

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF  
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
ABUJA, 4 - 6 JULY, 1991

DECLARATION A/DCL.1/7/91 OF THE AUTHORITY OF  
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MODERN COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FOURTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF  
LEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
ALGERIA, 1 - 9 JULY, 1991

DECLARATION AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE AUTHORITY OF  
LEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

MEETING in Authority in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria on  
4, 5 and 6 July 1991;

COMMITTED to the imperative of upholding the ideals of the  
Treaty establishing ECOWAS;

DETERMINED to realise the aims and objectives of ECOWAS  
especially the integration of the countries of our sub-region  
through the harmonisation of our national economic, social and  
political policies;

REAFFIRMING the objective of promoting better relations among  
ourselves by ensuring a stable and secure political environment in  
which our peoples can live in freedom under the law and in true and  
lasting peace, free from any threat to or attempt against their  
security, in which we can pursue a speedy and effective realisation  
of the objectives of ECOWAS;

DETERMINED to concert our efforts to promote democracy in the  
sub-region on the basis of political pluralism and respect for  
fundamental human rights as embodied in universally-recognised  
international instruments on human rights and in the African  
Charter on Human and Peoples Rights;

DEEPLY CONSCIOUS of the rapidly changing international  
political and economic landscape in favour of a resurgence of  
economic regionalism which imposes on the Members of ECOWAS a  
special awareness of the need to intensify and strengthen their own  
integration efforts and to resist all forms of foreign  
interference aimed at undermining their solidarity and integration  
efforts;



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DETERMINED, therefore, to consult among ourselves more regularly and harmonise our approaches to and strategies for dealing with all international economic issues with a view to adopting common policies and enhancing our international negotiating positions;

HEREBY DECLARE our full adherence to the following principles in order to enhance the prospects of advancing our economic cooperation and integration in a political environment of peace, security and stability:

1. We reaffirm the provisions of the Protocol on Non-Aggression adopted on 22 April 1978 and our commitment to securing peace and maintaining stability in the ECOWAS sub-region by promoting increasingly better relations among ourselves, strengthening good neighbourliness and ensuring conditions in which our peoples can live in freedom under the law and in true and lasting peace, free from any threat to or against their security.
2. We reaffirm our determination to refrain in our mutual relations, as well as in our international relations in general, from any threat or use of force, directly or indirectly, against the territorial integrity or political independence of any Member State.
3. We reaffirm also our determination to settle all disputes among ourselves by peaceful means in such a manner as not to endanger the peace, security and stability of our sub-region.



4. We will respect human rights and fundamental freedoms in all their plenitude including in particular freedom of thought, conscience, association, religion or belief for all our peoples without distinction as to race, sex, language or creed.
5. We will promote and encourage the full enjoyment by all our peoples of their fundamental human rights, especially their political, economic, social, cultural and other rights inherent in the dignity of the human person and essential to his free and progressive development.
6. We believe in the liberty of the individual and in his inalienable right to participate by means of free and democratic processes in the framing of the society in which he lives. We will therefore strive to encourage and promote in each of our countries, political pluralism and those representative institutions and guarantees for personal safety and freedom under the law that are our common heritage.
7. We reaffirm our determination to speak with one voice under the aegis of ECOWAS on all international issues which touch and concern the vital interests of our development and prosperity. We will therefore resist any attempt by forces outside our sub-region to undermine the expression of our collective will and determination.
8. We re-dedicate ourselves and reaffirm our collective determination to take all necessary measures to ensure the speedy and effective realisation of the aims and





objectives enshrined in the ECOWAS Treaty and related instruments and to fulfil in good faith all our obligations under them.

IN FAITH WHEREOF WE THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) HAVE SIGNED THIS DECLARATION.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.



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