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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY 1992

FINAL REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The ECOWAS Council of Ministers held its thirty-first ordinary session in the Conference Hall of the Hotel Le Méridien Président in Dakar from 23 to 25 July 1992. All the sixteen Member States were represented.

2. The following organisations and institutions were represented at the meeting in an observer capacity:

- United Nations Organisation
- Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- African Development Bank (ADB)
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)
- United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa (PTA)
- West African Women's Association (WAWA)
- Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
- West African Economic Community (CEAO)
- West African Development Bank (BOAD)
- African, Caribbean and Pacific Group (ACP)
- African Accounting Council/OAU
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB/BID)
- West African Rice Development Association (WARDA)
- West African Clearing House (WACH)
- West African Youth Union (WAYU)
- Inter-State Committee for the Control of Drought in the Sahel (CILSS)

3. The list of participants is attached to this Report.

II. OPENING SESSION

4. In his opening address, Honourable Abdoulaye Wade, Minister of State of Senegal welcomed, on behalf of His Excellency Abdou DIOUF, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority, all members of Council and their delegations to Dakar. The Minister remarked that there had been a turning point in the life of the Community, given the intensification of ECOWAS activities in recent years. He added that this augured well for West Africa, one of the poorest regions of the world, since the economies in the region were doomed without real integration. The Honourable Minister of State invited members of Council to apply themselves diligently to the consideration of the weighty issues on their agenda so as to submit to the Authority recommendations, the adoption of which would advance the cause of regional integration.

5. The Chairman of Council Honourable Jean-Paul DIAS, Senegalese Minister of African Economic Integration, welcomed his colleagues to the thirty-first session of Council and invited them to feel at home during their stay in Dakar. In a brief review of the regional economy within the global context, the Chairman expressed the fear that the upheavals in the former Communist countries and other international developments might have profound implications for the economic growth and development needs of ECOWAS Member States. He indicated that the short and medium-

term development prospects still remain worrisome for West African countries, in spite of the various economic adjustment programmes being implemented.

6. The Chairman gave an account of major developments within the Community during his term of office. He informed Council of his visits to the Community Institutions and some of the pressing issues that were brought to his attention. The Minister referred to the efforts being made by the Community to mobilise external resources for financing regional integration programmes, and he stated that the international donor agencies placed a high premium on evidence of Member States' strong commitment to the regional integration process and the national priority accorded the regional projects to be financed. The Chairman therefore urged his colleagues to intensify their efforts to make regional integration central to national development and give ECOWAS their maximum support.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

7. The meeting elected the following Bureau:

Chairman - Republic of Senegal

Rapporteurs - Burkina Faso
- Republic of The Gambia.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

8. The following Agenda was adopted:

1. Report of the Executive Secretary.

2. Report of the Joint Meeting of the Ministers of Planning and Finance;

3. Report of the Ministers of Justice.

4. Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

5. Report of the Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees.

6. Report of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Meetings of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks.

7. Reports of the Technical Commissions:

   (i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission.

   (ii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission.

   (iii) Administration and Finance Commission.

8. Status of Financial Contributions and Application of Sanctions Resolution of the Authority.

9. Status of Ratification and Implementation of Community Acts and Decisions.

10. Memorandum on the Separation Allowance for Statutory Appointees.

11. Memorandum on the Appointment of Statutory Appointees.

12. Preparation of the Provisional Agenda for the Fifteenth Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

13. Any Other Matters.

14. Adoption of Report.

15. Closing Session.

V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 1: Report of the Executive Secretary

9. The Executive Secretary, Dr. Abass BUNDU, presented the 1991/92 Annual Report on the Community, his fourth such report since assuming office. The report, which was in six sections, focussed mainly on a review of the West African economic situation, the execution of the Community cooperation programmes, and issues affecting West African integration.

10. The chapter on economic review recorded some of the factors which had contributed to the declining growth rates in the OECD countries, West Africa's main trading partners. The report identified other external factors and developments, such as the Treaty of Maastricht signed by the EEC in December 1991, which had both immediate and longer-term implications for the West African economies.

Even though the 1991 average growth rate of the economies of Members States, which at 3.2% matched population growth and was higher than all other African regions (except North Africa), it was lower than the 3.5% average growth recorded for our region the year before.

11. This outturn of the West African economy in 1991 left the regional per capita income at $339, trailing behind the other regions of Africa with the exception of East Africa. The report consequently identified possible ways of improving the performance of national economies and particularly welcomed the March 1992 decision of ECOWAS Ministers of Planning and Finance to adopt a regional approach towards national economic management.

12. The execution of the Community cooperation programmes was presented in the annual report under the following headings:

- socio-economic cooperation issues,
- operations of the ECOWAS Fund,
- administrative and institutional issues,
- regional peace and security.

13. While the report concentrated on developments over the last twelve months, an attempt was also made to trace the evolution of the different cooperation programmes during the past four years. In the presentation, the Executive Secretary drew particular attention to the review of the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme, the work of the Committee of Eminent Persons for the Review of the ECOWAS Treaty, and the poor record of financial contributions and programme implementation by Member States.

14. In the remaining parts of the annual report, attention was focussed on issues and factors which over the years had been hampering the West African integration process. The Executive Secretary singled out for emphasis a conducive environment for integration, political factors, regional peace and security, problem of leadership, appropriate governmental bureaucracies, need for a development and integration culture, adequate institutional arrangements, rationalisation of West African IGOs, external support and enabling environment. Dr. Bundu ended his presentation by stating that it was only when these issues were properly addressed that regional integration would assume the importance it deserved and make the required impact on the development of the West African economies.

15. Council congratulated the Executive Secretary on the excellent quality and comprehensive nature of the annual report and took note of the report.

Item 2: Report of the Joint Meeting of the Ministers of Planning and Finance

16. The the report on the second joint meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Planning and Finance held in Cotonou on 23 and 24 March 1992 was presented by its Chairman, Honourable Djibril N'GOM, Deputy Minister of the Economy, Finance and Planning of Senegal. Council was informed that the joint ministerial meeting had considered two main issues, namely:

- impact of SAPs on economic integration programmes,

- post-implementation evaluation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme (ERP).

17. On the impact of structural adjustment programmes (SAPs) on regional integration programmes, the joint ministerial meeting made the observation that ECOWAS Member States had no choice but to embark on major stabilisation and structural adjustment programmes, given the significant imbalances and distortions that the protracted economic crisis had produced. The Ministers further asserted that the objectives of SAPs were not incompatible with those of regional integration. Rather, some of the policies and methods chosen by Member States appeared to be at variance with their obligations under ECOWAS regional integration programmes. The joint ministerial meeting therefore made a number of recommendations geared towards the removal of these areas of contradiction.

18. Concerning the post-implementation evaluation of the ECOWAS ERP, the joint ministerial meeting observed that the first phase of the programme pertaining to "General Policy Measures" had been satisfactorily implemented. The ministerial meeting recommended the adoption of a follow-up ECOWAS Regional Development Programme, composed of a set of regional sectoral policies (RSPs) and regional investment programmes (RIPs). Concerning the second phase of the ECOWAS ERP, it was observed that a number of obstacles had hampered its smooth implementation. This led the joint ministerial meeting to recommend that:

- the process of enhancing the financial resources of the ECOWAS Fund should be accelerated; and

- Member States should take the regional dimension of the development and integration objectives of the Community into account in the formulation of their public investment programmes.

19. Finally, the report of the joint ministerial meeting acknowledged the low priority governments accorded contributions to ECOWAS and therefore recommended that Member States should make adequate provisions in the annual budgets for their contributions and effect disbursements to the Community Insitutions on a priority basis.

20. Following a discussion of the points raised by the ECOWAS Ministers of Planning and Finance, Council adopted the report of their joint meeting and the recommendations contained therein.

Item 3: Report of the Ministers of Justice

21. In the absence of the Senegalese Minister of Justice, the Deputy Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning of Senegal presented the report of the second meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice which was held in Banjul on 14 and 15 May 1992. The Ministerial meeting had been convened to examine the draft ECOWAS Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters. The ministerial meeting commended the Republic of The Gambia for initiating the idea of regional cooperation in judicial matters and congratulated the Executive Secretariat for preparing the

draft Convention in collaboration with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section of the Vienna-based United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

22. In recommending the adoption of the draft Convention, the ECOWAS Ministers of Justice strongly proposed that the Community should, as a matter of priority, proceed to prepare and adopt legal texts on extradition, civil law and on the harmonisation of commercial laws of Member States.

23. Council took note of the report of the second meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice. Council endorsed the draft Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and recommended it to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for adoption.

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

24. The report of the twenty-eighth session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund was presented by its Chairman, Deputy Secretary of Finance, Development and Planning of Sierra Leone, Major M.M. Conteh.

25. The Chairman of the Board referred to a number of issues which had received the particular attention of the Board, including the extension of the list of banks for the placement of the Fund's resources, the financial situation of the Fund, and two new projects being proposed for financing.

26. After some discussion on the points raised, Council took note of the report of the Board and directed that, with respect to the financing of the road project in Senegal, the signing of the loan agreement between the ECOWAS Fund and the Republic of Senegal should be contingent upon the improvement of the financial situation of the Fund.

Item 5: Report of the Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees

27. The Report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees held on 22 and 24 July 1992 in the Conference Hall of the Hotel Le Meridien President in Dakar, was presented by its Chairman Honourable Amelia Ward, Liberian Minister of Planning and Economic Affairs.

28. The Minister pointed out that the Committee had been convened for the selection of the External Auditors of the Community. She added that the following three firms were short-listed out of thirty-seven applications:

- René Edi Deloittee and Touche
- Akintola Williams and Co.
- Doudou Seydi.

29. After a presentation of the dossiers of the firms, the Committee proceeded to interview the three candidates. On the basis of their performance, the Committee recom-

mended the selection of the firm of Akintola Williams and Co.

30. Council adopted the report of the Ministerial Committee and decided to recommend the firm of Akintola Williams and Co. to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for appointment as External Auditors of the Community Institutions for two years with effect from 1 August 1992.

Item 6: Report of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Meetings of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks

31. The report of the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Committee of Governors of West African Central Banks held at Abuja on 21 and 22 May 1992 and at Dakar on 21 and 22 July 1992 respectively, was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Governor Abdulkadir Ahmed of Nigeria.

32. In his presentation, Governor Ahmed also introduced two memoranda on the main issues considered at the two meetings of the Committee, namely:

- transformation of the West African Clearing House (WACH) into an autonomous specialised agency of ECOWAS; and

- role of Central Banks in the economic integration process in West Africa.

33. On the transformation of WACH, the Governor pointed out that the proposal was in line with the July 1991 decision of the Authority on the rationalisation of West African inter-governmental organisations. The Governor explained that the transformation was meant to strengthen WACH and enable it play a more effective role in the regional monetary integration process. The measures envisaged under the programme adopted by the Governors include the introduction of a credit guanrantee mechanism within WACH and a complete reorganisation of its structure to reflect its changed mandate.

34. On the role of central banks in the integration process, the Governors recognised the important contribution that Central Banks could play in achieving the coordination and harmonisation of economic and monetary policies, an essential aspect of the regional integration process. In order to enhance their participation, the Governors proposed to meet more frequently among themselves. It was also suggested that a regional consultative forum should be established, bringing together Governors of Central Banks and Ministers of Planning and Finance to discuss integration matters, particularly with regard to the formulation and implementation of harmonised economic and monetary policies. The Governors identified a number of policy measures - monetary policy, fiscal policy, exchange rate policy, supervisory and developmental policy, and structural adjustment programmes - which should be adopted to achieve convergence of national economic policies to strengthen the integration process.

35. Council welcomed the initiatives taken by the Committee of Governors of Central Banks to facilitate and

accelerate the ECOWAS monetary integration programme. Council adopted the report of the Committee and agreed to propose to the Authority the transformation of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous specialised agency of the Community. Council stressed the important role the proposed consultative mechanism could play by fostering closer collaboration among Governors and Ministers of Planning and Finance. Consequently, Council directed the Executive Secretary to ensure the establishment and smooth functioning of the proposed mechanism.

Item 7: Reports of the Technical Commissions

(i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

36. The report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Commission held in Lagos from 1 to 5 July 1992 was presented by its chairman. Council adopted the report and on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission decided as follows:

(a) to establish a regional commodity information exchange to be operated during international trade fairs organised in ECOWAS Member States;

(b) to modify the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme as follows:

- fix 25% as the single minimum required indigenous participation in the equity capital of industrial production enterprises;

- abolition of the differentiation between priority and non-priority industrial products;

- total tariff elimination over 6, 8 and 10 years by the three respective country groups,

- simplification of the approval procedure for industrial products;

(c) to approve a list of industrial enterprises and forty (40) additional industrial products as eligible under the trade liberalisation scheme;

(d) to authorise the Executive Secretary to sign on behalf of the Community a Cooperation Agreement between the World Tourism Organisation and ECOWAS;

(e) to approve a master plan for the transfer of the ASYCUDA central project from UNCTAD in Geneva to the Community Computer Centre (CCC) in Lome;

(f) to recommend to the Authority the adoption of a 1992/93 Minimum Agenda for Action in matters relating to the free movement of persons and goods as contained in the attached draft decision.

(ii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

37. The report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in

Lagos from 5 to 8 May 1992 was presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

38. Council adopted the report of the Commission and decided:

(a) to urge all Member States to instal weighbridges on their highways to ensure the effective application of Council Decision C/DEC.7/7/91 which fixed the maximum axle load at 11.5 tons;

(b) to urge all Member States to set up national road safety bodies;

(c) to recommend to the Authority the recognition and granting of observer status to the West African Union of Road Transporters (UTRAO).

(iii) Administration and Finance Commission

39. The report of the ninth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Dakar from 13 to 18 July 1992 was presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

40. Council then decided as follows:

(a) to adopt conditions of service for Contract Officers which offer Contract Officers the same conditions of service as for permanent staff in comparable grades, and an additional 10% of the applicable annual salary;

(b) to extend the application of the dependency allowance to locally recruited staff as follows:
- UA94 per annum for a dependent spouse;
- UA71 per annum for each dependent child.

41. On the quota system, Council restated the position it had expressed at its November 1991 Session that it was no longer necessary to continue to allocate posts to Member States on a permanent basis. Council therefore, reaffirmed its decision to adopt a flexible system of geographical distribution of posts in such a manner that all Member States are equitably represented in the Community Institutions. However, it decided to await the adoption of the revised Treaty before formulating modalities for the implementation of its November 1991 decision. The Executive Secretariat was requested to study and report to Council the effect of the application over the last two years of the decision abolishing the quota system for the P1 to P4 grades.

Item 8: Status of Financial Contributions and Application of Sanctions Resolution of the Authority

42. This item was presented by the Executive Secretary, after distributing an up-dated table on contributions to all members of Council. He informed Council that the Republic of Cape Verde had just submitted a cheque liquidating its 1990 arrears of contribution to the Secretariat budget.

43. Council congratulated those Member States which had endeavoured to liquidiate their arrears and remain up to date with their contributions, especially Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, and Togo. It was noted, however, that some Member States had made little or no effort to improve their payment record. Council therefore decided to refer the matter to the Authority for further consideration.

Item 9: Status of Ratification and Implementation of Community Acts and Decisions

44. The Executive Secretary introduced the summary table circulated to all delegations on the status of ratification of protocols and conventions by Member States.

45. Council noted that, while the rate of ratification had improved substantially, the record of actual implementation of Community policies and decisions required greater attention from Member States. Council, therefore, urged all Member States to do everything possible to implement the Minimum Agenda for Action which had been referred to the Authority for adoption.

Item 10: Memorandum on the Separation Allowance for Statutory Appointees

46. The memorandum was presented by the Executive Secretary.

47. Council welcomed the lifting of the objection which had been entered by Togo when the issue was discussed at the twenty-eighth session of Council in December 1990. Council, therefore, reaffirmed that Statutory Appointees are entitled to 25% of their annual salary as separation allowance and the amount payable for each year should be paid into a special interest-yielding account. Council decided that Statutory Appointees should be granted the interest accruing on these placements and each Statutory Appointee would be paid the interest due him along with the separation allowance upon his effective separation from the service of the Community.

Item 11: Memorandum on the Appointment of Statutory Appointees

48. This memorandum was presented by the Executive Secretary.

49. Council took note of the information contained in the Secretariat memorandum and the interest expressed by some Member States in specific statutory posts. Council decided to refer the issue to the Authority for consideration.

Item 12: Preparation of the Provisional Agenda for the Fifteenth Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

50. Council agreed to propose to the Authority for adoption, the attached draft Agenda for the Fifteenth

Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government.

Item 13: Any Other Matters

Operations of the West African Women's Association (WAWA)

51. The Secretary-General of the West African Women's Association (WAWA) Mrs. A.O. OYESOLA presented to Council a memorandum on the activities of the Association. The Secretary-General of WAWA pointed out in particular the adverse effect that the acute shortage of financial resources was having on the operations of the Association.

52. Council took note of the memorandum and called upon Member States to be current on their contributions to WAWA. Council further invited Member States to establish WAWA chapters in their respective countries as soon as possible.

Item 14: Adoption of Report

53. This report was adopted after amendment.

Item 15: Closing Session

54. The Chairman of Council, Honourable Jean Paul Dias expressed his appreciation and gratitude to his colleagues for the understanding, commitment and courtesy that

characterised the meeting. The Chairman stated that the frank but serene manner in which the issues were discussed contributed significantly to the achievement of the excellent results.

55. The Honourable Minister paid a special tribute to the ECOWAS Executive Secretary, Dr. Abass Bundu for the devotion, conviction and determination with which he has been directing the affairs of the Community throughout his tenure of office. The Chairman stated that the high standards introduced by Dr. Bundu had contributed in no small way to the revival of the Community and the dynamism regional integration had achieved.

56. Honourable Jean-Paul Dias closed the meeting with the expression of the belief that the Council recommendations addressed to the Authority would ensure the success of the forthcoming summit and mark a significant landmark in the history of West African integration.

DONE AT DAKAR THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1992

HON. JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC.1/7/92 ON THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RPD)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

HAVING NOTED that certain measures taken under the Structural Adjustment Programmes adopted in Member States have posed, and continue to pose, problems of harmonisation with certain measures contained in the ECOWAS economic integration programmes;

CONSIDERING the need for Member States to undertake coordinated action at regional level to combat the negative effects of the crisis facing their economies;

HAVING EXAMINED and TAKEN NOTE of the report of the second joint meeting of Ministers of Planning and Finance held in Cotonou, Republic of Benin, on 23 and 24 March 1992 to consider the effects of Structural Adjustment Programmes on the ECOWAS economic integration programmes and assess the contribution of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme;

DECIDES :

Article 1

The Community Institutions are hereby mandated to prepare a regional development programme (RDP) comprising regional sectoral policies (RSPs) and regional investment programmes (RIPs).

Article 2

The regional sectoral policies shall comprise economic integration policies adopted by ECOWAS and national macro-economic policies to be harmonised at regional level, including :

- fiscal policies, including internal taxation measures; and
- national investment codes.

Article 3

Measures relating to financing of budget deficits and to monetary policies (removal of economic distortions which affect prices, exchange rates and subsidies) shall be undertaken in stages, in accordance with the time-table adopted under the Community Monetary Cooperation Programme.

Article 4

Member States and the Community Institutions shall identify together projects of the regional investment programmes on the basis of pre-determined selection criteria such as the priority status and integration potential of projects.

Article 5

The regional investment programme component in each Member State shall be determined in relation to the absorptive capacity of that economy.

Article 6

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 DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC.2/7/92 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MECHANISM OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES (SAPs), ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the need to devise better alternatives to resolve the problems besetting our national economies;

CONSIDERING the need to streamline and harmonise certain measures taken under national structural adjustment programmes and as part of regional economic integration efforts;

CONSIDERING the need to set up an appropriate mechanism for consultation as a way of coordinating at the Community level, the different national development policies;

HAVING CONSIDERED and TAKEN NOTE of the report of the second joint meeting of Ministers of Planning and Finance held in Cotonou on 23 and 24 March, 1992 to study the effects of SAP on the ECOWAS economic integration programmes and to assess the contribution of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme.

D E C I D E S :

Article 1

There is hereby established a mechanism of

consultations in the form of periodic meetings (twice yearly) between the National Authorities responsible for national SAPs, the Community Institutions and relevant international organisations, particularly the World Bank, IMF and the African Development Bank (ADB).

Article 2

This consultative body shall be responsible for :

(i) harmonising and coordinating the various aspects of national economic policies, including fiscal provisions in the areas of investment codes, customs codes and other key areas of integration, etc.;

(ii) ensuring that account is taken in the Structural Adjustment Programmes of the regional minimum investment programme adopted by ECOWAS in order to accelerate the integration process. This regional programme would include, among other things, the most vital programmes and projects for the Community, which would have been identified during consultations referred to above.

Article 3

Decisions adopted at regional level should be considered as binding conditions to be taken into account during negotiations relating to national Structural Adjustment Programmes.

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 DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC.3/7/92 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMODITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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.7/7/85 of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers establishing a Consultation and Coordination Committee between ECOWAS Member States for the Programming of Trade Fairs and Similar Commercial Events;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission meeting in Lagos from 1st June to 5th July 1992;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There is hereby established a Commodity Information Exchange to be operated during international trade fairs organised by Member States.

Article 2

The objective of the Commodity Information Exchange is to enhance the development of international trade and, in particular, to intensify intra-Community trade.

Article 3

The Commodity Information System will comprise computerised data bank containing commercial information on economic operators in the region, their enterprises and their products.

Article 4

The Executive Secretary shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

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 IN DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC.4/7/92 COMPLETING DECISION C/DEC.3/6/88 DATED 21/6/88 DEFINING THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISES TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME

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.3/6/88 dated 21 June, 1988 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial products and enterprises to benefit from the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.14/6/89 dated 27 June 1989 establishing the modalities for the allocation of numbers to industrial enterprises and products approved to benefit from the trade liberalisation scheme;

NOTING that the case of withdrawal of approval already granted to products is not addressed in the said Decision C/DEC.3/6/88;

CONSIDERING the need for completing the said Decision;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission which met in Lagos from 1 to 5 July, 1992;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Decision C/DEC.3/6/88 dated 21 June 1988 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial products and enterprises to benefit from the trade liberalisation scheme is hereby completed by the insertion of a new Article 8 which reads as follows :

New Article 8

Withdrawal of approval shall be effected by the Council of Ministers in a decision passed at the express request with relevant justification of a Member State, or following accusations of fraudulent practices in the operation of trade in approved products raised by one or more States or upon a proposal to that effect submitted by the Executive Secretariat after due investigation.

The following reasons may be accepted as a basis for withdrawal of approval :

(i) change in the legal status of an enterprise;

(ii) the approved products no longer comply with the rules of origin;

(iii) the enterprise is liquidated;

(iv) the enterprise suffers a case of force majeure;

(v) use of the ECOWAS certificate of origin meant for approved industrial products to import or export unapproved products or products originatng from third countries into or from Member States;

(vi) extension of the tariff applied to an approved product to third products, manufactured in Member

States or to non-approved products (false declaration of nature of product);

(vii) use of fraudulent markings on industrial products imported from third countries or non-approved industrial products manufactured in Member States; or

(viii) any other reason which may be deemed acceptable by the Council of Ministers.

The present Article 8 of Decision C/DEC.3/6/88 dated 21 June 1988 shall now be renumbered as Article 9.

Article 2

Application for approval from enterprises wishing to benefit from the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme shall conform to the new specimen application form which is attached as an annex to this Decision.

The old application forms specified in Article 2 of C/DEC.3/6/88 are hereby repealed.

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 IN DAKAR, THIS 25TH. DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME

N.B. This questionnaire must be completed by enterprises wishing to benefit from the scheme.

IDENTITY OF THE ENTERPRISES

- BUSINESS NAME
- LEGAL STATUS
- HEADQUARTERS
- LOCATION

TABLE I

BREAKDOWN OF THE CAPITAL AND COMPOSITION STAFF

SHARE CAPITAL						PROFESSIONAL STAFF			
NATURE OF ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	Percentage owned by Member States	Percentage owned by Nationals of Member State	Percentage owned by Nationals of other Member States in ECOWAS	Percentage owned by Foreigners (non-ECOWAS citizens)	Nationals	Nationals of other ECOWAS Member States	Nationals of third Countries	Total Employed

TABLE II

PRODUCTION: GOODS ELIGIBLE FOR ECOWAS PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS

Type of Goods and Tariff N° Item	PRODUCTION CAPACITY	Production during past three (3) years			Production planned for next three (3) years			Local Raw Material		Imported Raw Materials Inputs			Value Added Product (1)
		19...	19...	19...	19...	19...	19...	Quantity (% of total inputs)	Value (% of total inputs)	Origin	Quantity (% of total inputs)	Value (% of total inputs)	Ex-factory value (%)

(1) State in detail the formula for the calculation of the value added (refer to table IV attached relating to the determination of the ex-factory cost price and value added.)

TABLE III

E X P O R T S

TYPE OF GOODS AND TARIFF ITEM	Export trend for past three (3) years						Export projection for next three (3) years						Country of Destination		Quantity and value of Exports to each Member State for past 3 years						Quantity and Value of Exports to each Member State plan-for next 3 years					
	19....		19....		19....		19....		19....		19....		ECOWAS Member States	Other Coun-tries	19...		19...		19...		19...		19...		19...	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V			Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V

TABLE IV

DETERMINATION OF THE EX-FACTORY COST PRICE AND VALUE ADDED

	TOTAL COST	Specific cost per product			
			Product N°1	Product N°2	
		COST	PERCENTAGE	COST	PER-CENTAGE
I. Cost of Inputs (1)					
a) - Raw materials of ECOWAS origin					
b) - Raw materials of foreign origin					
- Other inputs of ECOWAS origin (2)					
- Other inputs of foreign origin (2)					
- Import duties and taxes					
- Other charges on inputs (internal transportation, storage, transit charges(3)					
II. Cost of non-reusable packaging (1)					
a) - Packaging of ECOWAS origin					
b) - Packaging of foreign origin					
- Duties and taxes paid on packaging					
- Other charges paid on packaging					
III. Other expenses borne by the Enterprises					
- Salaries and wages					
- Duties and taxes (borne by enterprise)					
- Works, supplies and services provided by external sources					
- Transport and travels					
- Miscellaneous management expenses					
- Financial charges					
- Amortisation (Building and equipment).					
IV. Ex-factory Cost Price (I + II + III)					
V. Value Added IV-(+ II) in percentage ex-factory cost price					

(1) CIF of imported raw materials and packaging inputs.

NB. 1) The following factors are not taken into account in the determination of the ex-factory cost price :

- Tax on profit
- Value added tax
- Tax on turnover

2) "Other inputs" : semi-finished products, and cmponent used in the production of goods.

3) The transportation of raw materials and other inputs will be taken into account in the assessment of the value added.

TABLE V

DESCRIPTION OF MANUFACTURING PROCESS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

TYPE OF PRODUCT AND TARIF N°	MANUFACTURING PROCESS

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC.5/7/92 ON THE LIST OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME

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 Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States and its subsequent amendment Acts and Decisions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.15/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, fixing the level of participation in the equity capital of industrial enterprises wishing to benefit from preferential taxation under the intra-Community trade liberalisation scheme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 28 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/5/80 dated 25 May, 1980 of the Council of Ministers and relating to proof and verification of the Community origin of products and the procedures applicable to the movement of goods within the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/6/88 dated 21 June 1988 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial products and enterprises eligible for the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission meeting in Lagos from 1 to 5 July 1992;

DECIDES :

Article 1

Industrial enterprises and goods fulfilling the ECOWAS rules of origin and approved as being eligible for preferential treatment under the intra-Community trade liberalisation scheme are those contained in the list attached as an annex to this Decision.

Article 2

The list referred to in Article 1 may be amended by the Council of Ministers, on the advice of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission in accordance with the approved procedure stipulated by Decision C/DEC.3/6/88 dated 21st June 1988.

Article 3

1. The Executive Secretariat shall give each enterprise concerned, a number which must feature on the certificate of origin and on the ECOWAS customs declaration forms and inform Member States accordingly.

2. Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision.

Article 4

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

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC. 6/7/92 ON THE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANISATION AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 1 to 5 July, 1992;

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1

The Executive Secretary is hereby authorised to finalise and sign a co-operation agreement between the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

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ARTICLE 2

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

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC. 7/7/92 ON DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE FOR LOCALLY RECRUITED STAFF OF 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 Article 30(2) of the Staff Regulations of the Community Institutions governing dependency allowance for locally recruited staff;

CONSIDERING the need to fix the amount of dependent spouse and child allowances for locally recruited staff of Community Institutions;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance Commission which met in Dakar from 13 to 18 July 1992;

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1

Locally recruited Staff of Community Institutions shall be entitled to the following dependency allowances :

- for a dependent spouse : 94 UA per annum; and
- for a dependent child : 71 UA per annum.

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ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the 1st day of January 1993 and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DECISION C/DEC. 8/7/92 ON THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR CONTRACT OFFICERS OF 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 Article 19(4) of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations defining the nature of contract appointment in the Institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING the need to provide for benefits and allowances for contract officers serving in the Institutions of the Community;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance Commission which met in Dakar from 13 to 18 July, 1992;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The following benefits and allowances shall be paid to Contract officers recruited in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Staff Regulations:

- basic salary fixed in accordance with the scale used for officers of corresponding status in the Community;

- fare to, and from duty station on appointment and separation from service;

- medical benefits for themselves and for their dependants;

- 10% of annual basic salary, as contract addition;

- 12.5% of annual basic salary for each year of service as gratuity;

- life insurance, housing, installation and resettlement allowance, dependency allowance, education grant and vacation leave as for professional staff.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the 1st day of January, 1993 and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

ADDITIONAL DECISION C/DEC.9/7/92 ON SEPARATION ALLOWANCE FOR STATUTORY APPOINTEES

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.7/12/90 dated 13th December 1990 on Separation Allowance for Statutory Appointees.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The interest accruing from the placement of the separation allowance of each Statutory Appointee in a special interest-yielding account shall be paid to him, along with the separation allowance, upon his separation from the service of the Community.

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 DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992.

HON. JEAN PAUL DIAS

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DIRECTIVE C/DIR 1/7/92 ON THE PREPARATION OF A COMMUNITY PROGRAMME ON ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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 Articles 8 and 10 of Convention A/P2/5/82 regulating Inter-State Road Transportation between ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC 2/5/81 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the harmonistion of Highway Legislations in the Community;

NOTING the rapid increase in road accidents coupled with the high costs of accidents in Member States;

CONSCIOUS of the satisfactory results obtained by the setting up of National Road Safety bodies in some Member States;

DESIROUS of reducing road accident rates, costs, as well as human suffering by road users;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport Communications and Energy Commission which met in Lagos, from the 5 to 8 of May, 1992:

D I R E C T S

The Executive Secretariat to prepare a Community Programme on Road Safety and Road Accident Prevention.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, JULY 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES 1/7/92 ON THE CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

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 2, paragraph 2 (d) of the said Treaty which enjoins Member States to progressively abolish obstacles to free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/79 dated 29 May 1979 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

CONSIDERING the scope of criminal activity and the rate at which it spreads through the region;

AWARE that the Protocol on free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment may not be effectively applied unless the police and the judicial authorities of Member States possess an effective instrument for the implementation of a Community crime prevention policy;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Meeting of Ministers of Justice of Member States in Banjul on 14 and 15 May 1992;

P R O P O S E S

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve and adopt the attached draft Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between ECOWAS Member States.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25 DAY OF JULY, 1992.

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

CONVENTION A/P.1/7/92 ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

JULY 1992

PREAMBLE

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES,

CONSIDERING that the main objective of the Community is to achieve integration in all fields of activity of its Member States;

BELIEVING that the adoption of common rules in the field of mutual assistance in criminal matters will contribute to this aim by furthering the development of integration;

DESIROUS of extending to each other the widest mutual legal assistance to ~~combat~~ offences of all kinds particularly of serious crimes, as an effective way of dealing with the complex ~~aspects~~ and serious consequences of criminality in all its forms and new dimensions;

AWARE of the interest in the proper administration of justice while conscious of the need to respect human dignity and to assure the orderly pursuit of criminal proceedings among the Member States, thus reinforcing mutual assistance in criminal matters;

Have agreed as follows:

CHAPTER 1
DEFINITIONS
ARTICLE 1

For the purpose of this Convention, the following definitions shall apply:

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

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

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

"Requesting Member State" means a Member State which has made a request for assistance under this Convention;

"Requested Member State" means a Member State to which a request for assistance under this Convention has been made;

"Authority" means the Authority of Heads of State and Governments of the Community, created by Article 5 of the Treaty;

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

"Competent Authority" means the Minister of Justice of a Member State;

"Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretariat of the Community created by Article 8, paragraph 1 of the Treaty;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community, appointed by virtue of Article 8 , paragraph 2 of the Treaty;

"Offence" or "Offences" means the fact or facts which constitute a criminal offence or criminal offences under the laws of the Member State;

"Sanctions" means all penalties or measures incurred or pronounced as a result of a criminal offence;

"Proceeds of crime" means any property suspected, or found by a court, to be property directly or indirectly derived or realized as a result of the commission of an offence or to represent the value of property and other benefits from the commission of an offence.

CHAPTER II
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
ARTICLE 2
Scope of Application

1. Member States undertake to afford to each other, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, the widest measure of mutual assistance in proceedings or investigations in respect of offences the punishments of which, at the time of the request for assistance, falls within the jurisdiction of the judicial authorities of the requesting Member State.

2. Mutual assistance in the provisions of this Convention applies to:

a) taking evidence or statements from persons;

b) assisting in assuring the availability of detained persons or others to give evidence or assist in investigations;

c) effecting service of judicial documents;

d) executing searches and seizures;

e) forfeitures and confiscations of the proceeds of crime;

f) examining objects and sites;

g) providing information and evidentiary items;

h) providing originals or certified copies of relevant documents and records, including bank, financial, corporate or business records.

3. The Convention does not apply to:

a) the arrest or detention of any person with a view to the extradition of that person;

b) the enforcement in the requested Member State of criminal judgements imposed in the requesting Member State except to the extent permitted by the laws of the requested Member State;

c) the transfer of persons in custody to serve sentences.

ARTICLE 3

Competent Authority

Request for mutual assistance shall be made or received by the competent authority in a Member State.

ARTICLE 4

Refusal of Assistance

1. Assistance may be refused if:

a) the requested Member State is of the opinion that the request, if granted, would prejudice its sovereignty, security and public order;

b) the offence is regarded by the requested Member State as being of a political nature;

c) there are substantial grounds for believing that the request for assistance has been made for the purpose of prosecuting a person on account of that persons's race, sex, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinions or that that person's position may be prejudiced for any of those reasons;

d) the request relates to an offence that is subject to investigation or prosecution in the requested Member State or the prosecution of which in the requesting Member State would be incompatible with the requested Member State's law on double jeopardy;

e) the assistance requested requires the requested Member State to carry out compulsory measures that would be contrary to its laws and practice had the offence been the subject of investigation or prosecution under its own jurisdiction;

f) the request is in respect of offences related to military law which do not constitute offences under ordinary criminal law.

2. Assistance shall not be refused solely on the grounds of secrecy of banks and of similar financial institutions.

3. The requested Member State may postpone the execution of the request if its immediate execution would interfere with an ongoing investigation or prosecution in the territory of the requested Member State.

4. Before refusing a request or postponing its execution, the requested Member State shall consider whether assistance may be granted subject to certain conditions. If the requested Member State accepts assistance subject to these conditions, it shall comply with them.

5. Reasons shall be given for any refusal or postponement of mutual assistance.

ARTICLE 5

Contents of Requests

1. Request for assistance shall be made in writing and shall include:

a) the name of the competent authority coordinating the investigation or court proceedings to which the request relates;

b) the purpose of the request and a brief description of the assistance sought;

c) a description of the facts alleged to constitute the offence and a statement or text of the relevant laws, except in cases of a request for service of documents;

d) the identity, nationality and address of the person to be served, where necessary;

e) the reasons for and details of any particular procedure or requirement that the requesting Member State wishes to be followed, including a statement as to whether sworn or affirmed evidence or statements are required;

f) specifications of any time-limit within which compliance with the request is desired;

g) such other information as is necessary for the proper execution of the request.

2. Requests, supporting documents and other communications made pursuant to this Convention shall be written in one or the other of the official languages of the Community or in another language acceptable to the requested Member State.

3. If the requested Member State considers that the information contained in the request is not sufficient to enable the request to be dealt with, it may request additional information.

ARTICLE 6

Execution of Requests

1. Requests for assistance shall be carried out promptly, in the manner provided for by the laws and practice of the requested Member State. To the extent consistent with its laws and practice, the requested Member State shall carry out the request in the manner specified by the requesting Member State.

2. At the request of the requesting Member State the requested Member State shall state the date and place of execution of the demand. Officials and interested persons may be present if the requested Member State consents.

ARTICLE 7

Return of Material to the Requested Member State

Any property, as well as original records or documents, handed over to the requesting Member State under this Convention shall be returned to the requested Member State as soon as possible unless the latter waives its right of return thereof.

ARTICLE 8

Limitation on Use

The requesting Member State shall not, without the consent of the requested Member State use or transfer information or evidence provided by the requested Member State for investigation or proceedings other than those stated in the request. However, in cases where the charge is altered, the material provided may be used in so far as the offence, as charged, is an offence in respect of which mutual assistance may be provided under this Convention.

ARTICLE 9

Protection of Confidentiality

Upon Request:

a) the requested Member State shall do its utmost to keep confidential the request for assistance, its contents and supporting documents as well as the fact of granting such assistance. If the request cannot be executed without breaching confidentiality, the requested Member State shall so inform the requesting Member State which shall then determine whether the request should be executed notwithstanding;

b) the requesting Member State shall keep confidential evidence and information provided by the requested Member State, except to the extent that such evidence and information is needed for the investigation and proceedings described in the request.

ARTICLE 10

Service of Documents and Decisions

1. The requested Member State shall effect service of writs and records of judicial verdicts which are transmitted to it for this purpose by the requesting Member State.

2. Service may be effected by simple transmission of the writ or record to the person to be served. If the requesting Member State expressly so requests, service shall be effected by the requested Member State in the manner so provided for the service of analogous documents under its own laws or in the special manner consistent with such laws.

3. Proof of service shall be given by means of a receipt dated and signed by the person served or by means of a declaration made by the requested Member State that service has been effected and stating the form and date of such service. One or the other of these documents shall be sent immediately to the requesting Member State. The requested Member State shall if the requesting Member State so requests, state whether service has been effected in accordance with the law of the requested Member State. If service cannot be effected, the reasons shall be communicated immediately by the requested Member State to the requesting Member State.

4. A request to effect service of summonses shall be made to a requested Member State not less than 60 days before the date on which the appearance of a person is required. In urgent cases, the requested Member State may reduce the time requirement.

ARTICLE 11

Obtaining of Evidence

1. The requested Member State shall, in conformity with its laws and upon request take the sworn or affirmed testimony or otherwise obtain statements of persons or require them to provide items of evidence for transmission to the requesting Member State.

2. Upon request of the requesting Member State, the parties to the relevant proceedings in the requesting Member State, their legal representatives and representatives of the requesting Member State may, subject to the laws and procedures of the requested Member State, be present at the proceedings.

ARTICLE 12

Right or Obligation to Decline to Give Evidence

1. A person who is requested to give evidence may decline where either:

a) the laws of the requested Member State permit or require that person to decline to give evidence in similar circumstances in proceedings originating in the requested Member State; or

b) the laws of the requesting Member State permit or require that person to decline to give evidence in similar circumstances in proceedings originating in the requesting Member State.

2. If a person claims that there is a right or obligation to decline to give evidence under the laws of the other Member State, the Member State where that person is present shall, with respect thereto, rely on a certificate of a competent authority of the other Member State as evidence of the existence or non-existence of that right or obligation.

ARTICLE 13

Availability of Persons in Custody to Give Evidence or to Assist in Investigations

1. At the request of the requesting Member State, and if the requested Member State agrees and its laws so permit, a person in custody in the territory of the requested Member State may, subject to his or her consent, be temporarily transferred to the

territory of the requesting Member State to give evidence or to assist in the investigations.

2. While the person transferred is required to be held in custody under the laws of the requested Member State, the requesting Member State shall hold that person in custody and shall return that person in custody to the requested Member State at the conclusion of the matter in relation to which transfer was sought or at such earlier time as the person's presence is no longer required.

3. Where the requested Member State advises the requesting Member State that the transferred person is no longer required to be held in custody, that person shall be set at liberty and be dealt with in accordance with Article 14 of this Convention.

ARTICLE 14
Availability of Other Perons to Give Evidence or Assist in Investigations

1. The requesting Member State may request the assistance of the requested Member State in inviting a person:

a) to appear in proceedings in relation to a criminal matter in the requesting Member State unless that person is the person charged; or

b) to assist in the investigations in relation to a criminal matter in the requesting Member State.

2. The requested Member State shall invite the person to appear as a witness or expert in proceedings or to assist in the investigations. Where appropriate, the requested Member State shall satisfy itself that necessary measures have been taken for the person's safety.

3. The request or the summons shall indicate the approximate allowances and the travel and subsistence expenses payable by the requesting Member State. This amount shall be determined by the two Member States concerned.

4. Upon request, the requested Member State may grant the person an advance, which shall be refunded by the requesting Member State.

ARTICLE 15

Safe Conduct

1. Subject to paragraph 2 of this Article, where a person is in the requesting Member State pursuant to a request made under Article 13 or 14:

a) that person shall not be detained, prosecuted, punished or subjected to any other restrictions of personal liberty in the requesting Member State in respect of any acts or omissions or convictions that preceded the person's departure from the requested Member State.

b) that person shall not, without that person's consent, be required to give evidence in any proceedings or to assist in any investigation other than the proceeding or investigation to which the request relates.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall cease to apply if that person, being free to leave, has not left the territory of the requesting Member State within a period of 15 consecutive days, or any longer period otherwise agreed on by the Member States, after that person has been officially told or notified that his or her presence is no longer required or, having left, has voluntarily returned.

3. A person who does not consent to a request pursuant to Article 13 or accept an invitation pursuant to Article 14 shall not, even if summons contains a notice of penalty, be subjected to any punishment or measure or restraint, unless subsequently he voluntarily enters the territory of the requested Member State and is there again duly summoned.

ARTICLE 16

Provision of Public Available Documents and Other Records

1. The requested Member State shall provide copies of documents or records in so far as they are open to public access as part of a public register or otherwise, or in so far as they are available for purchase or inspection by the public.

2. The requested Member State may provide copies of any other document or record under the same conditions as such document or record may be provided by its own law enforcement and judicial authorities.

ARTICLE 17

Search and Seizure

The requested Member State shall, in so far as its law permits, carry out requests for seach and seizure and delivery of any material to the requesting Member State for evidential purposes, provided that the rights of bona fide third parties are protected.

CHAPTER III

FORFEITURE OR CONFISCATION OF PROCEEDS OF CRIME

ARTICLE 18

Request for Forfeiture or Confiscation

The requested Member State shall, upon request, endeavour to ascertain whether any proceeds of the crime alleged are located within its jurisdiction and shall notify the requesting Member State of the results of its enquiries. In making the request, the requesting Member State shall notify the requested Member State of the basis of its belief that such proceeds of crime may be located within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 19

Investigations for Forfeiture or Confiscation

1. In pursuance of a request made under Article 18, of this Convention, the requested Member State shall endeavour to trace assets, investigate financial dealings, and obtain other information or evidence that may help to secure the recovery of proceeds of crime.

2. Where, pursuant to Article 18 of this Convention suspected proceeds of crime are found, the requested Member State shall upon request take such measures as are permitted by its laws to prevent any dealing in, transfer or disposal of, those suspected proceeds of crime, pending a final determination in respect of those proceeds by a court of the requesting Member State.

ARTICLE 20

Effects of the Decision on Forfeiture or Confiscation

1. The requested Member State shall, to the extent permitted by its law, give effect to or permit enforcement of a final order forfeiting or confiscating the proceeds of crime made by a court of the requesting Member State or take other appropriate action to secure the proceeds following a request by the requesting Member State.

2. The Member States shall ensure that the rights of bona fide third parties and victims shall be respected.

CHAPTER IV

TRANSFER OF PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

ARTICLE 21

Scope of Application

1. When a person is suspected of having committed an offence under the laws of a State, that State may, if the interests of the proper administration of justice so require, request another Member State to take proceedings in respect of this offence.

2. For the purposes of applying this Convention, the Member States shall take the necessary legislative measures to ensure that a request of the requesting Member State to take proceedings shall allow the requested Member State to exercise the necessary jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 22

Channel of Communications

The request, supporting documents and subsequent communications shall be transmitted to the competent authority in conformity with the provisions of Article 3 of this Convention.

ARTICLE 23

Contents of Requests

1. The request to take proceedings shall be made in writing and shall contain or be accompanied by documents containing the following information:

a) the authority presenting the request;

b) a description of the act for which transfer of proceedings is being requested, including the specific time and place of the offence;

c) a statement on the results of investigations which substantiate the suspicion of an offence;

d) the legal provisions of the requesting Member State on the basis of which the act is considered to be an offence;

e) a reasonably exact statement of the identity, nationality and residence of the suspected person.

2. Request, supporting documents and other communications made pursuant to this Convention shall be written in one or the other of the official languages of the Community or in another language acceptable to the requested Member State.

3. If the requested Member State considers that the information contained in the request is not sufficient to enable the request to be dealt with, it may request additional information.

ARTICLE 24

Decision on the Request

The competent authorities of the requested Member State shall examine what actions to take on the request to take proceedings in order to comply, as fully as possible, with the request under their own laws, and shall promptly communicate their decision to the requesting Member State.

ARTICLE 25

Dual Criminality

A request to take proceedings can be complied with if only the act on which the request is based would be an offence if committed in the territory of the requested Member State.

ARTICLE 26

Grounds for Refusal

If the requested Member State refuses acceptance of a request for transfer of proceedings it shall communicate the reasons for refusal to the requesting Member State. Acceptance may be refused if:

a) the suspected person is not a national of or ordinary resident of the requested Member State;

b) the act is an offence under military law, which is not also an offence under ordinary criminal law;

c) the offence is regarded by the requested Member State as being of a political nature.

ARTICLE 27

The Position of the Suspected Person

1. The suspected person may express to either Member State his or her interest in the transfer of the proceedings. Similarly, such interest may be expressed by the legal representative or close relatives of the suspected person.

2. Before a request for transfer of proceedings is made; the requesting Member State shall, if practicable, allow the suspected person to present his or her views on the alleged offence and the intended transfer, unless that person has absconded or otherwise obstructed the course of justice.

ARTICLE 28

The Rights of the Victim

The requesting Member State and the requested Member State shall ensure in the transfer of proceedings that the rights of the victim of the offence, in particular his or her right to restitution or compensation, shall not be affected as a result of the transfer. If a settlement of the claim of the victim has not

been reached before the transfer, the requested Member State shall permit the representation of the claim in the transferred proceedings, if its laws provide for such a possibility. In the event of the death of the victim, these provisions shall apply to his or her dependants accordingly.

ARTICLE 29

Effects of the Transfer of Proceedings on the Requesting Member State (non bis in idem)

Upon acceptance by the requested Member State of the request to take proceedings against the suspected person, the requesting Member State shall provisionally discontinue prosecution, except necessary investigation, including judicial assistance to the requested Party, until the requested Member State informs the requesting Member State that the case has been finally disposed of. From that date on, the requesting Member State shall definitely refrain from further prosecution of the same offence.

ARTICLE 30

Effects of the Transfer of Proceedings on the Requested Member State

1. **The proceedings transferred upon agreement shall be governed by the laws of the requested Member State. When charging the suspected person under its laws, the requested Member State shall make necessary adjustment with respect to particular elements in the legal description of the offence. Where the competence of the requested Member State is based on the provision set forth in paragraph 2 of Article 23, the sanction pronounced in that Member State shall not be more severe than that provided by the laws of the requesting Member State.**

2. As far as compatible with the laws of the requested Member State, any act with a view to proceedings or procedural requirements performed in the requesting Member State in accordance with its law shall have the same validity in the requested Member State as if the act had been performed in or by the authorities of that Member State.

3. The requested Member State shall inform the requesting Member State of the decision taken as a result of the proceedings. To this end a copy of the final decision shall be transmitted to the requesting Member State.

ARTICLE 31

Provisional Measures

When the requesting Member State announces its intention to transmit a request for transfer of proceedings, the requested Member State may, upon a specific request made for this purpose by the requesting Member State, apply all such provisional measures, including provisional detention and seizure, as could be applied under its own laws if the offence in respect of which transfer of proceedings is requested had been committed in its territory.

ARTICLE 32

The Plurality of Criminal Proceedings

When criminal proceedings are pending in two or more Member States against the same suspected person in respect of the same offence, the Member States concerned shall consult to decide which of them alone should continue proceedings. An agreement reached thereupon shall have the consequences of a request for transfer of proceedings.

CHAPTER V
VALIDATION AND COSTS

ARTICLE 33
Authentication and Certification of documents

A request under this Convention and the supporting documents thereto, as well as the documents and other materials supplied in response to such a request shall not require certification or authentication.

ARTICLE 34
Costs of executing requests

The ordinary costs of executing a request shall be borne by the requested Member State, unless otherwise determined by the Parties. If expenses of a substantial or extraordinary nature are or will be required to execute the request, the Parties shall consult in advance to determine the terms and conditions under which the request shall be executed, as well as the manner in which the costs shall be borne.

CHAPTER VI
FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 35
Arrangement

1. The present Convention repeals all preceeding Treaties, Conventions or Agreements concluded between two or several Member States on mutual legal assistance in areas specified in Article 2 paragraph 2 and Article 23 of this Convention.

2. The Member States may conclude bilateral or multilateral Agreements with one another on the matters dealt with in this Convention, for purposes of supplementing or strenghtening its provisions or facilitating the application of the principles embodied in it.

ARTICLE 36

Accession

1. After entry into force of this Convention, the Council of Ministers may invite, by unanimous decision, any State not a member of the Community to accede to this Convention.

2. When a non-Member State of the Community requests to be invited to accede to this Convention, it shall submit this request to the Executive Secretary.

3. In respect of any acceding State, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of deposit of the instrument of accession with the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE 37

Amendment and Review

1. Any Member State may submit proposals for the amendment or review of this Convention.

2. All proposals shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary, who shall forward them to Member States within thirty (30) days upon receipt. Proposed amendments or reviews shall be considered by the Authority upon expiration of the thirty (30) days notice given to Member State.

ARTICLE 38

Deposit and Entry into Force

1. This Convention shall enter into force provisionally upon signature by Heads of State and Government of Member States and definitively upon ratification by at least seven (7) Member States, in conformity with the constitutional provisions of each Member State.

2. This Convention and all the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat which shall forward certified true copies to all Member States, notify them of the dates of deposit of the instruments of ratification and register this Convention with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and any other organisation determined by Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES HAVE SIGNED THIS CONVENTION.

DONE AT DAKAR THIS..29TH..DAY OF ..JULY...1992
IN A SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES,
BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

DRAFT RESOLUTION C/RES 2/7/92 ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF 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 Article 10 of the said Treaty on the appointment of the External Auditor;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community, particularly the provisions of Article 1(B) on the renewal of the term of office of the External Auditor and evaluation report;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees;

P R O P O S E S T O THE

AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to adopt the attached draft Decision on the Appointment of the firm of Akintola Williams & Co as the External Auditor of the Community.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

DAKAR, 27 - 29 JULY, 1992

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.3/7/92 ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRM OF AKINTOLA WILLIAMS AND COMPANY AS EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE COMMUNITY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Article 10 of the said Treaty on the appointment of the External Auditor;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the selection and the Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community particularly the provisions of Article 1 (B) on the renewal of the term of office of the External Auditors and Evaluation Report;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.2/12/92 adopted by the Council of Ministers at is Thirty-first Session held from the 23 to 25 July, 1992 in Dakar.

D E C I D E S:

Article 1

The Firm of Akintola Williams and Company is hereby appointed as External Auditor of the Community for an initial term of two years, with effect from 1 August 1992.

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 DAKAR, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1992.

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDOU DIOUF

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, JULY 23 TO 25 JULY, 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES.3/7/92 ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WEST AFRICAN CLEARING HOUSE (WACH) INTO AN AUTONOMOUS SPECIALISED AGENCY OF ECOWAS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.6/5/87 of the Authority on the adoption of ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme especially the policy measures to be adopted to achieve the short-term objective of strengthening and improving the WACH mechanism and the long term objective of achieving a single monetary zone;

CONSIDERING further Decision A/DEC.12/7/91 of the Authority relating to the implementation of the rationalisation of institutional arrangements governing West African integration;

CONSIDERING the need to bring the activities of WACH into the integration framework of West Africa;

CONSIDERING Recommendation COG/REC.1/7/92 of the Committee of Governors of West African Central Banks.

P R O P O S E S

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve and adopt the attached draft Decision on the Transformation of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous Specialised Agency of the Community.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992.

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
DAKAR, 27 - 29 JULY, 1992

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.4/7/92 RELATING TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WEST AFRICAN CLEARING HOUSE (WACH) INTO AN AUTONOMOUS SPECIALISED AGENCY OF ECOWAS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/5/87 of the Authority on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme, especially the policy measures to be adopted to achieve the short-term objective of strengthening and improving the WACH mechanism and the long term objective of achieving a single monetary zone;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.12/7/91 of the Authority relating to the implementation of the rationalisation of institutional arrangements governing West African integration;

DESIROUS of bringing the activities of WACH into the integration framework of West Africa;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.3/7/92 of the Council of Ministers on the Transformation of WACH into an autonomous Specialised Agency of ECOWAS;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The West African Clearing House (WACH) is hereby transformed into an autonomous Specialised Agency of ECOWAS in order to facilitate the process of monetary cooperation and integration in West Africa.

Article 2

The name of the transformed WACH shall be the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA).

Article 3

To achieve the objective contained in Article 1 of this Decision, the Committee of Governors, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS, shall take all the measures necessary to define the modalities for transforming the WACH into the monetary cooperation agency of the Community.

Article 4

The transformation process shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the time-table and work-programme attached to this Decision.

Article 5

The Committee of Governors and the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS are to work together to ensure the smooth implementation of this Decision.

Article 6

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

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDOU DIOUF

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

APPENDIX 2

TRANSFORMATION OF WACH : WORK PROGRAMME AND TIME-TABLE FOR IMPLEMANTATION

NATURE OF ACTIVITY	DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY	INSTITUTION CONCERNED	PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION	OBSERVATIONS
1. Preparation of protocol and necessary proposals	i) Collection of background information relating to ECOWAS Treaty, other agreements etc...	WACH/STUDY GROUP/ECOWAS	2 months	
	ii) Drafting of protocol covering : - functions - other relevant features - institutional measures etc...	WACH/STUDY GROUP/ECOWAS	3 months	
	iii) Submission of draft protocol to Governors and ECOWAS for comments	WACH/STUDY GROUP/ECOWAS	3 months	
	iv) Finalisation of protocol	WACH/STUDY GROUP/ECOWAS	1 month	
	v) Submission for approval and signature	WACH/ECOWAS Governors		

NATURE OF ACTIVITY	DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY	INSTITUTION CONCERNED	PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION	OBSERVATIONS
2. Modalities for implementing the protocol	i) Preparatory meeting between WACH and ECOWAS to draw up programme of action	WACH/ECOWAS/ STUDY GROUP	3 months	
	ii) Seting up joint Committee/ task force to translate protocol into reality	Governors	1 month	
	- details of restructuring required			
	- staff recruitment/ redeployment			
	- details of WACH organisational structure			
	iii) Meeting to approve recommendations of joint committee on practical modalities for implementation	WACH/ECOWAS STUDY GROUP	1 month	
	iv) Agreement on date for take-off of the new institution	Governors		

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES 4/7/92 ON THE MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (1992/1993) ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS.

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 Protocol A/P1/5/79 dated 29 May 1979 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

MINDFUL of Convention A/P4/5/82 relating to Inter-State Road Transit of Goods;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 relating to the adoption and implementation of a Single Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products originating from Member States;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

NOTING that the major problems hindering ECOWAS integration efforts is the non-implementation of agreed policies and programmes by Member States;

CONVINCED that the implementation of a minimum agenda for action in such key areas as free movement of persons and goods would revitalise and enhance the West African integration process;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 1 to 5 July 1992;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

To adopt the attached draft Decision on the Minimum Agenda for Action (1992/1993) on Free Movement of Persons and Goods.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

DAKAR, 28 - 29 JULY, 1992

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.5/7/92 ON THE MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (1992/1993) ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS.

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 Articles 2, 3, 12 and 27 of the ECOWAS Treaty;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/5/79 dated 29 May 1979 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment,

MINDFUL of Convention A/P.4/5/82 relating to Interstate Road Transit of Goods;

MINDFUL OF Decision A/DEC 1/5/83 relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

NOTING that the major problem hindering ECOWAS integration efforts is the non-implementation, by Member States, of agreed policies and programmes,

CONVINCED that the implementation of a minimum agenda for action in such key areas as free movement of persons and goods would re-vitalise and enhance the West African integration process;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.4/7/92 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its Thirty-first Session held in Dakar from 23 to 25 July, 1992.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

1. Member States shall create an enabling environment for Community citizens and economic operators to pursue their respective callings and vocation by removing all obstacles to free movement of persons and goods. To this end, each Member State shall implement the various policies and programmes stipulated in the attached Minimum Agenda for Action (1992/1993) on Free Movement of Persons and Goods.

2. Member States shall implement, by the relevant dates thereof, the various policies and programmes of the said Agenda.

Article 2

Each Member State shall submit a report, through the Executive Secretary, to the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Authority, indicating the action taken at national level to give effect to this decision.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the implementation of this decision and shall, where necessary, assist Member States in the organisation of seminars to sensitise government functionaries on approved procedures on transit and customs and on the provisions of the ECOWAS Protocol relating to Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment.

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Article 4

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

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDOU DIOUF

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ANNEX

MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (1992/1993) ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS.

A. FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

1. Member States shall immediately remove all administrative procedures impeding free movement of persons, goods and services.

2. Member States shall reduce security check-points to one combined check point between the nearest city and official points of entry and exit at border posts.

3. The following transit procedures shall be respected and implemented by Member States :

a) National passports and ECOWAS Travel Certificates presented by Community citizens at official points of entry and exit shall be stamped without the need to fill any forms.

b) In order however to cater for exceptional areas where a record is required by the immigration authorities, a harmonised entry and exit form shall be introduced. The harmonised immigration form shall be a multi-copy carbonised form. After the top copy is removed, the rest of the form shall be released to the traveller for presentation at subsequent border posts.

4. The Executive Secretariat shall prepare a model harmonised form which shall be approved by the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission.

B. TRANSIT PROCEDURES

5. In order to reduce congestion at the official points of entry and exit at border posts and inorder to facilitate speedier processing of documents for vehicles in transit, Member States hereby undertake to institute the following measures :

a) special counters shall be set up for transit vehicles at all official entry and exit points at the borders;

b) the processing time for documents in respect of customs-sealed vehicles, passenger vehicles and vehicles in transit shall be instantaneous;

c) for other transit vehicles not sealed and which need inspection, the time for processing of documents shall not exceed three hours;

d) the ECOWAS Secretariat shall work with Member States to define the modalities for the introduction of these counters.

C. PRINTING OF CUSTOMS DOCUMENTS

6. Member States which have not done so shall, not later than 31 December 1992, print and put in use basic ECOWAS customs documents including Certificates of Origin and Harmonised Declaration Forms.

D. IMPORT PROHIBITIONS

7. Member States that have instituted either absolute or conditional restrictions to the free flow of goods covered by the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme shall immediately, remove all such non-tariff barriers.

8. The ECOWAS Secretariat shall regularly draw to the attention of Member States non-tariff barriers instituted against approved Community products so that immediate action can be taken by the Member States concerned to remove them.

E. PAYMENTS ARRANGEMENTS

9. Member States undertake to eliminate all restrictions on the exchange and use of domestic currencies by travellers and businessmen. In this regard, each Member State shall, immediately, start the process of liberalisation by the introduction of practical measures aimed at removing existing restrictions. Such measures include :

1) lifting of restrictions on the use of domestic currencies for purchase of air tickets by resident and non-resident ECOWAS citizens;

2) elimination of restrictions on the exchange and use of domestic currencies by travellers and businessmen :
The Executive Secretariat shall without delay conduct a study on the modalities for the implementation of these arrangements.

WORK-PROGRAMME AND TIME-TABLE OF MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION: 1992 - 1993

NATURE OF ACTION	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES INVOLVED	INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED	PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION	OBSERVATIONS OF MEMBER STATES
1. Free Movement				
Improvement in Transit procedures	i) Contacts with Member States	Member States/ ECOWAS	Before end Dec. 1992	
i) Agreement on Transit	ii) Reaching agreement	Member States/ ECOWAS	Before end March 1993	
ii) Establishment of Transit counter	i) Contacts with Member States	Member States/ ECOWAS	Before end Dec. 1992	
iii) Reduction of Security Check points	i) Contacts with relevant authorities	Member States/ ECOWAS		
	ii) Reaching agreement	Member States/ ECOWAS		
	iii) Organisation of periodic seminars to sensitise officials on provisions of ECOWAS Free Movement and Transit and Customs Procedure to reduce incidence of harrassment, corruption and delays	Member States/ ECOWAS	2 Seminars Before end Dec. 1992	
		Member States/ ECOWAS	2 Seminars 1st half 1993	

iv) Issuance of ECOWAS Travel Certificate	i) Printing of the ECOWAS Travel Certificate	Member States	Before end Dec. 1992	
	ii) Issuance of the Certificate	Member States		
v) Introduction of Multi-copy Transit Forms	Printing of Forms	Member States	Before end Dec. 1993	
2. Payments Arrangements				
Liberalisation of restrictions on use of national currencies				
Arrangement on use of national currencies for travel and purchase of air tickets	i) Contacts with Monetary Authorities to discuss and convince them about viability	Member States/ ECOWAS	Before end Dec. 1992	
	ii) Study on the issue			
3. Printing of Customs forms				
Agreement on deadline for printing and use of certificates of origin and harmonised customs documents	Contacts with national authorities on issue	Member States/ ECOWAS	Before end Oct. 1993	
4. Trade Liberalisation Scheme, Exemption of sub-regional goods from import prohibition list.	Contacts with national authorities to issue exemption notices	Member States/ ECOWAS	Before end Dec. 1992	

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES. 5/7/92 RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF DECISION A/DEC.1/5/83 DATED 30 MAY, 1983 ON THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the provisions of the Protocol dated 5 November 1976 relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from Member States of the Economic Community of West African States;

CONSIDERING the provisions of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 on the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of the Community;

CONSIDERING the provisions of Decision C/DEC.2/5/82 dated 26 May 1982 of the Council of Ministers relating to the list of priority industrial products for the implementation of the trade liberalisation programme;

AWARE of the difficulties encountered in effectively implementing the trade liberalisation scheme particularly in respect of fulfilling the condition relating to the minimum national participation in the equity capital of production enterprises, and the structure of the scheme which involves the categorisation of industrial products on a priority and non-priority basis;

CONCERNED with the need to simplify the scheme in order to speed up its effective implementation;

HAVING examined the report of the meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission on the scheme held in Lagos from 1 to 5 July 1992;

RECOMMENDS :

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve the attached Draft Decision amending Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
DAKAR, 27 - 29 JULY, 1992

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.6/7/92 AMENDING DECISION A/DEC.1/5/83 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 relating to the adoption and implementation of a Single Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products originating from Member States of the Community;

AWARE of the difficulties encountered in effectively implementing the trade liberalisation scheme particularly in respect of fulfilling the rules of origin, the minimum national participation in the equity capital of production enterprises, and the structure of the scheme involving the categorisation of industrial products as priority and non-priority goods;

CONCERNED with the need to simplify the scheme in order to speed up effective implementation;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.5/7/92 adopted by the

Thirty-first Session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar from 23 to 25, July 1992.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 relating to the Adoption and Amendment of a Single Trade Liberalisation Scheme for Industrial Products Originating from Member States of the Community is hereby amended as follows :

New Article 5

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

Group	Period within which tariffs are to be eliminated	Rate of reduction of Customs duties and taxes
Group 1 Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger	10 years	10% reduction each year
Group II Benin, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone Togo	8 years	12.5% reduction each year
Group III Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal	6 years	16.6% reduction each year

New Article 6

The provisions of Decision C/DEC.3/5/82 dated 26 May 1982 relating to the list of priority industrial products for the implementation of the Trade Liberalisation Scheme are hereby repealed.

New Article 7

The level of participation of nationals of Member States in the equity capital of industrial enterprises whose products shall benefit from preferential taxation as provided for in the Treaty, is fixed at a single minimum rate of 25%.

Article 2

1. The provisions of Article 8 of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS relating to the liberalisation of trade in industrial products are hereby repealed.

2. Consequently, Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the said Decision shall be renumbered 8, 9, 10 and 11 respectively.

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 DAKAR, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDOU DIOUF

CHAIRMAN

For the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES.6/7/92 ON
THE RECOGNITION AND THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO
THE WEST AFRICAN UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORTERS (UTRAO)

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 Articles 40 and 41 of the said Treaty relating to the evolution of a common transport and communications policy and on the provision of all-weather roads within the Community respectively;

MINDFUL of Conventions A/P2/5/82 regulating Inter-State Road Transportation and A/P4/5/82 relating to Inter-State Road Transit of goods;

DESIROUS of ensuring effective implementation of the transport decisions and protocols in order to facilitate the free movement of persons, goods and services in the region;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.7/12/88 on the Transfer of the Higher Committee on Land Transport (HCLT) to the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat;

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MINDFUL of the provisions of paragraph (c) of Directive C/DIR.3/12/88 calling for ways and means to promote the setting up of a Community Union of Professional Associations of Road Transport Owners;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission which met in Lagos from 5 to 8 May 1992;

AFTER EXAMINING the Statutes of the West African Union of Road Transporters (UTRAO);

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT:

- to adopt the attached draft Decision on the Recognition and Granting of Observer Status to the West African Union of Road Transporters (UTRAO).

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
DAKAR, 27 - 29 JULY, 1992

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.7/7/92 ON THE RECOGNITION AND THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORTERS (UTRAO)

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 the provisions of Articles 40 and 41 of the said Treaty relating to the evolution of a common transport and communications policy and on the provision of all-weather roads within the Community respectively;

MINDFUL of Protocols A/P2/5/82 regulating Inter State Road Transportation and A/P4/5/82 relating to Inter-State Road Transit of goods;

DESIROUS to ensure effective implementation of the Community legislations on transport in order to facilitate the free movement of persons, goods and services in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.6/7/92 of the Council of Ministers' meeting in Dakar, Senegal from 23 to 25 July 1992;

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D E C I D E S:

Article 1: The West African Union of Road Tarnsporters (UTRAO) is hereby recognised and granted the status of Observer within the Institutions of the Community.

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 DAKAR, THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HIS EXCELLENCY ABDOU DIOUF
CHAIRMAN
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES.7/7/92 ON THE INSTALLATION OF WEIGHBRIDGES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULE ON THE MAXIMUM AXLE LOAD OF 11.5 TONS

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 4 of the Convention regulating Inter-State Road Transportation between ECOWAS Member States signed in Cotonou on 28 May 1982, which stipulates that the maximum axle load of the various types of vehicles authorised to carry out inter-state transportation should not exceed 11.5 tons;

AWARE that the purpose of the said Article 4 is to obtain the appropriate standardised total weights in the sub-region;

BEARING IN MIND Decision C/DEC.7/7/91 relating to the Road Traffic Regulations based on the 11.5 tons axle load to protect road infrastructures and road transport vehicles;

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DESIROUS of reducing the cost of construction and maintenance of roads as well as reducing the cost of transport vehicles;

AWARE that the problems of overloading could be solved by increasing the number of average axle per vehicle and by the gradual elimination of trailers with four axles as well as by control of possible overloads;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission which met in Lagos from 5 to 8 May 1992;

REQUESTS MEMBER STATES:

Article 1: To install weighbridges in order to ensure that the rules on the maximum axle load of 11.5 tons are complied with.

Article 2: To review periodically transport fares in the region in order to encourage transport operators to comply with the regulation on the maximum axle load.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 23 - 25 JULY, 1992

RESOLUTION C/RES.8/7/92 ON THE SETTING UP OF NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY BODIES IN ALL ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Articles 8 and 10 of Convention A/P2/5/82 regulating Inter-State Road Transportation between ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/81 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Harmonisation of Highway Legislations in the Community;

NOTING the rapid increase in road accidents coupled with the high costs of accidents in Member States;

CONSCIOUS of the satisfactory results obtained by the setting up of national road safety bodies in some Member States;

DESIROUS of reducing road accident rates, costs, as well as human suffering by road users;

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ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission which met in Lagos from 5 to 8 May 1992;

APPEALS TO MEMBER STATES:

Article 1: To set up national road safety bodies in countries that have not already done so:

Article 2: To become members of the African Group of International Road Safety Organisation;

Article 3: To institute an ECOWAS Road Safety and Accident Prevention Day.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1992

HONOURABLE JEAN PAUL DIAS
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) holding its thirty-first ordinary session from 23 to 25 July 1992 in the Conference Hall of the Hotel Le Méridien Président in Dakar, wishes to express to His Excellency Abdou DIOUF, President of the Republic of Senegal, his Government and the people of Senegal, the sincere gratitude of all delegations for the very warm and fraternal welcome extended to them and for the excellent facilities placed at their disposal to assure the success of their deliberations.

DONE AT DAKAR THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 1992

THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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