Dollars) is hereby declared due for
payment.

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 ABUJA THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 1987

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21ST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JULY, 1987

RESOLUTION C/RES...9/7/87 OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE
CONFIRMATION OF THE DECISION ON THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF
THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL,

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

CONSCIOUS of the important role the ECOWAS Fund has to play
in the mobilisation of resources necessary for the implementation
of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the
Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30
June to 2 July, 1987;

D E C I D E S

TO RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of State and Government
to confirm its decision setting up the capital structure of
the ECOWAS Fund as follows:

- authorised capital : \$500,000,000 (five hundred
million United States Dollars)
- called-up capital : \$100,000,000 (one hundred million
United States Dollars)
- capital due for payment : \$50,000,000 (fifty million United
(first tranche) States Dollars)
- callable capital : \$400,000,000 (four hundred million
United States Dollars)

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

10TH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, NIGERIA 7 - 9 JULY, 1987

DECISION A/DEC..7./7/87 OF THE AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE
CONFIRMATION OF THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE ECOWAS FUND

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;

CONSCIOUS of the important role the ECOWAS Fund has to play
in the mobilisation of resources necessary for the implementa-
tion of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 21st Session of the
Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July, 1987;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The capital structure of the ECOWAS Fund is hereby
confirmed to be as follows:

- authorised capital : \$500,000,000 (five hundred
million United States Dollars)
- called-up capital : \$100,000,000 (one hundred
million United States Dollars)
- capital due for payment : \$50,000,000 (fifty million
(first tranche) United States Dollars)
- callable capital : \$400,000,000 (four hundred
million United States Dollars)

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 ABUJA THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY 1987

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL BATERABIM BADA MASTABEDDINGIDA
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 7 - 9 JULY, 1987

RESOLUTION A/RES.1/7/87 RELATING TO ADOPTION OF
A COMMON FRONT ON EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS

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;

CONCERNED over the increasing debt burden of the countries of the West African sub-region;

EXPRESSING anxiety over the sharp losses arising from the deteriorating terms of trade between the ECOWAS Member States and the industrialised countries;

NOTING the dwindling inflow of capital from the industrialised countries;

STRESSING the linkage between the level of export earnings and the capacity to honour external debt obligations of the Member States;

AWARE of the fundamental balance of payments disequilibrium facing the economy of the sub-region;

CONSCIOUS of the substantial import requirements for the implementation of the on-going national economic recovery programme in the Member States;

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST/ECONOMIQUE COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

21EME CONSEIL DES MINISTRES /21ST COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 3 - 6 JUILLET/JULY 1987

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COUNTRY/PAYS	NAME/NOM	OFUNCTION & ADDRESS/FONCTION ET ADRESSE
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OF MINISTERS, DR. KILU I. KILU AT THE MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HOLDING IN ABUJA
FROM 3RD TO 5TH JULY, 1987

Honourable Ministers,

The Executive Secretary of ECCOWAS,

The Managing Director of the ECCOWAS Fund,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Major-General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, the Government and People of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it is my special privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this session of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECCOWAS) holding in Abuja, Nigeria.

We are meeting at a time when our economies are still faced with severe problems that continue to pose serious challenges for national economic management. The persistent worsening in the terms of trade, the massive balance of payments deficits and the acute shortage of foreign exchange earnings have created significant economic problems for the sub-region. These problems and challenges should however ginger us to evolve positive measures aimed at reducing the impact on the sub-region of the adverse external economic forces. It is

against this background that our meeting is taking place today.

You will recall that at our last session in Lagos in November, 1986, we approved the investment programme of the ECCAS Economic Recovery Package. The Investment Programme is composed of one hundred and thirty-six (136) projects estimated to cost about \$927 million United States dollars. As you should by now be aware, the Recovery Programme will be officially launched by the Chairman of the Authority during this session of the Authority here in Abuja. The projects in the Economic Recovery Programme are so carefully selected as to give priority to those that will enhance the re-structuring of our economies.

Dear Colleagues,

Distinguished Delegates,

At our meeting in November, 1986, I stressed that the success of the Recovery Programme would depend largely on our ability to mobilise sufficient internal and external resources to finance the selected projects. At that same meeting, I also reported to you the mission I undertook with the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Fund to Washington during the IMF/World Bank Annual meetings to acquaint the world's bilateral and multi-lateral agencies with the contents of the Economic Recovery Programme.

I am happy to report that following the mission to Washington, several follow-up meetings have been held between ECCAS and a

number of bilateral and multilateral agencies on the prospects of funding our recovery programme. These preliminary contacts will be pursued vigorously in the coming months after the launching of the Economic Recovery Programme.

You will also recall that at our Session in November, 1986, we approved the recommendation from the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission that the implementation of the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme, particularly in respect of industrial products should now effectively take off as from 28 May, 1988. Given our collective commitment to the success of our Community, I hope and trust that you will endeavour to ensure that the trade liberalisation scheme of the Community becomes operational on the agreed date. As things stand now, it will appear that so much energy has been dissipated for so little gain towards getting Member States to implement the trade liberalisation scheme which we ourselves have adopted. I, therefore, will want to make a solemn appeal to you, my dear colleagues, to do everything possible to give credibility to our Community by implementing the provisions of the trade liberalisation scheme.

Dear Colleagues,

Distinguished Delegates,

As you also know, work has progressed satisfactorily on the construction of the headquarters of the Fund in Lome, Togo and that

of the Executive Secretariat in Abuja. In this connection, I am happy to report that during the coming session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, the foundation stone laying ceremony of the headquarters of the Executive Secretariat will be performed by the Chairman of the Authority and his counterparts from Member States.

On the issue of a single monetary zone for the Community, I am also happy to report that our efforts have received an added impetus during the course of the year. The Committee of Governors of the Central Banks of ECOWAS Member States met in Nouakchott and made significant recommendations in respect of short-term and long-term measures aimed at achieving a single monetary zone for the sub-region. These recommendations have been discussed by the Ministers of Finance. The outcome of their deliberations will be placed before you during this session for consideration.

You will also recall that an exercise aimed at the rationalisation of West African inter-governmental organisations is currently being undertaken by the Secretariat and the Economic Commission for Africa. Further work on the project as directed by the Authority is almost completed and a full report will be made to this Council in due course.

Another encouraging development is that even before the exercise on the rationalisation of the inter-governmental organisations in the sub-region was completed, two sub-regional multilateral

institutions met and proposed a draft protocol to merge and establish a single West African Health Organisation. This is a welcome and hopeful sign that, given the commitment and the will to co-operate, West African inter-governmental organisations can streamline their activities so as to eliminate duplication and achieve maximum efficiency.

On the opening of our land borders, I am happy to report to you that in the spirit of brotherhood and solidarity all land borders of Member States are now open.

Dear Colleagues,

Distinguished Delegates,

I should also draw your attention to the decision made by the Authority of Heads of State and Government during its last sitting, that Member States who were still in arrears should make utmost the utmost endeavour to meet their obligations within the agreed schedule. If I may refresh your memory, it was decided that Member States should pay their arrears up to 1983 by 31st October, 1986 while the outstanding balance should be settled by 31st March, 1987. It is gratifying to note in this connection that since that decision by the Heads of State and Government in July, 1986, defaulting Member States have contributed over two million units of account to the regular budget of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS. It is hoped that the increased momentum of payments which was discernible

since the latter part of 1986 will be maintained in the coming months so that all outstanding contributions will be paid with minimum delay.

In the case of the LCCWAS Fund, the response by Member States in arrears of the payment of their subscriptions has been encouraging. As at May 31, 1987, about 92% of the first tranche of the called-up capital of the Fund (US \$50 million) has been paid by Member States. On the other hand, projections made by the Fund indicate that its expected total resources of U.A. 84.03 million by the end of this year would be drastically reduced to U.S. 24.64 million as a result of its increasing commitments. By 1991, the cumulative commitments of the Fund would be expected to rise to over U.A. 311.69 million while its total resources would be about U.A. 255.19 million. This reveals a major resource gap of U.A. 56.5 million. It is in this light that the Fund management's recommendation for the payment of the second tranche of the called-up capital of US \$50 million which was approved by the Board of Directors, should be dispassionately considered by Member States. The situation, therefore, calls for urgent action when it is realised that the Fund is going to play a catalytic role in the effective implementation of the LCCWAS Economic Recovery Programme.

Honourable Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,

You are being called upon during this Session to consider agenda items which include the appointment of an External Auditor, the report of the Ministers of Finance on the establishment of a Single Monetary Zone for ECOWAS and that of Health Ministers on the merger of the two health institutions in the sub-region. Our agenda for this session also includes the consideration of the reports of the Board of Directors of the ECO AS Fund, the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS Institutions and the ^{Ad Hoc} Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection. Finally, we are also expected to draw up an agenda for the coming session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. As you can see, we have a heavy schedule before us. I am however, confident that we will make the necessary sacrifice to complete our assignment on schedule and evolve objective recommendations for consideration by the Heads of State and Government.

Dear Colleagues,
Distinguished Delegates,

I wish to thank all of you for the co-operation you gave me individually and collectively during the past year. This has enabled the Community to make modest progress in its march towards the achievement of its ultimate goals and objectives. With continued support, we will overcome the difficulties that are currently besetting our sub-region and nurture an organisation that will improve the welfare of our people.

Thank you.