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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY 1993

FINAL REPORT

COTONOU, 20 JULY 1993

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Council of Ministers met from 17 to 20 July 1993 in its thirty-third ordinary session in the Conference Room of the Sheraton Hotel, Cotonou, Republic of Benin. All the sixteen Member States were represented.

The following organisations and Institutions also attended the meeting as observers:

- West African Women's Association (WAWA)
- West African Bankers Association (WABA)
- West African Clearing House (WACH)
- Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
- West African Development Bank (BOAD)
- West African Economic Community (CEAO)
- Inter-State Committee for the Control of Drought in the Sahel (CILSS)
- Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- Pan-African News Agency (PANA)
- African Development Bank (ADB)
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

2. The full list of participants is attached to this report.

## II. OPENING SESSION

3. On behalf of His Excellency, President Nicéphore Dieudonné Soglo and on behalf of the government and people of Benin, Mr. Paul Dossou, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Benin and current Chairman of Council, welcomed all Council members and their delegations to Cotonou. The Chairman of Council gave an overview of the economic climate in West Africa. He also reviewed the activities of ECOWAS during his term of office and outlined the prospects for the Community. He briefed Council on the ECOWAS mission that he led to the joint annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to present to the Bretton Woods institutions the Minimum Agenda for Action adopted by the Heads of State and Government at their fifteenth ordinary session in Dakar in July 1992. Mr. Dossou stated that the World Bank and the IMF expressed particular interest in the implementation of the Minimum Agenda and promised to lend every assistance to ECOWAS efforts aimed at removing all tariff and non-tariff barriers to intra-regional trade and to the execution of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme.

4. The Chairman continued by enumerating various activities undertaken by ECOWAS in pursuance of Community objectives. He highlighted the need to create a more dynamic ECOWAS and called on Council to recommend the revised Treaty to the Heads of State and Government for adoption. He expressed the wish that the Community would make maximum use of external aid and called in particular, on Member States to support the Executive Secretariat in the formulation and execution of the Regional Indicative Programme under the Lomé IV Convention.

5. Mr. Dossou observed that most Member States owed substantial amounts on their contributions to the budgets of the Community institutions. He urged Member States to honour their financial obligations to the Community and stated that an urgent solution must be found to the problem of arrears. Concluding, the Chairman called on his colleagues to intensify their efforts to

make regional integration one of the national economic and social development priorities of their countries. Each Member State should therefore endeavour to implement promptly all Community acts and decisions.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

6. The following bureau was elected :

Chairman	-	Republic of Benin
Rapporteurs	-	Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
		Republic of The Gambia

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

7. The Agenda below was adopted :

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Election of Bureau
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Report of the Executive Secretary
5. Report of the Legal Experts on the draft Revised Treaty
6. Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund
7. Report of the meeting of Central Bank Governors
8. Reports of Technical Commissions:
  - (a) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources
  - (b) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments
  - (c) Transport, Communications and Energy
  - (d) Social and Cultural Affairs
  - (e) Administration and Finance
9. Report on the implementation of the Minimum Agenda for Action.
10. Memorandum relating to the draft Cooperation Agreement between ECOWAS and the United Nations Office in Vienna.

11. Memorandum on the request for observer status for ECOWAS in the United Nations
  12. Status of ratification of Community Conventions and Protocols
  13. Status of financial contributions
  14. Memorandum on the composition of the jury for the award of the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence
  15. Memorandum on the designation of countries to nominate candidates for Statutory Posts (for Information only)
  16. Consideration of the draft Agenda for the Summit
  17. Any Other Matters:
    - (a) The external indebtedness of ECOWAS Member States
    - (b) Issues related to migration from West Africa to Europe
    - (c) The problem of refugees in West Africa
    - (d) ECOWAS Placement with BCC1
    - (e) Ratification of the Treaty establishing the ARC
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V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

ITEM 4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

8. The Executive Secretary presented his 1992/93 annual report on the activities of the Community.

9. The report focused on a number of issues including the West African economic situation, the functioning of the Community, and some general issues relating to the integration process.

10. The chapter on the regional economic situation stated that although world trade had witnessed a certain boost in 1992, ECOWAS countries had not benefited much from this trend. Among the most notable developments which had a major effect on international economic relations in 1992 were the breakdown in the Uruguay Round negotiations, the monetary crisis in Europe and the emergence of large regional economic blocs such as the single European Market and the North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA).

11. The report highlighted the fact that generally, West African economies had stagnated in 1992. It stated that the region's Gross Domestic Product rose by 3.3% in 1992, a slight increase over the 3.2% GDP growth rate and the estimated 3% population growth rate recorded in 1991. The pattern of domestic demand aggregates showed a drop in private consumption and a level of investment which was both low and inefficient. The external debt crisis and the deterioration in the terms of trade further aggravated the region's economic situation.

12. The report identified a number of remedial measures to improve the performance of national economies. It stated that long-term economic growth and development in West Africa would remain closely linked to the intensification of the economic reform process and a more vigorous pursuit of the economic integration objective. He therefore advised that every effort must be made to ensure a complete synergy between these two processes.

13. The chapter on the functioning of the Community considered the subject from the following perspectives:

- Socio-economic Programmes
- Administrative and Institutional Issues
- Regional Peace and Stability

14. Reviewing the implementation of socio-economic programmes within ECOWAS, the Executive Secretary drew Council's attention to the Trade Liberalisation Scheme, the Minimum Agenda for Action, the work of the Committee of Eminent Persons commissioned to review the Treaty, the problematic issues of Member States financial contributions and the low level of implementation of programmes.

15. In the chapter on integration efforts, a number of factors were identified as militating against the successful running of the Community and remedial measures were proposed to improve the performance of the regional organisation. This segment of the report outlined general problems encountered with regard to implementation, regional peace and security, especially concerning the Liberian crisis and the institutionalisation of an ECOWAS conflict resolution mechanism; and a regional approach to economic reform. The report strongly recommended that West Africa should create a climate conducive to integration.

16. In concluding his presentation, the Executive Secretary stated that he had striven, throughout his tenure of office, to infuse dynamism into the integration process. He emphasised that, in order to establish a solid base for stimulating the regional integration process in West Africa, the revised ECOWAS Treaty should be adopted and the rationalisation of IGOs completed without delay.

17. Council warmly commended the Executive Secretary on the excellent quality of his report. However the following observations and recommendations were made:

Council requested the Executive Secretariat to update the data used in its analysis of the West African economic situation. In this connection, delegations gave an undertaking to make available the current statistics for their countries.

Concern was expressed at the views of the Executive Secretary concerning the proposed creation of an economic and monetary union by OMOA Member countries. Council decided to defer discussions on this issue until consideration of the agenda item relating to the report of legal experts on the draft revised Treaty.

Council called on Member States to organise enlightenment campaigns and seminars on integration programmes in all socio-economic sectors. This should include the introduction of courses on ECOWAS in schools and educating the youth on regional integration.

18. Council expressed appreciation to all ECOWAS Member States, the OAU and the United Nations for showing concrete interest in finding a lasting solution to the Liberian crisis. Council also expressed concern over the fate of refugees in the region whose numbers had continued to increase over the past few years and stressed the need to promote regional peace and security.

19. Council then took note of the report of the Executive Secretary.

Item 5:                    Report of Legal Experts on the draft  
Revised Treaty

20.        The report of the fourth meeting of legal experts held in Lagos from 13 to 21 October 1992 to discuss the draft revised Treaty was presented by its Chairman. At that meeting, a number of Member States had made some observations and entered reservations on issues discussed under Articles 2,3,9,12, 13,15,17,20,34,44, old 45,46, 54, 56, 58, 75, 78, 82 and 88 of the Draft Revised Treaty.

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21. The Council of Ministers discussed this report and made the following observations and recommendations :

Article 2: Establishment and Composition

Paragraph 1:

22. Following a protracted discussion on this paragraph, and recalling Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.12/7/91 of the Authority

1. "THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES, by this Treaty, hereby re-affirm the establishment of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and decide that it shall be the sole economic community in the region for the purpose of economic integration and the realisation of the objectives of the African Economic Community"

23. Council recommended that the report on the study on the rationalisation of IGOs, which would be considered during the November 1993 session of Council, should indicate organisations to be abolished, achievements to be preserved, and the phases and time schedule for effecting the rationalisation.

24. The other amendments were as follows:

Article 3: Aims and Objectives

Sub-paragraph (a) paragraph 2 of this Article was amended by adding the words "taxation" and "economic reform policies" A new paragraph (h) was added to read "the establishment of an enabling legal environment".

Article 9:        Decisions

Paragraph 3 of this Article was amended as follows:

" Matters referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be defined in a Protocol which shall be adopted by unanimity or consensus. Until the entry into force of the said Protocol, the Authority shall continue to adopt its decisions by consensus."

Article 12:      Regulations

Paragraph 2 of this Article was amended as follows:

"Unless otherwise provided in this Treaty regulations of the Council shall be adopted, depending on the subject matter under consideration, by unanimity, consensus or by a two-thirds majority of Member States, in accordance with the Protocol referred to in Article 9 paragraph 3 of this Treaty. Until the entry into force of the said Protocol, the Council shall continue to adopt its regulations by consensus".

Article 13:      Community Parliament

Council recommended that the provisions of this Article be maintained as drafted in the Revised Treaty. However, when the Protocol referred to in the Article comes to be drafted, Council would like consideration to be given to assigning a deliberative role to the Community Parliament.

Article 15:      The Court of Justice

Council recommended that the provisions of this Article be maintained as drafted in the Revised Treaty and agreed that the Protocol on the Court of Justice should be reviewed to reflect the provisions of the Article.

Article 15(BTS):      Arbitration Tribunal - Establishment  
and Composition

Council agreed to include this Article in the revised Treaty as the new Article 16.

Article 17:      Appointments  
Paragraph 5

Council recommended that the provisions of paragraph 5 of this Article should remain as drafted in the Revised Treaty.

Article 20      Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and  
Development: Statutes and Functions

Council recommended that the provisions of this Article should stand as drafted in the Revised Treaty.

Article 34:      Trade Liberalisation

Council recommended that the provisions of this Article should remain as drafted in the Revised Treaty.

Article 44:      Re-exportation of Goods and Transit Facilities  
Paragraph 1 of this Article was amended as follows:

"Where Customs duty has been charged and collected on any goods imported from a third country into a Member State the re-exportation of such goods into another Member State shall be subject to the provisions of the Protocol relating to the re-exportation of goods within the Community."

Council recommended that the said Protocol should include provisions which deal adequately with the issues of fraud, payments and refund of Customs duties.

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Paragraph 2 was deleted.

(Old Article 46) - Drawback

Council recommended that the treatment of goods eligible for the drawback system under the ECOWAS tariff regime should be the subject of a separate Protocol. However, it was recommended that paragraph 1 of the Article should be amended to read as follows:

"The procedure to determine the eligibility for Community tariff treatment of goods in relation to which drawback is claimed or made use of in connection with their exportation from the Member States in the territory of which the goods have undergone the last process of production, shall be the subject of an additional protocol."

Article 46: Compensation for Loss of Revenue

Council reaffirmed the principle of compensation for loss of Customs revenue and therefore recommended that the Article should stand unamended.

Council however directed the Executive Secretariat to carry out an assessment of the application of the compensation mechanism one year after the entry into force of the Revised Treaty. The future of the compensation mechanism after the attainment of a Customs Union should also be the subject of a study.

Article 54: Political Affairs

This Article was split into two paragraphs and amended as follows:

"1. In pursuance of the integration objectives of the Community, Member States undertake to cooperate on political matters, and, in particular, to take appropriate measures to ensure effective application of the provisions of this Treaty.

"2. The signatory states to the Protocol on Non-aggression, the Protocol on Mutual Assistance in Defence Matters, the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles and the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights agree to co-operate for the purpose of realising the objectives of these instruments."

Article 56: Regional Security

Paragraph (g) of this Article was amended as follows:

(g) "provide, where necessary and at the request of Member States, assistance to Member States for the observation of democratic elections."

Article 58 Human Resources

Council recommended that the provisions of this Article be maintained as drafted in the Revised Treaty.

Article 75:        **Sanctions Applicable for Non-  
Fulfilment of Obligations**

Paragraph 3

Council amended the provisions of this paragraph by adding the words "an independent body submitted to it through" between the words "by" and "the Executive Secretary".

Article 77:        **The Executive Secretariat and the  
Specialised Institutions**

This Article has been amended by the deletion of paragraph (2).

Article 12:       **Agreements concluded by Member States**

Paragraph 1

The second sentence of this paragraph was amended as follows:

"They shall, at the request of the Executive Secretary transmit copies of such economic agreements to the Executive Secretary who shall inform Council thereof".

Article 88        **Amendments and Revisions**

Council amended the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article by adding "in accordance with Article 9 of this Treaty"

13. Council agreed to adopt the draft revised Treaty as amended. The amended draft is attached.

Item 6: Report of the Board of Directors of ECOWAS Fund

26. The report of the twenty-ninth session of the Board of Directors held at Cotonou from 11 to 12 March, 1993 was presented by the Chairman of the Board, Lt.Col M.M. Conteh, Deputy Secretary of State for Finance, Economic Development and Planning of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

27. Council took due note of the report, and expressed its appreciation for the quality of the work done by the Board.

Item 7 Report of the Meeting of Governors of Central Banks

28. The report of the 15th meeting of Governors of Central Banks, which was held in Cotonou on 27 and 28 May, 1993, was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. C. K. Banny, Governor of the BCEAO.

29. The issues raised in the report were as follows:

- The Protocol relating to the transformation of of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous specialised agency of ECOWAS, to be known as the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA),
- The progress report on the implementation of the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme;
- Reports of studies on major problems confronting Member States (prepared by the different Central Banks)

30. At the close of its deliberations on that report, Council congratulated the Committee of Governors of Central Banks for the quality of its work. Council agreed to recommend that the

Authority of Heads of State and Government adopt the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency.(WAMA)

31. Council appealed to the debtor Central Banks concerned to endeavour to settle their arrears of payments vis-a-vis the creditor Central Banks within the WAMU mechanism. It further urged the Executive Secretaries and the Committee of Governors of Central Banks to intensify their efforts to mobilise funds so as to ensure the prompt establishment of the Credit and Guarantee Fund.

32. Council reviewed progress on the implementation of the monetary programme and emphasised the need for Member States to take prompt necessary action to ensure the following:

- the removal of non-tariff barriers, and particularly, the lifting of restrictions on the use of ECOWAS national currencies in payments for travel-related services such as airport tax, airline tickets and hotel bills;
- liberalisation of current transactions and movement of capital to facilitate cross-border trade, payments and investments in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol on free movement of persons, goods and services;
- adoption of an approach focused on the use of existing monetary policy instruments.

Item 8: Reports of Technical Commissions

(a) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources

33. The report of the 16th meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission which was held in Lagos from 3 to 7 May, 1993, was presented by the Chairman of the Commission.



34. Council adopted the report and the recommendations relating to the agricultural research coordination programme, the meteorological programme and the draft cooperation agreement between ECOWAS and the World Meteorological Organisation.

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

35. The report of the thirtieth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission which was held in Lagos from 10 to 15 May 1993 was presented by the Chairman of the Commission. Council adopted the report, and decided as follows:

- (i) to approve and adopt the draft decision approving the list of 67 new products eligible to benefit under the intra-Community trade liberalisation scheme; and
- (ii) to adopt the draft decision on the ECOWAS Customs and Statistical Nomenclature based on the Harmonised System.

(c) Transport, Communications and Energy

36. The reports of the meetings of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission which were held in Lagos from 9 to 11 March and from 11 to 14 May 1993 to consider postal services and telecommunications issues respectively, were presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

37. Council adopted the reports and the recommendations concerning the implementation of national and regional projects, the current position of postal logistics and operations in Member States, responsibility for the activities of the Bureau of the West African PANAFTEL Committee, and Management of the Special Fund for Telecommunications.

(d) Social and Cultural Affairs

38. The report of the fourth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission which was held in Lagos from 4 to 7 May 1993 was presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

39. Council adopted the report and the attached recommendations relating to amendments to Articles 4, 6, 7 and 9 of the Regulations of the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence:

Council further approved the granting of observer status to the Pan-African Federation of Film Producers, the West African Sports Confederation for the Disabled and the West African Archaeological Association.

(e) Administration and Finance

40. The report of the 11th meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission which was held in Cotonou from 12 to 15 July 1993 was presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

41. Concerning the coefficient for contributions, Council requested that the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, and the Administration and Finance Commission take prompt action to examine the proposed coefficient for contributions, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty.

42. With regard to the procedure for the granting of observer status to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) within the Community Institutions, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to send the draft regulations to Member States in order to enable individual Member States to hold consultations with the NGOs operating within their territories.

Item 9: Report on Implementation of the Minimum Agenda for Action

43. In his presentation of this item, the Deputy Executive Secretary for Economic Affairs, Mr. K. D. Ouedraogo referred Council to Decision A/DEC.5/7/92 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, relating to the Minimum Agenda. He gave an outline of the said programme, which focuses on the following three major areas:

- (i) free movement of persons
- (ii) free movement of goods
- (iii) payment arrangements

(i) Free Movement of Persons

- (a) Reduction of check-points:  
This measure is being applied in 10 of the 16 Member States.
- (b) Printing of the harmonised immigration/emigration form:  
None of the Member States has applied this measure.
- (c) Printing and issuance of ECOWAS Travel Certificates:  
The certificates are in use in only 5 Member States.

(ii) Free Movement of Goods

- (a) Elimination of non-tariff barriers:  
12 of the 16 Member States have implemented this measure;

(b) Printing of Customs documents:

12 of the 16 Member States have printed these documents;

(c) Establishment of special transit counters:

8 out of the 16 Member States have done so. Cape Verde is not affected by these provisions on transit of goods;

(iii) Payment Arrangements

Payments in local currency for:

- airport tax : 12 Member States
- airline tickets : 12 Member States
- hotel bills : 13 Member States

44. Council took due note of this information, and requested that the Executive Secretariat to:

- (i) explore the possibility of introducing a single harmonised travel document which could eventually become a Community passport;
- (ii) investigate the reasons for the non-implementation of certain items on the Minimum Agenda, with a view to eliminating problems encountered; and
- (iii) prepare a second Minimum Agenda for Action for consideration by Council at its November 1993 Session.

Item 10                    Memorandum on the Draft Cooperation Agreement  
between ECOWAS and the United Nations Office  
in Vienna

45.        The memorandum was presented by the Executive Secretariat. Council was informed that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations Office in Vienna had been of great assistance to the Executive Secretariat in preparing the various draft texts recommended by the ECOWAS Ministers of Justice. Steps should be taken to bring such assistance within a formal framework and to extend it to cover various areas of interest such as crime prevention, treatment of offenders and formulation of anti-drug strategies in ECOWAS Member States.

46.        Council approved the memorandum, and authorised the Executive Secretary to sign the cooperation agreement between ECOWAS and the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV).

Item 11.                    Memorandum on the Request for Observer Status  
for ECOWAS in the United Nations

47.        The memorandum was presented by the Executive Secretariat. The request for observer status at the United Nations seeks to strengthen and optimise existing relations between the two organisations. Moreover, it is in response to the pronouncement of the United Nations Secretary General in his "Agenda for Peace", in which he called on all regional organisations to seek observer status at the United Nations.

48.        The Council of Ministers commended the Executive Secretariat on this initiative, and requested the Executive Secretary to complete the procedure for obtaining observer status for ECOWAS within the United Nations.

and Protocols

49. The Executive Secretary presented the different tables showing the ratification status of ECOWAS conventions and protocols. As at 30 June, 1993, highlights of the situation with regard to the 28 signed conventions and protocols were as follows: one Member State had ratified only 3; 2 other Member States had ratified only 10 - which is less than half of the total number of protocols and conventions. Only one Member State had ratified all protocols and conventions.

50. Council warmly commended the Member State which had ratified all the ECOWAS protocols and conventions, and strongly appealed to all the other Member States to speedily do the same. Council also urged Member States to effectively implement all the decisions of the Community.

Item 13

The Status of Financial Contributions

51. The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Fund presented the situation of individual Member States with regard to payment of contributions to the different budgets of the Community institutions. The updated table of contributions shows a very high accumulation of arrears.

52. Council commended those Member States which had made an effort to liquidate their arrears of payment, and recalled the decision of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Banjul on the sanctions applicable for non-payment of contributions.

53. Certain Member States informed the meeting that they had effected some payments which were not reflected in the tables circulated. The Executive Secretariat and the Fund were requested to update the table showing payment of contributions accordingly.

Item 14:            Memorandum on the Composition of the Jury for  
the Award of the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence

54. The Executive Secretariat presented this memorandum. Council agreed to postpone consideration of this memorandum until the November 1993 session, by which time the Secretariat should have contacted Member States who are yet to nominate candidates. The ECOWAS Secretariat should attach the curriculum vitae of the candidates to the memorandum.

Item 15            Memorandum on the Designation of Countries to  
Nominate Candidates for Statutory Posts

55. The memorandum was presented by the Executive Secretariat. Council took note of the Member States which had signified their interest in nominating candidates to certain statutory posts. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to update the memorandum and present it to the Authority.

Item 16            Consideration of the Draft Agenda for the  
Summit

56. Council agreed to propose to the Authority the adoption of the Draft Agenda for the 16th Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, as attached to this report.

Item 17:            Any Other Matters

- (a)            The External Indebtedness of ECOWAS Member States

57. Council expressed concern at the extremely high level of external debt servicing in West Africa, which continues to weigh heavily on the economies of the region. It was noted that in 1992, debt servicing consumed 30% of the export earnings of ECOWAS Member States, thus making West Africa a debt-distressed region.

58. Council, having noted that neither the basic approach to the treatment of external debt nor the various debt relief options have had any significant positive effect on the debt crisis, requested the Executive Secretariat to conduct a study on the issue. The study should update information on the level of indebtedness, evaluate the effect of available debt relief measures, and make concrete proposals for other possible debt relief measures for West African countries.

(b) Issues Related to the Migration of West Africans to Europe

59. The Council of Ministers expressed concern over discernible trends in the treatment of West African migrants in Europe. The implementation of European Community provisions, particularly the SCHENGEN Accord, disrupts the equilibrium established under earlier bilateral relations. There is a patent danger of massive expulsion of nationals of the sub-region, with all the attendant social and financial problems.

60. Council therefore directed the Executive Secretariat to conduct a comprehensive study of the issue and propose a common stand to be taken by Member States.

(c) The problem of refugees in West Africa

61. Council also expressed concern at the increasing influx of refugees into the West African Region. This situation imposes heavy financial sacrifices on our States, despite significant support from aid agencies. Moreover, it may have negative effects on the social fabric of the regions concerned and adversely affect their ecosystems and production.

62. Council agreed to recommend the preparation of a study aimed at defining a common stand for Member States on the issue.



(d) ECOWAS Placements with BCCI

63. Council requested the management of the Fund to submit a memorandum to the November 1993 session of Council accounting for the Community funds placed at the BCCI and indicating efforts made towards the recovery of such placements.

(e) Ratification of Treaty establishing the African Economic Community

64. The OAU Assistant Secretary-General, Ambassador B. Dede, speaking on behalf of the OAU Secretary-General, informed Council of the ratification status of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (AEC). He said that to date, 32 OAU Member States had ratified the Treaty and thus it had not entered into force, because two more ratifications are required. He emphasised the fact that six ECOWAS Member States are yet to ratify the AEC Treaty.

65. Council appealed to the Member States concerned to endeavour to ratify the AEC Treaty as soon as possible.

Item 18: Adoption of Report

66. This report was adopted after amendment

Item 19. Closing Session

67. The Chairman of Council commended Council members on the successful outcome of their deliberations. He expressed the hope that ECOWAS Member States would intensify their efforts to accelerate the integration process in West Africa.

68. The Chairman concluded by expressing the hope that the Authority of Heads of State and Government would adopt the revised ECOWAS Treaty and thus give the much-needed impetus to the integration process in West Africa.

DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY 1993

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HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

# **ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

## **THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

### **DECISION C/DEC.1/7/93 ADOPTING THE ECOWAS METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAMME**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.12/5/79 on the programme for the improvement and extension of telecommunications networks within ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 on the transport programme;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 adopting a regional agricultural development strategy;

**CONVINCED** that the judicious application of meteorological data can contribute to the effective realisation of Community objectives;

**AWARE** of the need to include meteorological activities in the cooperation efforts between Member States and to formulate an appropriate programme for implementation at regional level;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission meeting held in Lagos, from 3 to 7 May 1993;

## **D E C I D E S**

### **ARTICLE 1**

The ECOWAS meteorological programme is hereby adopted as contained in the annex to this Decision.

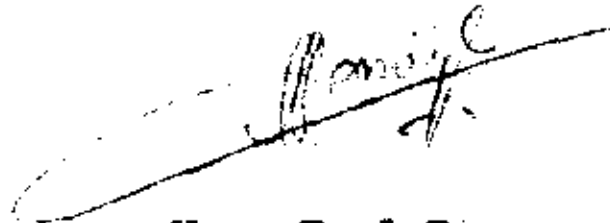
### **ARTICLE 2**

The Executive Secretariat shall take appropriate measures to implement the programme.

### **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 COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dossou', is written over a horizontal line.

**Hon. Paul Dossou**

**CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**DECISION C/DRC.2/7/93 ON THE COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION  
(WMO) AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES  
(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** the need to maximise the advantages of  
relations existing between ECOWAS and the World  
Meteorological Organisation;

**CONVINCED** that the conclusion of a formal agreement  
fixing the general framework for cooperation between  
ECOWAS and the World Meteorological Organisations will  
greatly benefit our Community;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Industry, Agriculture and  
Natural Resources Commission meeting held in Lagos from  
3 to 7 May 1993.

**D E C I D E S**

**ARTICLE 1**

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is hereby authorised to sign a cooperation agreement with the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

**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 COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993**

  
**HON PAUL DOSSOU**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**FOR COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**DECISION C/DEC.3/7/93 ADOPTING A COMMON CUSTOMS  
AND STATISTICAL NOMENCLATURE BASED ON THE  
HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND  
CODIFICATION SYSTEM (H.S)**

**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 14 of the Treaty on the gradual introduction of a common Customs Tariff applicable to all goods imported into Member States from third countries and recommending the establishment of a Common Customs and Statistical Nomenclature in all Member States;

CONSIDERING the need for a Common Customs and Statistical Nomenclature which would allow Member States to use the same commodity description and codification system in their trade with third countries;

CONSIDERING that the Harmonised Commodity Description and Codification System (HS) of the Customs Cooperation Council meets the above objective;

On the RECOMMENDATION the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission at its meeting held in Cotonou from 13 to 15 July 1993;

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Article 1

1. ECOWAS Common Customs and Statistical Nomenclature based on the Harmonised Commodity Description AND Codification System (H.S) as attached to this Decision is hereby adopted.
2. It shall become applicable in all Member States with effect from 1 January 1995.

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 COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993.



HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL



**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**DECISION C/DEC. 4/7/93 ESTABLISHING THE LIST OF  
INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS APPROVED TO  
BENEFIT UNDER 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 defining the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States, as amended;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.15/5/80 dated 28 May, 1980 of the Authority relating to the fixing of the desirable level of national participation in the equity capital of industrial enterprises whose products benefit from preferential duty;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May, 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and the 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 relating to proof and verification of the

origin of Community goods and procedures applicable to movement of goods within the Community;

**MINDFUL** of Decision C/DEC.3/5/88 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;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission which met in Lagos from 10 to 15 May, 1993;

## **D E C I D E S**

### Article 1

Industrial enterprises and products fulfilling the ECOWAS rule of origin, a list of which is attached as an annex to this Decision, are hereby approved to benefit from the Community trade liberalisation scheme.

### Article 2

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

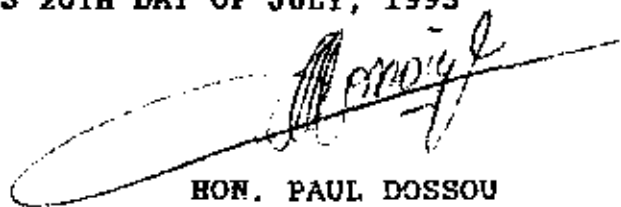
### Article 3

Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take the necessary measures to ensure 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 COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

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HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
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**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993.**

**DECISION C/DEC.5 /7/93 RELATING TO THE TAKE-OVER  
BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE DUTIES AND  
FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF THE PANAFTEL  
COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR WEST AFRICA  
(PCCWA)**

**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 RESPECTIVE mandates given to PANAFTEL and ECOWAS with regard to telecommunications;

**CONSIDERING** the non-performance of the Bureau of the PANAFTEL Coordination Committee of West Africa (PCCWA);

**CONSIDERING** the importance of coordination of the telecommunications sector of the region;

**On the RECOMMENDATION** of the Tenth Joint Meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission and the PANAFTEL Coordination Committee for West Africa held in Lagos from the 11th to 14th May, 1993;

## D E C I D E S

Article 1

Decision, take over all the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Bureau of PANAPTEL Coordination Committee of West Africa (PCCWA).

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 COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993.

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HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**DECISION C/DEC/6/7/93 AUTHORIZING  
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN A COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF  
WEST AFRICAN STATES AND THE UNITED  
NATIONS OFFICE IN VIENNA**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;**

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

**CONSIDERING the need to optimise the relations already  
existing between ECOWAS and agencies within the United  
Nations system;**

**CONVINCED that the conclusion of a formal agreement  
establishing the general framework for cooperation between  
ECOWAS and the United Nations system will be beneficial to  
the Community;**

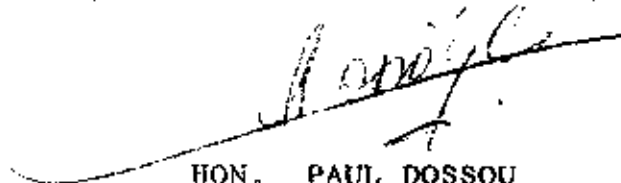
D E C I D E S

The Executive Secretary is hereby authorised to sign a cooperation agreement between the Economic Community of West African States and the United Nations Office in Vienna.

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 COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993.

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HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**RESOLUTION C/RES.1/7/93 ON THE ADOPTION  
OF THE REVISED ECOWAS TREATY**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**CONSIDERING** that the revised ECOWAS Treaty corrects the basic commissions observed in the of the Treaty of 28 May 1975 and that it expresses clearly the commitment of Member States to strengthen and consolidate the process of integration which is an indispensable factor for the well-being of their populations;

**CONSIDERING** that the effective and speedy implementation of the revised Treaty is necessary for the realisation of an integrated and functional Community in the West African Region;



P R O P O S E S

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve  
and adopt the attached text of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty.

DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993



HON PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993

RESOLUTION C/RES.2/7/93 ON THE RATIFICATION  
OF THE REVISED ECOWAS TREATY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING that the revised ECOWAS Treaty corrects basic omissions observed in the Treaty of 28 May, 1975 and it expresses clearly the commitment of Member States to strengthen and consolidate the process of integration which is an indispensable factor for the well-being of their populations;

CONSIDERING that the immediate ratification by Member States of the revised ECOWAS Treaty is necessary for its speedy and effective implementation;

P R O P O S E E

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve and adopt the attached draft Decision on the ratification of the revised ECOWAS Treaty.

DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

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HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF  
STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY, 1993.**

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.1/7/93 ON THE RATIFICATION OF  
THE REVISED ECOWAS TREATY**

**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 paragraph 1 of Article 62 of the Treaty on the "Entry into force, Ratification and Accession"

**CONSIDERING** that the revised ECOWAS Treaty corrects the basic omissions observed in the application of the Treaty of 28 May, 1975 and that it expresses clearly the commitment of Member States to strengthen and consolidate the process of integration which is an indispensable factor for the well-being of their populations;

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CONSIDERING that the immediate ratification by Member States of the Community of the revised ECOWAS Treaty is necessary for its speedy and effective implementation;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.2/7/93 of the Thirty-third Session of the Council of Ministers held in Cotonou from 17 to 20 July, 1993;

**D E C I D E S**

**Article 1**

All Member States shall ratify the revised ECOWAS Treaty signed by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and shall deposit their instruments of ratification with the Executive Secretariat not later than 31 December, 1993.

**Article 2**

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the follow-up of the ratification of the revised Treaty by Member States and shall prepare a report thereon which shall be forwarded to Member States not later than 31 January, 1993.

**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 COTONOU, THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1993.**

**H.E. MR. NICEPHORE D. SOGLO  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993

RESOLUTION C/RES.3/7/93 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE  
PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC/.12/7/91 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the implementation of the rationalisation of institutional arrangements governing West African integration and its importance in the regional integration process;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/7/92 of the Authority relating to the transformation of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous specialised agency of the Economic Community of West African States;

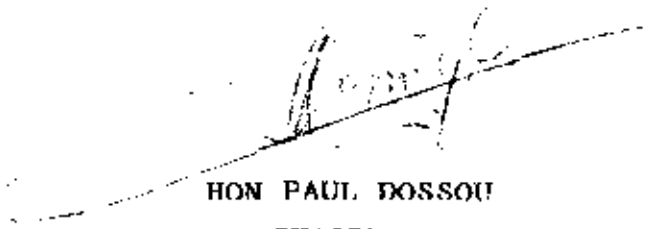
CONSCIOUS of the expanded mandate of the West African Monetary Agency ;

AWARE of the need to strengthen the human and material resources of the Agency to enable it fulfil its expanded Mandate;

CONSIDERING the Resolution of the Committee of Governors dated 17 July, 1993;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY AS ANNEXED TO THIS RESOLUTION

DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993



HON PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST  
AFRICAN STATES  
(ECOWAS)**

**PROTOCOL A/P.1/7/93 RELATING TO  
THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY  
(WAMA)**



PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE WEST  
AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY

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P R E A M B L E

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES:

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 2 of the Treaty setting out the aims and objectives of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Agreement for the establishment of the West African Clearing House signed in Lagos on the 14th day of March, 1975, as amended;

RECALLING Decision A/DEC.12/7/91 of the Authority relating to the implementation of the rationalisation of institutional arrangements governing West African integration and its importance in the regional integration process;

NOTING Decision A/DEC.4/7/92 of the Authority relating to the transformation of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous specialised agency of the Economic Community of West African States;

AWARE that by the said Decision A/DEC.4/7/92 of the Authority, the name of the transformed WACH was changed to the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA);

RECOGNISING that the transformation<sup>2</sup>  
meant to strengthen WAMA and enable it to play a more effective  
role in the regional monetary integration process;

ACCEPTING that the transformed institution will assume  
responsibility for the implementation of monetary and  
multilateral payments-related issues and the ECOWAS Monetary  
Cooperation Programme;

MINDFUL of the Articles of Agreement of the West African  
Monetary Agency;

AWARE of the need to strengthen the human and material  
resources of the new institution to enable it to meet the  
challenges of its expanded mandate;

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Treaty which empower the  
Executive Secretariat to harmonise and coordinate all activities  
and programmes of the Institutions of the Community within the  
context of regional integration;

MINDFUL of Article 38 of the Treaty establishing a Committee  
of Governors of West African Central Banks comprising the  
Governors of Central Banks of Member States;

NOTING the need and commitment of the Community to establish  
a single monetary zone.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## CHAPTER I

### ARTICLE 1 : DEFINITIONS

In this Protocol:

"Agency" means the West African Monetary Agency established by Article 2 of this Protocol;

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

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Committee of Governors of ECOWAS Central Banks;

"Committee of Governors" means the Committee of West African Central Banks comprising the Governors of Central Banks of Member States established by Article 38 of the Treaty;

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

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

"Community Court of Justice" means the Court of Justice of the Community established under Article 56 of the Treaty;

"Directorate" means the Directorate (head office) of the West African Monetary Agency established under Article 5 of this Protocol;

"Director-General" means the Director-General of the West African Monetary Agency appointed under Article 10 Paragraph 2 of this Protocol;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community appointed under Article 8 paragraph 2 of the Treaty;

"Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States established under Article 8 Paragraph 1 of the Treaty;

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

"Region" means the geographical zone known as West Africa as defined in Resolution CM/RES.464(XXVI) of the OAU Council of Ministers;

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

## CHAPTER II: ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY

### ARTICLE 2 : ESTABLISHMENT

1. There is hereby established the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA).

2. The West African Monetary Agency shall be an autonomous specialised institution of the Economic Community of West African States.

3. Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, the Agency shall succeed the West African Clearing House. In this regard all the assets and liabilities of the West African Clearing House shall vest in the Agency.

**ARTICLE 3 : OBJECTIVES**

1. The Agency shall be concerned with monetary cooperation and payment issues within the context of the economic and monetary integration process of the Region.

2. In pursuance of these objectives, the Agency shall:

- a) promote the use of national currencies of Member States for regional trade and other transactions;
  - b) bring about savings in the use of foreign reserves of Member States;
  - c) encourage and promote trade and exchange liberalisation among the Member States;
  - d) enhance monetary cooperation and consultation among Member States;
  - e) facilitate the harmonisation and co-ordination of monetary and fiscal policies and structural adjustment programmes of the Member States;
  - f) ensure the monitoring, co-ordination and implementation of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;
  - g) encourage the pursuit by Member States of appropriate macro-economic policies conducive to market-determined exchange and interest rates for intra-regional trade;
  - h) initiate and promote policies and programmes on monetary integration within the Region; and
  - i) ensure the establishment of a single Monetary Zone.
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#### ARTICLE 4: FUNCTIONS

For the purpose of achieving the objectives stated in Article 3 above, the Agency shall, inter alia, perform the following functions:

- a) initiate policies and programmes to promote monetary and fiscal harmonisation in the context of monetary and economic integration in the region;
- b) operate the system of multilateral clearing and payments;
- c) operate the credit and guarantee fund mechanism and the West African travellers'cheque scheme;
- d) undertake studies on matters relating to monetary and fiscal cooperation, settlements and external debt and any international economic issues affecting the economies of Member States;
- e) prepare periodic reports on exchange rates, trade and exchange liberalisation, fiscal and monetary harmonisation, balance of payments developments, and other related monetary cooperation issues;
- f) collect, store and disseminate statistical data for the use of Central Banks of Member States and any other users; and
- g) undertake any other functions or duties assigned to it by the Committee of Governors.

financial liberalisation, facilitation of cross-border investments, and the achievement of a single monetary zone;

- b. determine the modalities and procedures on the operations of the payments and settlement mechanism, particularly:
  - (i) the method for calculating debit and credit lines;
  - (ii) the interest rates to be charged by the Agency;
  - (iii) the par value of the West African Unit of Account;
- c. make rules and regulations governing access to the Credit and Guarantee Fund Mechanism;
- d. authorise the issue of West African travellers' cheques;
- e. hold periodic consultations with Ministers of Finance and Planning of Member States;
- f. appoint the Director-General, determine his functions and conditions of service;
- g. determine the organisational structure of the Agency; and
- h. establish the technical organs of the Agency;

4. Subject to the provisions of Article 21 of this Protocol, the decision of the Committee of Governors concerning the interpretation of the provisions of the Articles of Agreement of the West African Monetary Agency shall be final and binding.

5. The Authority and Council may assign other functions to the Committee of Governors.

1. The Committee of Governors shall meet at the headquarters of the Agency or at any other place as it may decide.

2. The Committee of Governors shall meet as often as necessary and, in any case, not less than two times a year.

3. The meetings of the Committee of Governors shall be convened by the Director-General on the direction of the Chairman.

4. The Committee of Governors shall elect, in rotation and in accordance with an order to be determined by the Committee, one of its members to be its Chairman.

5. The Chairman of the Committee of Governors shall hold office for a term of one year.

6. When a Chairman ceases to be a Member of the Committee of Governors before his term as Chairman expires, the person appointed in his place shall become Chairman for the remainder of that term.

7. Subject to the provisions of the Treaty and of this Protocol, the Committee of Governors may determine its own rules of procedure.

#### **ARTICLE 8 : VOTING**

1. Each member of the Committee of Governors shall have one vote.



2. All matters before the Committee of Governors shall be decided by consensus or in any other manner as may be decided by the Committee of Governors.

ARTICLE 9 : TECHNICAL COMMITTEES : ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS

1. The Technical Advisory Committees of the Agency shall be:

- a) Operations and Administration Committee;
- b) Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee; and
- c) Any other Technical Committee as may be established by the Committee of Governors.

2. The Operations and Administration Committee shall be composed of the Directors of Foreign Operations of all Central Banks of Member States or their representatives.

3. The Operations and Administration Committee shall perform the following functions:

- a. Monitor the performance of the clearing and payments system;
- b. Consider and recommend to the Committee of Governors the annual budget of the Agency;
- c. Consider staff and personnel matters of the Agency; and
- d. any other function as may be referred to it by the Committee of Governors.

4. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee shall be composed of Directors of Research of all Central Banks of Member States and relevant officers of the Ministries of Finance of Member States.

5. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee shall perform the following functions:

- a) review and evaluate studies and reports prepared by the Directorate and make appropriate recommendations to the Committee of Governors;
- b) monitor and review progress in the implementation of Governors; and
- c) any other function as may be referred to it by the Committee of Governors.

6. The Operation and Administration Committee and the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee shall each respectively meet at least twice a year in ordinary session. The Committees may however meet in extra-ordinary sessions as may be determined by their respective Chairmen.

**ARTICLE 10 : DIRECTORATE OF THE AGENCY; COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. The Directorate shall consist of the Director-General and such Departments and Divisions as the Committee of Governors may, from time to time, upon the recommendation of the Director-General, consider necessary.

2. The Director-General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency and shall be appointed by the Committee of Governors for a term of four (4) years which may be renewed for another term of four (4) years only. He shall only be removed from office by the Committee of Governors.

3. The appointment of the Director-General shall be open to all nationals of Member States.

4. In addition to the Director-General, the Directorate shall have such other staff as the Committee of Governors may consider necessary for the smooth functioning of the Agency.

5. If the office of the Director-General becomes, for any reason, vacant, a successor shall be appointed by the Committee of Governors for a new term of four (4) years.

6. The Director-General shall conduct the business of the Agency under the direction of the Committee of Governors. He shall be responsible for the administration of the Agency and the appointment and dismissal of the officers and staff of the Agency in accordance with the Staff Regulations of the Agency.

7. In appointing officers and staff, the Director-General shall, subject to the paramount importance of securing the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence, pay due regard to maintaining a reasonable geographical distribution of posts among nationals of all Member States.

#### ARTICLE 11 : LOYALTY OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND OFFICERS AND STAFF

The Director-General and other officers and staff of the Agency, in the discharge of their duties, owe their allegiance and loyalty to the Agency. Each Member State shall respect the international character of this allegiance and loyalty, and shall refrain from any attempt to influence the Director-General or any officer and staff in the discharge of his duties.

#### CHAPTER IV: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

##### ARTICLE 12: BUDGET

1. There shall be established, for each financial year, a budget for the Agency.

2. The Operations and Administration Committee shall

consider the draft budget prepared and submitted to it by the Director-General for each financial year and submit to the Committee of Governors, who shall, after review, approve the budget.

3. Resources of the budget shall be derived from the annual contributions of Central Banks of Member States and such other sources as may be approved by the Committee of Governors.

4. The formula for contributions to the budget of the Agency shall be in accordance with a formula as may, from time to time be determined by the Committee of Governors.

5. All investments and extra-budgetary expenditure shall be shared equally by Member Central Banks .

6. The Financial Year of the Agency shall be the Gregorian calendar year which starts from the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December.

#### ARTICLE 13: ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

1. The Director-General shall ensure that accounts and proper records are kept of all activities of the Agency. Such accounts shall be audited, in respect of each financial year, by the External Auditor(s) appointed by the Committee of Governors.

2. The Agency shall prepare and submit to the Committee of Governors an annual report containing an audited statement of its accounts.

3. All reports, recommendations and proposals of the Committee of Governors shall be presented to the Council by its Chairman.

ARTICLE 14: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Agency shall be governed by the internal Financial Regulations of the Agency approved by the Committee of Governors.

CHAPTER V: RELATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ARTICLE 15: RELATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

1. The Agency's relationship with the Executive Secretariat shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty and shall be within the context of the over all economic integration arrangements of the Community.

2. The Executive Secretary shall, at the invitation of the Committee of Governors, attend meetings of the Committee of Governors without the right to vote. He may make a statement at such meetings concerning the policies and programmes of ECOWAS.

3. The Executive Secretariat and the Directorate of the Agency shall invite each other to participate in its relevant technical and statutory meetings.

4. The Executive Secretariat and the Directorate of the Agency may propose items for inclusion in the provisional agenda of each other's meetings.

5. The Executive Secretariat and the Directorate of the Agency shall each send to the other regular reports on the activities of their respective institutions.

**ARTICLE 16: RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
AND AGENCIES**

The Agency shall establish relations and cooperate with such other international organisations as may be desirable. Any agreement to be entered into by the Agency with such organisations shall be submitted to the Committee of Governors for approval. All concluded Agreements shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat.

**CHAPTER VI: FINAL AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 17: HEADQUARTERS**

The Headquarters of the West African Monetary Agency shall, unless otherwise determined by the Committee of Governors, be situate in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**ARTICLE 18: WORKING LANGUAGES**

The working languages of the Agency shall be the working languages of the Community.

**ARTICLE 19: STATUS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

1. The Agency, as an autonomous specialised agency of the Community, shall enjoy legal personality. It shall have in the territory of each Member State:

- (a) the legal capacity required for the performance of its functions under this Protocol; and
- (b) power to acquire, hold or dispose of moveable and immoveable property.

2. In the exercise of its legal personality under this Article, the Agency shall be represented by the Director-General.

3. Member States shall grant, in their territories, such privileges and immunities to the officials and property of the Agency as are granted to the officials and property of the Community as provided for in the General Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Community.

#### ARTICLE 20: AMENDMENTS

1. Any Member State or the Committee of Governors may submit proposals for the amendment or revision of this Protocol. All such proposals shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary.

2. The Executive Secretary shall seek the opinion of the Committee of Governors on any proposal for amendment or revision from a Member State.

3. The Executive Secretary shall, not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any proposals or opinion given by the Committee of Governors in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, communicate all such proposals and opinions to Member States.

4. Amendments or revisions may be adopted by the Authority and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty.

#### ARTICLE 21: DISPUTES

1. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or the application of the provisions of this Protocol shall be amicably settled through direct agreement without prejudice to the provisions of the Treaty and of this Protocol.

2. Failing this, either party or the Committee of Governors or any Member State(s) may refer the matter to the Community Court of Justice whose decision shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

**ARTICLE 22: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

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

2. This Protocol and all its instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat which shall transmit certified true copies of this Protocol to all Member States informing them of the dates on which the instruments of ratification were deposited.

3. This Protocol shall be registered with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and such other Organisations as the Authority shall determine.

4. This Protocol shall be annexed to and shall form an integral part of the Treaty.

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

DONE AT COTONOU THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 1993 IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.



.....  
 H.E. Nicéphore D. SOGLO  
 President of the Republic of  
 BENIN

.....  
 H.E. Dr. Amos Claudius SAWYER  
 President of the Interim  
 Government of National Unity  
 of the Republic of LIBERIA

.....  
 H.E. Blaise COMPAORE  
 President of the FASO  
 Head of Government

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 H.E. Alpha Oumar KONARE  
 President of the Republic  
 of MALI

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 H.E. Carlos Alberto Wahnnon  
 de Carvalho VEIGA  
 Prime Minister of the  
 Republic of CABO VERDE

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 H.E. Ahmed Ould ZEIN  
 Minister; General Secretary  
 of the Presidency of the  
 Islamic Republic of  
 MAURITANIE for and on behalf  
 of the President of the  
 Islamic Republic of  
 MAURITANIE

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 Hon. Alassane Dramane QUATTARA  
 Prime Minister of the Republic  
 of COTE D'IVOIRE  
 For and on behalf of the  
 President of the Republic  
 of COTE D'IVOIRE

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 H.E. Mahamane OUSMANE  
 President of the Republic  
 of NIGER

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H.E. Alhaji Sir Dawda Kairaba  
JAWARA  
President of the Republic  
of THE GAMBIA

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H.E. General Ibrahim Badamasi  
BABANGIDA  
President, Commander-in-  
Chief of the Armed Forces  
of the Federal Republic  
of NIGERIA

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H.E. Flt.-Lt Jerry John RAWLINGS  
President of the Republic of  
GHANA

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H.E. Habib THIAM  
Prime Minister of the  
Republic of SENEGAL  
for and on behalf of the  
President of the Republic  
of SENEGAL

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H.E. General Lansana CONTE  
President of the Republic  
of GUINEA  
Head of State

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H.E. Captain Valentine  
E.M. STRASSER  
Chairman, Supreme Council  
of State of the National  
Provisional Ruling Council  
and Head of State of the  
Republic of SIERRA LEONE

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His Excellency  
General Joao Bernardo VIEIRA  
President of the Council of  
State of the Republic of  
GUINEA-BISSAU

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H.E. Fambaré Ouattara  
NATCHABA  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
and Cooperation of the  
Togolese Republic for and on  
behalf of the President of  
the TOGOLESE Republic

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**RESOLUTION C/RES.4/7/93 ON THE RATIFICATION OF  
THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE WEST AFRICAN  
MONETARY AGENCY**

**The Council of Ministers,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.12/7/91 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Implementation of the Rationalisation of Institutional Arrangements Governing West African Integration and its importance in the regional integration process ;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.4/7/92 of the Authority relating to the transformation of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous specialised agency of the Economic Community of West African States ;

**MINDFUL** of the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) signed by the Heads of State and Government in Cotonou on 24 July 1993 ;


**AWARE** that the speedy and effective take off of the West African Monetary Agency will contribute to the acceleration of the integration process of the region;

**CONSIDERING** that the immediate ratification by Member States of the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency is necessary for the speedy take-off of the West African Monetary Agency;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks held in Cotonou on 27 and 28 May, 1993;

**PROPOSES** to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve the attached draft Decision on the Ratification of the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency.

**DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993.**



**HON. PAUL DOSSOU**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**FOR COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF  
STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY, 1993**

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.2/7/93 ON THE  
RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO  
THE WEST AFRICAN MONETARY AGENCY**

**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.12/7/91 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the implementation of institutional arrangements governing West African integration and its importance in the regional integration process;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.4/7/92 of the Authority relating to the transformation of the West African Clearing House into an autonomous specialised agency of the Community;

**MINDFUL** of the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) signed by the Heads of State and Government at Cotonou on 24 July 1993;

**AWARE** that the speedy and effective take-off of the West African Monetary Agency will contribute to the acceleration of the integration process of the region;

**CONSIDERING** that the immediate ratification by Member States of the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency is necessary for the speedy take-off of the West African Monetary Agency;

**CONSIDERING** Resolution C/RES.4/7/93 of the Council of Ministers on the ratification of the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency;

## **D E C I D E S**

### **Article 1**

All Member States shall ratify the Protocol relating to the West African Monetary Agency signed by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and shall deposit their instruments of ratification with the Executive Secretariat not later than 31 December 1993.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the follow-up of the ratification and shall prepare a report thereon which shall be forwarded to Member States not later than 31 January, 1994.

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 COTONOU THIS 24 DAY OF JULY 1993.

H.E. NICEPEORE D. SOGLO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**RESOLUTION C/RES 5/7/93 ON THE RECOGNITION OF AND  
THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. (WAWA)**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDEFUL** of Article 6 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDEFUL** of Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

**CONVINCED** that cultural factors can play a vital role in the development process within the region;


**RECOGNISING** that an African organisation of Archaeologists can inspire and booster actions aimed at the realisation of Community objectives;

**ON** the recommendation of the fourth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 4 to 7 May, 1993;



To adopt the attached draft Decision recognising and granting observer status to the West African Archaeological Association.

DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993



HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

# **ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST STATES**

## **SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY, 1993**

### **DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.3/7/93 RECOGNISING AND GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

(WAAA)

**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;

**MINDFUL** of Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 on the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

**CONVINCED** that cultural factors can play a vital role in the development process within the sub-region ;

**RECOGNISING** that an African organisation of Archaeologists can inspire and bolster actions aimed at the realisation of Community objectives;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES 5/7/93 adopted by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-third session held in Cotonou from 17 to 20 July 1993;

**D E C I S I O N**

Article 1

The West African Archaeologists Association is hereby recognised and granted the status of observer within the institutions of the Economic Community of West African States.

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 COTONOU THIS      DAY OF JULY 1993

H.E. NICEPHORE D. SOGLO  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**RESOLUTION C/RES.6/7/93 ON THE RECOGNITION OF AND  
THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE PAN-AFRICAN  
FEDERATION OF FILM PRODUCERS (FFPACI)**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Article 6 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions.

**MINDFUL** of Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

**CONSIDERING** the growing importance of film production in the region,

RECOGNISING the essential role that African film producers can play in the realisation of Community objectives

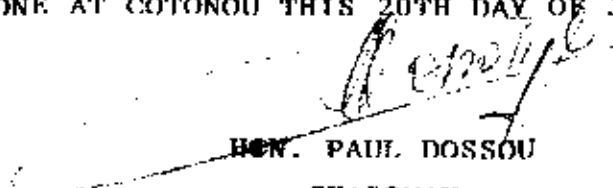
ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fourth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 4 to 7 May, 1993;

## P R O P O S E S

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government

To adopt the attached draft Decision recognising and granting observer status to the Pan-African Federation of Film Producers (FEPACT)

DONE AT COTONOU THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993



HON. PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS  
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY 1993

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.4/7/93 RECOGNISING AND GRANTING OBSERVER  
STATUS TO THE PAN AFRICAN FEDERATION OF FILM PRODUCERS (FEPACI)

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 Recommendation A/RE.1/5/83 relating to the  
mobilisation of the different sections of the population in  
the integration process;

CONSIDERING the growing importance of film production in  
the region;

RECOGNISING the essential role that African film producers  
can play in the realisation of Community objectives;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.6/7/93 of the Council of  
Ministers adopted at its meeting held in Cotonou from 17 to  
20 July 1993;

D E C I D E S

Article 1:

The Pan African Federation of Film Producers is hereby  
recognised and granted the status of observer within the  
Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States.

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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 COTONOU, THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

H. E. NICEPHORE SOULO  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**IN THE WEST AFRICAN SPORTS CONFEDERATION FOR THE DISABLED**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Article 6 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 on the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

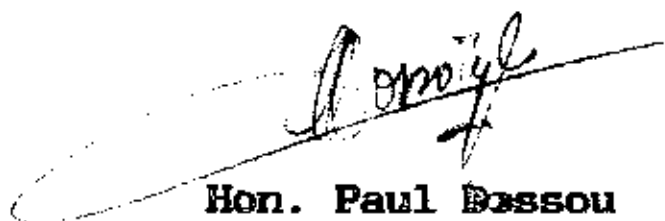
**AWARE** of the need to mobilise and involve all sections of the population in the task of building the Community ;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Fourth Meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 4 to 7 May, 1993;

**P R O P O S E S**

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision recognising and granting observer status to the West African Sports Confederation for the Disabled.

**DONE AT COTONOU THIS 20TH OF JULY, 1993.**



**Hon. Paul Bessou**

**CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL**



ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF  
STATE AND GOVERNMENT

COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY, 1993

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC. 5/7/93 RECOGNISING AND GRANTING OBSERVER  
STATUS TO THE WEST AFRICAN SPORTS CONFEDERATION FOR THE  
DISABLED

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 compo-  
sition and functions;

MINDFUL of Recommendation A/REC.4/1/83 on the mobilisation of  
different sections of the population in the integration process;

AWARE of the need to mobilise and involve all sections of the  
population in the task of building the Community;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 7/7/93 adopted by the Council of  
Ministers at its thirty-third session held in Cotonou from 17 to 20  
July, 1993

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The West African Sports Confederation for the Disabled is  
hereby recognised and granted the status of observer within the  
Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States.

**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 COTONOU, THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

H.E. M. NICEPHORE D. SOGLO  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**RESOLUTION C/RES 2/7/93 ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS OF THE ECOWAS PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE,**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC 14/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the ECOWAS Prize;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC/2/7/92 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government approving the Rules and Regulations governing the ECOWAS Prize;

**DESIRING** to encourage research and creativity, to increase appreciation of works and enhance the prestige of the prize;

**Upon the recommendation** of the fourth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 4 to 7 May 1993.

**P R O P O S E S**

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TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

TO ADOPT the attached draft Decision amending the Rules and Regulations of the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence.

DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

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HON PAUL DOSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS  
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY, 1993

**DECISION A/DEC.6/7/93 AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
BOGAS PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE**

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.14/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the ECOWAS Prize;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/92 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government approving the Rules and Regulations of the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence;

DESIRING to further encourage research and creativity, increase appreciation of works and enhance the prestige of the Prize;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES 8/7/93 adopted by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-third session held in Cotonou from 17 to 20 July, 1993;

#### D E C I D E S

##### Article 1:

The Rules and Regulations relating to the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence are hereby amended as follows:

##### Article 4:- New

Works shall be required to fulfil the following conditions:

- a) They must be presented in one of the official languages of ECOWAS;
- b) They must contribute to progress in the sciences or in literary or artistic techniques;

- c) They must have a positive influence on the economic, social and cultural development of ECOWAS Member States; and
- d) They must be presented as written or audio-visual texts, or in any other form suitable to the approved theme.

Article 6: - New

- a) The ECOWAS Prize for Excellence shall be awarded by an international Jury made up of seven (7) members, a majority of whom shall be ECOWAS citizens chosen by virtue of their competence, by the Executive Secretariat and appointed by the ECOWAS Council of Ministers.
- b) Two stand-in members shall also be appointed, using the same criteria as for the selection of titular members.
- c) The Jury shall elect one of its members as chairman.
- d) The Executive Secretariat shall provide Secretariat services at meetings of the Jury, and coordinate the work of the Jury.

Article 7: - New

- a) The list of works pre-selected by Member States shall be made public by the Executive Secretariat prior to the meeting of the international Jury.
- b) At the meeting to select the final winner, the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence shall be awarded to the works with the highest number of votes, adopting modalities independently established by the Jury.

Article 9: - New

No candidate or person belonging to an institution presenting a candidate may sit on the Jury.

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 COTONOU, THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

H. E. NICEPHORE D. SOGLO  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY



# **ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY, 1993**

**RESOLUTION C/RES.9/7/93 ON THE REQUEST BY ECOWAS FOR  
OBSERVER STATUS IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

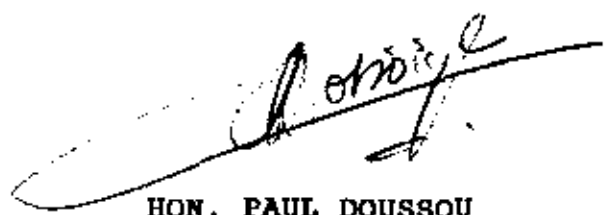
**MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the  
Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;**

**MINDFUL of the aims and functions of the Community as provided  
in the ECOWAS Treaty, its Protocols and Conventions;**

**RECALLING the provisions of the United Nations Charter;**

**RECOMMENDS TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
to adopt the draft Decision authorising the Executive  
Secretary to request for the granting of observer status to the  
Community in the United Nations General Assembly.**

**DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1993**

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**HON. PAUL DOUSSOU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL**

# ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

## SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

COTONOU, 22 - 24 JULY, 1993

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC. 7/7/93 AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS TO REQUEST OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE COMMUNITY IN THE  
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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 aims and objectives of the Community;

RECALLING the provisions of the United Nations Charter;

DESIROUS of optimising the relations already existing between  
ECOWAS and the United Nations;

D E C I D E S

### Article 1

"The Request for observer status for the Economic Community of  
West African States in the United Nations General Assembly"  
attached to this Decision is hereby approved.

2. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs shall submit the request to the United Nations and shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the Community is granted the status of observer in the United Nations General Assembly.

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 COTONOU, THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1993

H.E. NICEPHORE DIEUDONNE SOGLO  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS**

**COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY 1993**

**VOTE OF THANKS**

The ECOWAS Council of Ministers, holding its thirty-third session in Cotonou, Republic of Benin from 17 to 20 July, 1993 expresses its sincere gratitude to His Excellency, President Dieudonné Nicéphore SOGLO, President of the Republic of Benin and to the Government and people of the Republic of Benin for the warm and fraternal hospitality extended to all delegates and for the excellent facilities placed at their disposal which ensured the success of their meeting.

**DONE AT COTONOU, THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY 1993.**

**THE COUNCIL**

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

TRENTE-TROISIEME SESSION DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

COTONOU, 17 - 20 JULY/JUILLET 1993

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	LOUROUGOU ALEXIS	Chef de service Monnaie et Crédit, Direction Trésor, 01 B.P. 52
	LOUGUE JOSEPHINE	Responsable Cellule CEAO/CEDEAO, Cellule CEAO/CEDEAO, B.P. 2912, Ouagadougou

COUNTRY / PAYS	N A M E /	FUNCTION AND ADDRESS / FONCTION ET ADRESSE
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	JOSE LUIS MONTEIRO	Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires Etrangères et à la Coopération, Secrétariat d'Etat aux Affaires Etrangères et à la Coopération, Praia
	FRANCISCO MOREIRA	Conseiller du Ministre du Tourisme, de l'Industrie et du Commerce, Ministère du Tourisme, de l'Industrie et du Commerce, Praia
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