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THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY 1994

FINAL REPORT

Abuja, July 1994

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Thirty-Fifth Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held in the Conference Hall of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, Abuja from 25 to 28 July 1994.

2. The following Member States were represented:

- Republic of Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cape Verde
- Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- Republic of The Gambia
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Republic of Niger
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Togolese Republic.

The following organisations and institutions also attended as observers:

- West African Clearing House (WACH)
- West African Women's Association (WAWA)
- Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
- West African Development Bank (BOAD)
- Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- European Union (EU)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The list of participants is attached as an Annex to this report.

II. OPENING SESSION

3. In his welcome address, Honourable Chief Silas B. Daniyan, Minister of National Planning of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, welcomed members of Council and their delegations to Abuja. He briefed Council on the outcome of the seminar on cross-border investments held in Lagos from 28 to 30 June 1994. The seminar which brought together private-sector economic operators and civil servants from Member States identified obstacles to intra-regional trade and cross-border investments, as a result of which participants were able to make useful recommendations on the best way to promote private-sector participation in development efforts in West Africa. The Nigerian Minister called on Council to take a cue from the laudable initiative taken by economic operators in the region to foster and strengthen the Community spirit. He also requested the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund to identify Community programmes that reflect the interests of the private sector in the region.

4. Chief Daniyan expressed the hope that ECOWAS would be able to meet the challenges of integration. In this regard, he called on ECOWAS Member States to give moral, political and material support to the Community Institutions in order to make integration a reality within the shortest possible time.

5. In his opening speech, Mr. Robert Dossou, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Benin who acted for the Chairman of Council, expressed the sincere gratitude of Council to His Excellency General Sani Abacha, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to the Government and people of Nigeria, for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to all delegations. The Minister recalled some of the recommendations of the recent meeting of the Consultative Forum held in Abuja on 24 July 1994 the objective of which was the strengthening the dual process of national economic development and regional integration. He referred in particular to the realignment of the parity of the CFA Franc with the French Franc which was effected in January 1994 and its consistency with the

medium-term objectives of the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme. He also stressed the need to harmonise economic and financial policies in Member States in order to derive maximum benefits from growth and accordingly proposed that a political solution should be found to the problem posed by the high level of external indebtedness of ECOWAS Member States.

6. The Minister noted that the establishment of UEMOA has been the subject of heated debate. He expressed the hope that, by the convergence of economic policies, the birth of the new organisation would accelerate the process of West African integration.

7. Mr. Robert Dossou observed that although some progress had been made in the realisation of the objectives that would lead to the creation of a dynamic and functional Economic Community of West African States, problems still persist which could obstruct the integration process in our region. One of the main problems cited was the non-implementation of Community decisions adopted by Member States of their own free will. Furthermore, most Member States are yet to settle a substantial part of their arrears of contributions to the Community Institutions. The Minister therefore urged Member States to take all necessary measures to remove the obstacles to the integration of West African economies and enjoined them to settle their contributions to the Community Institutions.

8. On the Liberian crisis, Mr. R. Dossou expressed concern over the delay in the disarmament process. He saluted the ECOMOG soldiers, and made special mention of the Tanzanian and Ugandan contingents.

9. Concluding his speech, the Minister evoked the memory of the late President Felix Houphouët-Boigny of Côte d'Ivoire, one of the founding fathers of ECOWAS. The Minister indicated that the greatest tribute which West Africa could pay the illustrious late President, would be to make ECOWAS advance on the road to true integration of West African economies.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

10. The following bureau was elected:

Chairman : Republic of Benin
Rapporteurs: Republic of Guinea
Republic of Liberia.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

11. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening session.
2. Election of Bureau.
3. Adoption of Agenda.
4. Swearing-in of the Managing Director, Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs), Deputy Managing Director, Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration and Finance), Financial Controller.
5. Consideration of the Report of the Executive Secretary.
6. Report of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund.
7. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated.
8. Consideration of the Report of the Ministers of Justice.
9. Consideration of the Report of the ECOWAS Consultative Forum.
10. Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks.
11. Consideration of the Reports of the Technical Commissions:
 - (i) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments
 - (ii) Transport, Communications and Energy
 - (iii) Industry, Agriculture & Natural Resources
 - (iv) Social and Cultural Affairs
 - (v) Administration and Finance.

12. Consideration of the Report on the Evaluation of the First Minimum Programme of Action.
13. Consideration of the Status of Ratification of Protocols and Conventions.
14. Consideration of the Status of Financial Contributions.
15. Consideration of the Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees.
16. Consideration of Memoranda for the Granting of Observer Status to:
 - (i) West African Economic Association (WAEA).
 - (ii) West African Journalist Association (WAJA).
 - (iii) Study Group on Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa (GERDESS).
 - (iv) Association of West African Regional Development Finance Institutions.
17. Consideration of the Draft Agenda for the Seventeenth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.
18. Other Matters.
19. Adoption of the Report.
20. Closing Session.

V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 4: Swearing-in of the Managing Director of the Fund, Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs), Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration and Finance), Deputy Managing Director and Financial Controller

12. The following Statutory Appointees were sworn-in by the Chairman of Council in accordance with Chapter III, Article 7, of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations:

- Mr. Samuel Kye Apea, Managing Director, ECOWAS Fund;
- Mr. Boubacar Ba, Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs);

- Mr. Mahamadou Ouhoumoudou, Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration and Finance);
- Mr. Paul Konan Kra, Deputy Managing Director, ECOWAS Fund;
- Alhaji Isyaka Akande Usman, Financial Controller.

Item 5: Consideration of the Report of the Executive Secretary

13. The Executive Secretary presented his 1993/1994 annual report entitled "Stability, Development and Integration: Proposals for Common Action".

14. The Executive Secretary noted that the economic situation of ECOWAS Member States, had been particularly grave in 1993. West African GDP grew by only 2.7%, as against 3.3% in 1992. This performance gave cause for concern, because the region's economic growth was far below the level of all developing countries (5.5%) and also because it was lower than the population growth rate. The report stated that short and medium-term prospects for economic development in West Africa were not very bright, due to a number of factors such as the international economic environment, weather conditions and the lack of peace and stability in the region. Other determining factors include the effects of economic regulatory measures adopted in Nigeria, the impact of the devaluation of the CFA franc and adjustment policies adopted in the other countries in the region. The Executive Secretary recommended that ECOWAS Member States should formulate strategies that would induce renewed economic growth.

15. In the chapter dealing with the functioning of the Community, the Executive Secretary reviewed the implementation of ECOWAS socio-economic cooperation programmes since the 1993 summit. He focused attention on the trade liberalisation scheme, the cooperation programmes undertaken in the areas of infrastructure and production, the rationalisation of Inter-Governmental Organisations, peace and regional security and the activities of the ECOWAS Fund.

16. Recalling the importance of an enabling environment for integration and sustained development, the Executive Secretary stressed the need for fundamental issues to be addressed as a matter of priority to ensure the success of development efforts. In this regard, he mentioned that it was imperative for Member States to create and maintain an appropriate enabling political environment, a viable social framework, adequate social and economic infrastructures, sound economic policies and effective administrative institutions. He therefore stressed that regional integration must be underpinned by economic development.

17. The Executive Secretary emphasised the need to harmonise economic policies by reflecting the regional dimension to development in the preparation of national strategies designed to promote economic development. In this connection, he underscored the need for a regional structural adjustment model containing cooperation and integration policies as well as a regional investment programme.

18. The Executive Secretary concluded his report by stating that it was imperative to involve private economic operators, professional associations and popular participation (including youth, women, etc.) in the pursuit of the strategic economic development objectives highlighted in the report.

19. Council congratulated the Executive Secretary on the quality of his report. Following discussions on issues raised therein, Council took note of the report and made the following observations and recommendations:

- (i) the Executive Secretary, by virtue of his mandate, is empowered to undertake all actions capable of advancing the development and integration process in the region and, as such, does not require any explicit mandate from Council;

- (ii) Council requested the Executive Secretary to be less categorical in his views on the political systems in West Africa in his report;
- (iii) ECOWAS countries were requested to take all necessary actions to maximise benefits derived from the Uruguay Round agreements signed recently within the framework of GATT;
- (iv) The creation of UEMOA led some delegations to raise a lot of questions about the compatibility of this new organisation with ECOWAS. In the light of the divergent views expressed, Council decided to refer this matter to the Authority for further deliberation.
- (v) Council supported the proposal contained in the report for grass root participation in ECOWAS programmes. Council noted in that connection that it is important to involve mass movements, economic operators, particularly those from the private sector, and national Chambers of Commerce in efforts to promote regional cooperation. The Executive Secretariat was directed to prepare a programme of action in the area of information with a view to making ECOWAS decisions and activities widely known, in particular during the twentieth anniversary of the Community in 1995;
- (vi) Council stressed the need to develop the region's human resources so as to accelerate the socio-economic development of the region. To that end, Council directed the Executive Secretariat to explore the possibility of extending the training programme available at some institutions in Member States to citizens of all countries in the region;
- (vii) With regard to the organisation of the First ECOWAS Trade Fair scheduled to be held in Dakar in May 1995, Council directed the Executive Secretariat to acceler-

ate the mobilisation of funds to and called on Member States to initiate appropriate measures to ensure effective participation in this important event which is part of the efforts being made to promote trade cooperation in ECOWAS;

(viii) With regard to the peace process in Liberia, Council expressed concern over the problem of financing this process. This affects particularly the logistic and other material support to ECOMOG needed to accelerate the disarmament process. Council took note of the meeting of Foreign Ministers and donors scheduled for 26 - 27 July 1994 to discuss, among other things, flexibility in the utilisation of the UN Trust Fund for Liberia and the greater involvement of the Executive Secretariat in the management of the Trust Fund. Council agreed to propose to the Authority to make a special appeal to the donor community to provide adequate financial assistance to Liberia;

(ix) Council directed the Executive Secretariat to maintain contact with the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria so as to sign as soon as possible the loan agreement for the building of staff quarters;

(x) With regard to the new coefficients of contributions to Community budgets, Council noted with pleasure the withdrawal of the reservation of Cape Verde;

(xi) Council directed the Executive Secretariat to ensure urgent despatch of meeting documents to Member States by the most effective means.

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

20. The Chairman of the Board of Directors presented the report of the Thirty-First session of the Board.

21. Council took note of the report after obtaining clarifications made regarding the state of completion of the ECOWAS Fund building and requested for a written report on the completion of the building. Council also requested for a report on the outcome of the preparatory meeting of the Regional Guarantee Fund for Private Sector Investments.

Item 7: Consideration of the Report of the Ad Hoc
 Committee on ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated

22. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee presented the report on the study of operational and financial activities of ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI). Council adopted the report and the recommendations contained therein. The ECOWAS Fund was directed to circulate to all Member States the background document used by the Committee.

Item 8: Consideration of the Report of the Ministers
 of Justice

23. The report of the third meeting of Ministers of Justice was presented by the Minister of Justice and Legislation of the Republic of Benin, Council noted the meeting's recommendations regarding the granting of observer status to non-governmental organisations. Council also took due note of the draft Convention on extradition and the Draft Protocol on the Community Parliament. Both documents will be submitted to the seventeenth session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

Item 9: Consideration of the Report of the
Consultative Forum

24. The Minister of National Planning of the Federal Republic of Nigeria presented the report of the Consultative Forum. Council adopted both the report and the recommendations emanating therefrom, drawing particular attention to the monetary cooperation programme, exchange rate adjustment in the region, solution of the external indebtedness of Member States and the establishment of UEMOA.

Item 10: Consideration of the Report of the Committee
of Governors of Central Banks

25. Council adopted the recommendations issued by the Sixteenth meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks and stressed the need for concerted action from Member States in their pursuit of the expected results from the monetary cooperation programme, particularly with regard to:

- currency convertibility and establishment of a single monetary zone by the year 2000;
- settlement of arrears to the WACH;
- removal of non-tariff barriers in order to facilitate free movement of persons and to promote regional trade;
- ratification of the Protocol establishing WAMA;
- financing of the WACH Credit and Guarantee Mechanism.

Item 11: Consideration of the Reports of the
Technical Commissions

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

26. The Chairman of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission presented the report. In view of the complex nature of the issues raised in the report, and the reservations

expressed by countries on the tax base, rate of the Community levy as well as the value added tax, Council decided that the report should be reconsidered by the Commission before the statutory meetings to be held in November 1994.

(ii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

27. Following the presentation of the report by the Commission, Council adopted the observations and recommendations contained therein with the exception of the following:

- With regard to the new and renewable energy information system, Council decided that in view of the uncertainty over the future of the Regional Solar Energy Centre (CRES) in Bamako, the recommendation relating to that institution should be deferred.
- Concerning the recommendation relating to the Community programme on road safety and accident prevention, Council decided to amend the provisions of Article 1 paragraph (viii) as follows: "... mandatory road worthiness tests at least once a year for commercial and private vehicles."
- Concerning the granting of a loan by the Executive Secretariat to the General Secretariat of the Council of Bureaux of the ECOWAS Brown Card, Council requested the Administration and Finance Commission to study the Financial problems facing this Bureaux.

(iii) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources

28. Following the presentation of the report, Council adopted it along with the recommendations contained therein, particularly those relating to the master plan for the coordination of the desertification control programmes, agricultural information strategy for the agricultural development of West Africa, and the ECOWAS industrial master plan.

(iv) Social and Cultural Affairs

29. Following the presentation of the memorandum on the outcome of deliberations of the Fifth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission and the meeting of the Jury for the award of the ECOWAS prize for Excellence on African pharmacopeia, Council adopted the reports and the recommendations of the two meetings, particularly those relating to the mandatory iodisation of salt in ECOWAS Member States.

30. However, Council drew the attention of the Executive Secretary to the need to take the necessary precautions before giving moral and diplomatic support of ECOWAS to CLAIR Resource Limited.

(v) Administration and Finance Commission

31. The report was presented by the Chairman of the Commission. Council adopted the report and the recommendations relating to the issues raised during the consideration of the Financial Controller's report, the report of the External Auditor, and the reduction of the current rates of duty allowance.

32. Furthermore, based on the recommendation of the Commission, Council approved the audited accounts of the Executive Secretariat for the 1992 financial year.

33. With regard to the Resolution relating to the payment modalities of financial obligations owed by Member States, Council recommended that the payment schedule for the balance, to be negotiated on a case by case basis, should cover a maximum period of 36 months in the case of the ECOWAS Fund and 60 months in the case of the Executive Secretariat.

34. Finally, Council congratulated the Financial Controller on the quality of the interim report he presented to the Administration and Finance Commission and the courage he displayed by

highlighting the operational problems being faced by the Institutions.

Item 12: Consideration of the Memorandum on the
Minimum Agenda for Action

35. In his presentation, the Deputy Executive Secretary Economic Affairs, Mr. Boubacar Ba, reviewed the implementation of the Minimum Agenda for Action adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Decision A/DEC.5/9/92. He highlighted the inadequacies of the Agenda and traced the broad outlines of a new agenda on free movement of persons.

36. Accordingly, Council took note of the information and directed the Executive Secretariat to prepare a new minimum agenda for action based on the broad outlines featuring in the memorandum.

37. With regard to the proposal contained in the memorandum on the setting up of a national multidisciplinary committee to coordinate the formulation and monitoring of the new programme, Council recommended that the establishment of any mechanism capable of ensuring better coordination and more effective monitoring of the new agenda should be left to the discretion of Member States.

38. For the purpose of publicising decisions and activities on free movement of persons, Council directed the Executive Secretariat to formulate an information and enlightenment programme to sensitise the citizens of the region and the relevant agents.

Item 13: Consideration of the Statement of Ratification
of Protocols and Conventions

39. The table showing ratification of the ECOWAS revised Treaty, protocols and conventions indicated that only six countries had ratified the revised Treaty as at 26 July 1994. Council therefore made an appeal to all Member States to ensure the early ratification of the protocols and conventions of the Community.

Item 18: Other Matters

44. Council discussed the current Rwandan crisis and the recent developments in The Gambia within the context of African solidarity. Ministers of Foreign Affairs were urged to reflect on these two issues with a view to making appropriate recommendations to the Authority of Heads of State and Government.


Item 19: Adoption of Report

45. The report was adopted unanimously by Council.

VI. CLOSING SESSION

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Benin, Mr. Robert Dossou thanked the various delegations for their active and positive participation in the deliberations of Council. He urged Member States to redouble their efforts to accelerate integration of West African economies within the framework of ECOWAS.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994


HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY 1994

DECISION C/DEC.1/7/94 RELATING TO THE OPERATIONAL AND
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL
INCORPORATED (ETI)

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 Resolution n° 11/11/84 of the Board of Directors' meeting held in November 1985, authorising the ECOWAS Fund to subscribe to 10% of the called-up capital of ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI);

MINDFUL of the Report of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja in December 1993, establishing the Ad Hoc Committee on the Study Relating to the Operational and Financial Activities of ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI) defining its composition and terms of reference;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee

DECIDES:

Article 1 The ECOWAS Fund's equity participation in ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI) shall be maintained.

Article 2 The Management of the ECOWAS Fund is hereby directed to negotiate with ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated

rated (ETI) the revision of the statutes of ECOBANK, taking into account the interests of the ECOWAS Fund as the largest single shareholder, particularly the status and number of seats allocated to the ECOWAS Fund on the Board of Directors of ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI).

Article 3

For the purpose of safe-guarding its interests, the ECOWAS Fund is hereby directed to use its influence on the Board of ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI) to ensure that the on-going restructuring effort is stepped up to improve its performance.

Article 4

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DECISION C/DEC.2/7/94 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PERMANENT SECRETARIAT WITHIN THE COUNCIL OF BUREAUX
OF THE ECOWAS BROWN CARD SCHEME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDEFUL of Article 8 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDEFUL of the provisions of Article 40 of the Treaty;

MINDEFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/82 establishing the ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance;

MINDEFUL of Council Decision 2/5/83 on the implementation of the ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance;

ON the recommendation of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June, 1994;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

There is hereby established a Permanent General Secretariat within the Council of Bureaux of the ECOWAS Brown Card Scheme.

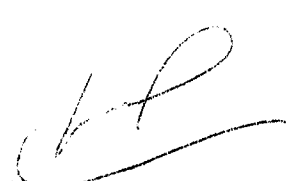
ARTICLE 2

The Permanent Secretariat shall be responsible for the implementation of the Protocol establishing the ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance.

ARTICLE 3

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**DECISION C/DEC 3/7/94 ON THE SETTING UP OF AN ECOWAS CONSULTATIVE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON HYDROCARBONS.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

**CONSIDERING Decisions A/DEC /3/5/81 and A/DEC /3/5/82
of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic
Community of West African States on the ECOWAS Energy Programme and
Energy Policy respectively;**

**CONSIDERING Directive C/DIR./2/7/91 relating to the study
on a Community programme for the production, supply and
distribution of petrol, petroleum products and gas;**

**CONSIDERING Directive C/DIR.2/7/91 relating to the study
on a Community programme for the production, supply and
distribution of petrol, petroleum products and gas;**

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport, Communications
and Energy which met in Lagos from 7 to 10 June, 1994;**

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There is hereby established a technical advisory committee on hydrocarbons. The Committee shall comprise heads of national hydrocarbons units in Member States.

Article 2

The ECOWAS technical advisory committee on hydrocarbons shall examine the conclusions and recommendations adopted during the different phases of the on-going study. The Committee will report on its activities to Council through the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission.


Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to apply this decision.

Article 4

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

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994


HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DECISION C/DEC 4/7/94 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL
TRAINING CENTRES IN THE AREA OF TRANSPORT

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.20/5/80 relating to the Transport
Programme;

DESIRING to facilitate human resource development through the
harmonisation and coordination of national policies and programmes
on training in the area of transport;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-fifth session Transport,
Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 - 10
June, 1994.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The following institutes are hereby approved as regional centres
for training in the area of transport;

- the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology
(NITT), Zaria, Nigeria.

- the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Travaux Publics, (ENSTP), Yamoussoukro, Côte D'Ivoire.

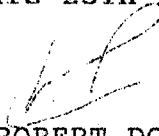
Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall request the introduction of a course on transport economies and planning at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Travaux Publics (ENSTP) in Yamoussoukro

Article 3

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994


HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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DECISION C/DEC 5/7/94 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF THE RAILWAY NETWORKS OF MEMBER STATES.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Article 42 of the ECOWAS Treaty on the improvement and reorganisation of the railways of Member States for the purpose of interconnecting the various railway networks;

DESIRING to establish plans for the improvement and integration of the various railway networks in the sub-region;

DESIRING to promote close co-operation among railway networks and to harmonise technical, commercial and administrative management procedures within the railway corporations;

ON THE recommendation of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 - 10 June 1994

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The master plan for the interconnection of railways in West Africa attached hereto is hereby approved.

Article 2

Member States shall include the railway projects in their national investment programmes under the second United Nations Transport and Telecommunications Decade for AFRICA (UNTACDA II)

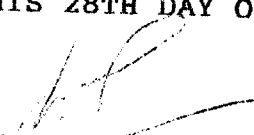
Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the effective implementation of the master plan.

Article 4

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

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994


HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

INTERCONNECTING RAILWAY LINKS IN WEST AFRICA

N°	L I N K S	COUNTRIES CONCERNED	DISTANCES (KM)	GAUGES (MM)	COSTS 10 ⁶ (FCFA)
1	Bamako-Bougouni-Sikasso- Ouangolodougou	Mali Côte d'Ivoire	465 90 555	1000 1000 1000	68313
2	(Ouagadougou) Kaya-Dori-Niamey	Burkina Faso Niger	196 234 430	1000 1000 1000	54650
3	(Niamey) Dosso- Sokoto	Niger Nigéria	103 147 250	1000 1067 1000	35789
4	Parakou-Malanville Gaya-Dosso-Niamey	Bénin Niger	334 303 637	1000 1000 1000	91119
5	Blitta-Sansanné-Mango Pama	Togo Burkina Faso	427 33 460	1000 1000 1000	54496
6	Ouagadougou-Pama Niamey	Burkina Faso Niger	728	1000 1000 1000	106032
7	Bougouni-Yanfolila Kankan	Mali Guinée	120 145 265	1000 1000 1000	30360
8	Dimbokro-Man-Danané Sanniquellie	Côte d'Ivoire Libéria	531 37 568	1067 1000 1000	84053
9	Man-Odienné-Maninian Tiridila-Kodieran (Kankan)	Côte d'Ivoire Guinée	336 114 450	1000 100 1000	53424

N°	L I N K S	COUNTRIES CONCERNED	DISTANCES (KM)	GAUGES (MM)	COSTS 10 ⁶ (FCFA)
10	Fabola-Dinguiraye Faraba-Satadougou Koudékourou (Saraya) Tambacounda	Guinée Mali Sénégal	80 105 315 500	1000 1000 1000 1000	73980
11	St. Louis-Richard-Toll-Rosso Médérdras-Nouakchott	Sénégal Mauritanie	112 203 315	1000 1000 1000	65348
12	Kano-Katsina Dan-Issa-Maradi	Nigéria Niger	201 64 265	1067 1000 1067	29022
13	Tambao Ansongo	Burkina Faso Mali	20 100 120	1000 1000 1000	15210
14	San-Pedro-Man (Mont Klohoyo)	Côte d'Ivoire	380	1000 1000	67025
15	Ilaro Pobe	Nigéria Bénin	33 7 40	1067 1000 ?	6900
16	Segbohoue Anécho	Bénin Togo	24 26 50	1000 1000 1000	7280
17	Lomé Accra	Togo Ghana	1 149+55+150	1000 1067 1067	30744
18	Accra-Kotokou-Tarkwa-Prestea Aboisso-Alépé-Abobo (Abidjan)	Ghana Côte d'Ivoire	65+(253+30) 175 240	1067 1067 ?	77539
	Tambacounda-Matam Kaédi-Boghe-Bofal (Rosso)	Sénégal Mauritanie	220 290 510	1000 1000 1000	78627
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DRAFT DECISION C/DEC.6/7/94 ON THE SETTING UP AN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIR TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 8 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Resolution adopted by the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Civil Aviation in Yamoussoukro on 26 and 27 May 1991 on the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration;

AWARE of the need for the gradual establishment of a common mechanism for the harmonisation of air transport policies within the sub-region in order to facilitate negotiations with non-African countries;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June, 1994;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

There is hereby established an Advisory Committee on Air Transport.

ARTICLE 2

The Advisory Committee on Air Transport shall assist Member States in their negotiations with non-African countries.

ARTICLE 3

The ECOWAS Working Group on Air Transport shall form the nucleus of the Advisory Committee and shall clearly specify its terms of reference.

ARTICLE 4

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DECISION C/DEC.7/7/94 ON THE INSTITUTIONALISATION
OF THE MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF RAILWAYS OF ECOWAS
MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDEFUL of Article 8 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDEFUL of the relevant provisions of Article 42 of the ECOWAS Treaty which stipulates that plans shall be formulated for the improvement and reorganisation of railways in ECOWAS Member States with a view to ensuring the interconnection of the various railway networks;

RECOGNISING the need for railway officials in the sub-region to have an institutional framework for consultations and exchange of experiences to facilitate the attainment of the aforementioned objectives;

ON the recommendation of the thirty-sixth meeting of Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June, 1994;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The meeting of ECOWAS Directors of Railways is hereby institutionalised.

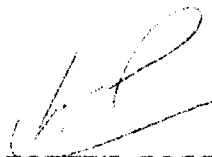
ARTICLE 2

The meeting of ECOWAS Directors of Railways shall be responsible for evaluating the status of railway projects and shall submit its reports thereon to Council through the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission.

ARTICLE 3

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DECISION C/DEC.8/7/94 ON THE INFORMATION STRATEGY
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN WEST AFRICA

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDEFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 on the adoption of an ECOWAS regional agricultural development strategy;

MINDEFUL of Decision C/DEC.1/6/88 on the adoption of a short and medium term programme of action for the development of agricultural and natural resources;

MINDEFUL of Decision C/DEC.11/12/90 on the adoption of an agricultural research cooperation programme in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING the importance of agricultural information in the promotion of agricultural development;

ON the recommendation of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission, held in Lagos from 14 to 17 June, 1994;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The information strategy for agricultural development in West Africa annexed to this decision is hereby adopted.

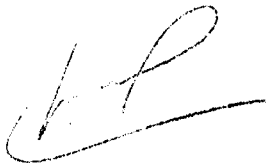
ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat shall take appropriate measures to ensure the implementation of the strategy.

ARTICLE 3

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**DECISION C/DEC 9/7/94 ON THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF DESERTIFICATION
CONTROL PROGRAMMES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER,

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

**MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 on the adoption of an ECOWAS
Regional Agricultural Development Strategy;**

**MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/82 on the declaration of the
"1983 - 1993 Decade" as the "Reforestation Decade";**

**AWARE of the need to co-ordinate desertification control
schemes and strategies in the sub-region;**

**ON the recommendation of the seventeen meeting of the Industry,
Agriculture and National Resources Commission held in Lagos from 14
to 17 June, 1994;**

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Master Plan for the co-ordination of Desertification Control Programmes within ECOWAS annexed to this decision is hereby adopted.

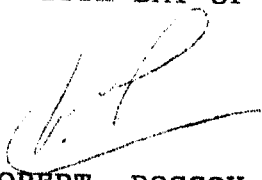
Article 2

The Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with the ECOWAS Fund, shall take appropriate measures to ensure the implementation of 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 ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DRAFT DECISION C/DEC.10/7/94 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY TO SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH
THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDRENS FUND (UNICEF)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the fifth meeting of the Social
and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 27 May,
1994:

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

The Executive Secretary is hereby authorised to sign the attached
co-operation agreement between the Economic Community of West
African States (ECOWAS) and the United Nations Childrens Fund
(UNICEF).

ARTICLE 2

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994

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HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DECISION C/DEC.11/7/94 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ECOWAS AND CLAIR RESOURCE LIMITED.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL 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;

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

RECOGNISING that culture is a major contributory factor to social and economic development;

AWARE that intensifying international cultural cooperation can reinforce peace and contribute to greater understanding among peoples;

DESIROUS of developing links between Africa and the black diaspora, particularly the Afro-American community;

CONSIDERING that the organisation of a festival of Negro-African arts and culture in the United States will contribute to the promotion of culture and open up new markets for African cultural industries;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 27 May 1994;

DECIDES

Article 1

The ECOWAS Executive Secretary is hereby authorised to sign the attached draft cooperation agreement between Clair Resource Limited. and the Economic Community of West African States relating to the organisation of "FESTAC 95" in the United States of America.

Article 2

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994.

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HON. ROBERT DOSSOU

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

BILATERAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

CLAIR RESOURCE LTD

**FOR THE PROMOTION/STAGING OF THE BLACK
AND AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND
CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA IN 1995 (FESTAC '95 USA)**

This agreement made this day of 19
.....

BETWEEN

The ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES hereinafter referred to as "ECOWAS" having its Head office at N° 6, King George V Road, P.M.B. 12745, Lagos and their successors-in-title and assigns of the one part.

AND

CLAIR RESOURCE LIMITED, a company incorporated in Nigeria and having its registered office at UNIVERSAL FITNESS CENTER PLACE, ONE PALACE DRIVE, FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL COMPLEX, P.O.BOX 72414 VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS, NIGERIA hereinafter referred to as "THE PROMOTER" and their successors-in-title and assigns of the other part.

WHEREAS:

"ECOWAS" is desirous of projecting and promoting the culture, image and the international understanding of the people of West Africa in particular and the Black and African People around the world;

"THE PROMOTER" is desirous, able and willing to organise, stage, manage and promote solely, the FESTAC '95 USA show;

"THE PROMOTER" was introduced to ECOWAS by a letter dated 19 May, 1994 from the Federal Ministry of Culture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

"THE PROMOTER" has offered to arrange the financing, staging venue, material(s), equipment, communication medical care,

accommodation, transportation for all the participating countries, agencies, organisations and individuals to the FESTAC '95 USA.

The staging of the FESTAC '95 USA hereinafter referred to as "THE SHOW" is the sole responsibility financially and otherwise of "THE PROMOTER".

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 ROLE OF THE PROMOTER

1. The Promoter shall ensure that the quality of all work and The Show conform to the highest international standard.
2. The Promoter shall in all cases and under all circumstances conform and behave in a manner befitting the international status of ECOWAS. The Promoter shall in all cases ensure that the international status and high esteem of ECOWAS is not bought to disrepute.
3. The Promoter shall be responsible for all costs, taxes, losses, fees, liabilities and risks of The Show.
4. The Promoter shall solely arrange the necessary personnel equipment, materials, financing venues for the show, accomodation, local transportation, communication, accreditation, awards and staging of The Show.
5. The Promoter shall pay ECOWAS 2% of the profit from staging and organising The Show.
6. The Promoter shall retain all revenues and profit from The Show except the 2% for ECOWAS and 3% due to the OAU.

7. The Promoter shall solely negotiate and own the TV/film/video rights sponsorships, advertisements, etc regarding The Show. ECOWAS shall have the right to use such TV/film/video free of charge, and without written authorisation of the Promoter.

8. The Promoter shall provide ECOWAS with a representative set of photo albums, and video of The Show.

9. The Promoter shall provide first class escorts, officials and transportation for all Heads of State and top Government as well as officials of ECOWAS attending The Show.

10. The Promoter shall provide all accredited officials of "ECOWAS" with complimentary tickets to The Show.

11. The Promoter shall ensure that excellent security is provided at all venues for The Show and residents of participants and dignitaries.

12. The Promoter shall exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence and shall refrain from any dissemination or publication which might prejudice the confidentiality and major interests of ECOWAS.

13. The Promoter shall at its own expense attend all meetings convened by ECOWAS in preparation of The Show.

14. The Promoter undertakes to respect the Confidentiality of all facts, knowledge, information, documents and other matters communicated to it or which came into its possession in the performance of this Contract.

15. The Promoter shall ensure proper disengagement of all facilities after "The Show".

ARTICLE 2

ROLE OF ECOWAS

1. To inform all member countries regarding this agreement and THE SHOW.
2. To inform all relevant international organisations of this agreement and the THE SHOW.
3. To provide "The Promoter" all necessary and available information to facilitate the staging and organising of THE SHOW.
4. To provide moral and diplomatic support and not deny same to "The Promoter" in the staging and organising of THE SHOW.
5. Not to go into any arrangement or agreement with any person(s), states organisation(s) and or communities regarding the staging and organising of THE SHOW.
6. To provide "THE PROMOTER" with the list of all member countries and officials as well as cultural/art groups/organisation.
7. ECOWAS shall not have any financial obligations for "THE SHOW".
8. To recommend "THE PROMOTER" to the OAU regarding the show and assist the Promoter in securing a master agreement with the OAU to stage the show.

ARTICLE 3

LIABILITY

1. ECOWAS shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury (including sickness or death) of any nature to any person or

property, whether total or partial and however arising in or in connection with, or resulting from the performance of this Agreement.

2. The Promoter hereby indemnifies ECOWAS against all costs, claims actions, liabilities and demands arising from any loss, damage or injury made against it by any person or anybody.

ARTICLE 4 PREMATURE TERMINATION

In view of the magnitude and the level of financial involvement of this projet, The Promoter and ECOWAS shall ensure that the provisions of this Agreement are faithfully carried out to completion; PROVIDES HOWEVER that ECOWAS shall have the right to prematurely terminate it if its reputation is for any reasons whatsoever, being put to disrepute by any act of The Promoter.

ARTICLE 5 GOVERNING LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

1. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

2. Any dispute, controversy, claim or differences of opinion arising between the parties hereto, as to any matter or thing arising out of or relating to this agreement or any provision hereof shall be amicably and mutually settled by both parties.

ARTICLE 6 FORCE MAJEURE

1. Either party shall notify the other immediately in writing in the event of any case of force majeure which prevents it from performing any of the terms of this Agreement.

2. By Force Majeure is meant any event outside the control of the party which prevents the normal performance of the terms of this Agreement.

working day after the date of sending and if sent by Telex, telegram or cable) and five days after posting (if sent by post).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF PARTIES HERETO HAVE CAUSED THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMON SEALS TO BE HEREUNTO AFFIXED THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) was hereto affixed in the presence of:-

.....
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

.....
WITNESS

NAME.....

NAME

TITLE

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DATE

THE COMMON SEAL OF CLAIR RESOURCE LIMITED was hereto affixed in the presence of:-

.....
CHAIRMAN CLAIR RESOURCE LTD

.....
WITNESS

NAME

NAME

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

DECISION C/DEC.12/7/94 APPROVING THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS
OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1992
FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDEFUL of Article 10 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the External Auditor;

MINDEFUL of the Financial Regulations and the Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of ECOWAS adopted in Lome on 30 November, 1989;

MINDEFUL of Authority Decision A/DEC.3/7/92 dated 29 July 1992 on the appointment of the firm of Akintola Williams & Company as External Auditor to the Community;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the External Auditor, and

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fourteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 19 to 22 July, 1994.

D E C I D E S

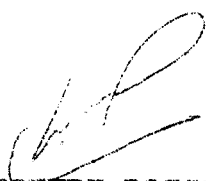
ARTICLE 1

The audited Accounts of the Executive Secretariat for the 1992 Financial year are hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**DECISION C/DEC.13/7/94 REVIEWING THE COEFFICIENTS OF
CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER STATES TO THE BUDGET OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of paragraph 4 Article 2 of the Protocol relating to the contributions by Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States which stipulates that the coefficients used to determine the contributions of Member States shall be reviewed by Council every three years;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.8/5/90 dated 30 May 1990 reviewing the contributions of Member States to the budgets of the Economic Community of West African States;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/7/93 amending Article 1 of the Protocol relating to the contributions by Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States, signed in Cotonou on 24th July 1993;

CONSIDERING that the last review of the coefficients of contributions by Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States was conducted over three years ago;

MINDFUL of its decision contained in paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Final Communiqué ECW/HSG/XVI/7/Rev.1 of the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government which authorised and directed the Council of Ministers to review the coefficients of contributions, and the revised formula should enter into force on 1 January 1994;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twelfth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, meeting in Abuja from 2 to 9 December, 1993;

DECIDES

Article 1

The coefficients for the determination of the contributions of Member States to the budget of the Community is hereby adopted:

COUNTRY	COEFFICIENT FROM 1ST JANUARY 1994
1. BENIN	4,77
2. BURKINA FASO	4,01
3. CAPE VERT	3,71
4. COTE D'IVOIRE	9,91
5. THE GAMBIA	2,79
6. GHANA	7,42
7. GUINEE	5,20
8. GUINEE BISSAU	3,53
9. LIBERIA	4,43
10. MALI	3,96
11. MAURITANIE	5,10
12. NIGER	4,16
13. NIGERIA	28,15
14. SENEGAL	6,26
15. SIERRA LEONE	2,30
16. TOGO	4,30
E C O W A S	100,00

Article 2

The coefficients adopted under Article 1 of this Decision takes effect from 1 January 1994.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**RESOLUTION C/RES.1/7/94 RELATING TO THE CONVENTION ON
EXTRADITION**

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 paragraph 2(d) of Article 3 of the Treaty urging Member States to proceed, by stages, towards the total elimination of obstacles to free movement of persons, the right of residence and establishment;

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

CONSIDERING the scope and rapid increase in criminal activities within the sub-region;

AWARE that effective implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment may facilitate easier movement across the frontiers of Member States of persons wanted for their criminal activities;


RESOLVED to foil attempts by criminals to seek refuge anywhere within the territory of the Community in order to evade prosecution or serving of a criminal sentence;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the third meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice held in Lagos from 24 to 26 April, 1994;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT the draft ECOWAS Convention on Extradition attached hereto.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. Robert DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

Rev. 3

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**DRAFT CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION
ADOPTED BY THE MEETING OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE**

MINISTERS OF JUSTICE

LAGOS

APRIL 1994

PREAMBLE

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

CONSIDERING that speedy integration between Member States in every area of activity can best be achieved by seeking to create and sustain within the Community, such conditions as shall eliminate any threat to the security of their peoples;

CONVINCED that security can best be maintained if offenders are denied shelter from legal proceedings or penalties;

DESIROUS of working together to curb crime throughout the territory of the Community;

DETERMINED therefore to endow national courts of law with an effective instrument for the arrest, judgement and enforcement of penalties against offenders fleeing the territory of one Member State to seek shelter in the territory of another;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 Definitions

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

"Community" means the Economic Community of West African States, referred to under Article 2 of the Treaty;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community, appointed under Article 18 paragraph 1 of the Treaty;

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

"Non-Member State" or "Non-Member States" means a State or States not a member of the Community which has acceded to this Convention;

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

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

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

"Sentence" means all penalties or measures incurred or pronounced as a result of a criminal offence and includes a sentence of imprisonment;

"Treaty" means the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States signed in Cotonou on 24 July 1993;

Article 2 Principles of Extradition

1. States undertake to surrender to each other, subject to the provisions and conditions laid down in this Convention, all persons within the territory of the requested State who are wanted for prosecution for an offence or who are wanted by the legal authorities of the requesting State for the carrying out of a sentence.

2. In the case of a minor aged under 18 at the time of the request for extradition, the competent authorities of the requesting and requested States shall take into consideration the interests of the minor and, where they think that extradition is likely to impair social rehabilitation, shall endeavour to reach an agreement on the most appropriate measures.

Article 3 Conditions for Extradition

1. Extradition shall be granted under certain circumstances in respect of offences punishable under the laws of the requesting State and of the requested State by deprivation of liberty for a minimum period of two years. Where there has been a conviction and a prison sentence has been imposed in the territory of the requesting State, extradition shall be granted only if a period of at least 6 months remains to be served.

2. If the request for extradition includes several separate offences each of which is punishable under the laws of the requesting State and the requested State by deprivation of liberty but of which some do not meet the penalty requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article the requested State shall have the right to grant extradition for the latter offences provided that the person is to be extradited for at least one extraditable offence.

Article 4 Political Offences

1. Extradition shall not be granted if the offence in respect of which it is requested is regarded as a political offence or as an offence connected with a political offence.

2. The same rule shall apply if there are substantial grounds for believing that a request for extradition for an ordinary criminal

offence has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of race, tribe, religion, nationality, political opinion, sex, or status.

3. Implementation of this Article shall not affect any prior or future obligations assumed by States under the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 and its additional Protocols and other multilateral international conventions.

Article 5 Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Extradition shall not be granted if the person whose extradition is requested has been, or would be, subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the requesting State or if that person has not received, or would not receive the minimum guarantees in criminal proceedings, as contained in Article 7 of the African Charter on Human and People Rights.

Article 6 Humanitarian Consideration

The requested State may refuse to extradite a person if extradition would be incompatible with humanitarian considerations in view of age or health.

Article 7 Military offences

Extradition for offences under military law which are not offences under ordinary criminal law shall not be granted under this Convention.

Article 8 Ad Hoc court or tribunal

Extradition may be refused if the person whose extradition is requested has been sentenced, or would be liable to be tried, in the requesting State by an extraordinary or ad hoc court or tribunal.

Article 9 Fiscal offences

For offences in connection with taxes, duties and Customs extradition shall take place between the States in accordance with the provisions of this Convention if the offence under the law of the requested State, corresponds to an offence of the same nature even if the law of that state does not contain the same type of tax, duty or custom regulation.

Article 10 Nationals

1. Extradition of a national of the Requested State shall be a matter of discretion for that State. Nationality shall be determined at the time of the offence for which extradition is being requested.

2. The Requested State which does not extradite its nationals, shall at the request of the requesting State submit the case to its competent authorities in order that proceedings may be taken if they are considered appropriate. For this purpose, the files, information and exhibits relating to the offence shall be transmitted without charge through the diplomatic channel or by such other means as shall be agreed upon by the States concerned. The requesting State shall be informed of the result of its request.

Article 11 Place of Commission

1. The requested State may refuse to extradite a person claimed for an offence which is regarded by its law as having been committed in whole or in part in its territory or in a place treated as its territory.

2. When the offence for which extradition is requested has been committed outside the territory of the requesting State extradition may only be refused if the law of the requested State does not allow prosecution for the same category of offence when committed outside the territory of the latter or does not allow extradition for the offence concerned.

Article 12 Pending Proceedings for the Same Offences

The requested State may refuse to extradite the person claimed if the competent authorities of such State are proceeding against that person in respect of the offence or offences for which extradition is requested.

Article 13 Double Jeopardy

1. Extradition shall not be granted if final judgement has been passed by the competent authorities of the requested State upon the person claimed in respect of the offence or offences for which extradition is requested. Extradition may be refused if the competent authorities of the requested State have decided either not to institute or to terminate proceedings in respect of the same offence or offences.

2. If new proceedings are instituted by the requesting State against the person in respect of whom the requested State has terminated proceedings for the offence for which extradition was

granted, any period passed in remand or in custody in the requested State shall be taken into consideration when deciding the penalty involving deprivation of liberty in the requesting State.

Article 14

Judgement in absentia

1. When a request is made for the extradition of a person for the purpose of carrying out a sentence imposed by a decision rendered in absentia, the requested State may refuse to extradite if, in its opinion, the proceedings leading to the judgement did not satisfy the minimum rights of defence recognised as due to everyone charged with criminal offence. However, extradition shall be granted if the requesting State gives an assurance considered sufficient to guarantee to the person claimed the right to a retrial which safeguards the rights of defence. This decision will authorise the requesting State either to enforce the judgement in question if the convicted person does not make an opposition or, if he does, to take proceedings against the person extradited.

2. When the requested State informs the person whose extradition has been requested of the judgement rendered against him in absentia the requesting State shall not regard this communication as a formal notification for the purposes of the criminal procedure in that State.

Article 15

Lapse of Time

1. Extradition shall not be granted when the person claimed has, according to the law of either the requesting or the requested State become immune by reason of lapse of time from prosecution or punishment, at the time of receipt of the request for extradition by the requested state.

2. When determining whether, according to the law of the requested State, the person claimed has become immune by reason of

lapse of time from prosecution or punishment, the competent authorities of the said State shall take into consideration any acts of interruption and any events suspending time-limitation occurring in the requesting State in so far as acts or events of the same nature have an identical effect in the requested State.

Article 16 Amnesty

Extradition shall not be granted for an offence in respect of which an amnesty has been declared in the requested State and which that State had competence to prosecute under its own criminal law.

*Article 17 Capital Punishment

(If the offence for which extradition is requested is punishable by death under the law of the requesting State, and if in respect of such offence the death penalty is not provided for by the law of the requested State, extradition may not be granted.)

Article 18 The Request and Supporting Documents

1. The request shall be in writing and shall be addressed by the Ministry of Justice of the requesting State to the Ministry of Justice of the requested State, however, use of the diplomatic channel is not excluded. Other means of communication may be arranged by direct agreement between two or more States

2. The request shall be supported by:

- (a) the original or an authenticated copy of the conviction and sentence immediately enforceable or of the warrant of arrest or other order having the same effect and issued in accordance with the procedure laid down in the law of the requesting State.

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- (b) a statement of the offences for which extradition is requested. The time and place of their commission, their legal descriptions and a reference to the relevant legal provisions shall be set out as accurately as possible; and
- (c) an authenticated copy of the relevant law, indicating the sentence which may be or has been imposed for the offence, and as accurate a description as possible of the person claimed together with any other information which will help to establish his identity, nationality and whereabouts.

Article 19

Supplementary Information

If the information communicated by the requesting State is found to be insufficient to allow the requested State to make a decision in pursuance of this Convention, the latter State shall request the necessary supplementary information and may fix a reasonable time-limit for the receipt thereof.

Article 20

Rule of Speciality

1. A person who has been extradited shall not be proceeded against, sentenced or detained with a view to the carrying out of a sentence for any offence committed prior to his surrender other than that for which he was extradited, nor shall he be for any other reason restricted in his personal freedom, except in the following cases:

- (a) When the State which surrendered him consents. A request for consent shall be submitted, accompanied by the documents mentioned in Article 18 and a legal record of any statement made by the extradited person in respect of the offence concerned. Consent shall be given when the

offence for which it is requested is itself subject to extradition in accordance with the provision of this Convention;

- (b) when that person, having had an opportunity to leave the territory of the State to which he has been surrendered, has not done so within 45 days of his final discharge, or has returned to that territory after leaving it.

2. When the description of the offence charged is altered in the course of proceedings, the extradited person shall only be proceeded against or sentenced in so far as the offence under its new description is shown by its constituent elements to be an offence which would allow extradition.

Article 21

Re-extradition to a Third State

Except as provided for in Article 20, paragraph 1 (b), the requesting State shall not, without the consent of the requested State surrender to another State or to a third State a person surrendered to the requesting State and sought by the said other State or third State in respect of offences committed before his surrender. The requested State may request the production of the documents mentioned in Article 18.

Article 22

Provisional Arrest

1. In case of urgency the competent authorities of the requesting State may request the provisional arrest of the person sought. The competent authorities of the requested State shall decide the matter in accordance with its law pending the request for extradition.

2. The request for provisional arrest shall state that one of the documents mentioned in Article 18 paragraph 2 (a), exists and that

it is intended to send a request for extradition. It shall also state for what offence extradition will be requested, when and where such offence was committed, the penalty incurred or provided for, or the sentence pronounced. The request shall also, if possible, indicate the whereabouts of the person sought, and as far as possible provide a description of the person.

3. A request for provisional arrest shall be sent to the competent authorities of the requested State either through the diplomatic channel or direct by post or telegraph or through the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) or by any other means affording evidence in writing or accepted by the requested State. The requesting State shall be informed without delay of the result of its request.

4. Provisional arrest may be terminated if, within a period of twenty (20) days after arrest, the requested State has not received the request for extradition and the documents mentioned in Article 18. The possibility of provisional release at any time is not excluded but the requested State shall take any measures which it considers necessary to prevent the escape of the person sought.

5. Release shall not prejudice re-arrest and extradition if a request for extradition is received subsequently.

6. The time spent in detention by an individual solely for the purpose of extradition in the territory of the requested State or of a State of transit shall be taken into consideration when deciding the penalty involving deprivation of liberty or detention which he has to serve for the offence for which he was extradited.

Article 23

Conflicting Requests

If extradition is requested concurrently by more than one State, either for the same offence or for different offences, the

requested State shall make its decision having regard to all the circumstances and especially the relative seriousness and place of commission of the offences, the respective dates of the requests, the nationality of the person claimed and the possibility of subsequent extradition to another State.

Article 24 Surrender of the Person to be Extradited

1. The requested State shall inform the requesting State by the means mentioned in Article 18 paragraph 1 of its decision with regard to the extradition.

2. Reasons shall be given for any complete or partial rejection.

3. If the request is agreed to, the requesting State shall be informed of the place and date of surrender and of the length of time for which the person claimed was detained with a view to surrender.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this Article, if the person claimed has not been removed on the appointed date, he may be released after the expiry of 15 days and shall in any case be released after the expiry of 30 days. The requested State may refuse to extradite him for the same offence.

5. If circumstances beyond its control prevent a State from surrendering or taking over the person to be extradited, it shall notify the other State. The two States shall agree on a new date for surrender and the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article shall apply.

Article 25 Postponed or Conditional Surrender

1. The requested State may, after making its decision on the request for extradition, postpone the surrender of the person

claimed in order that he may be proceeded against or, if he has already been convicted, in order that he may serve his sentence in the territory of that State for an offence other than that for which extradition is requested.

2. The requested State may, instead of postponing surrender, temporarily surrender the person claimed to the requesting State in accordance with conditions to be determined by mutual agreement between the States.

Article 26

Handing over of Property

1. The requested State shall, in so far as its law permits and at the request of the requesting State, seize and hand over property:

- (a) which may be required as evidence or
- (b) which has been acquired as a result of the offence and which, at the time of the arrest, is found in the possession of the person claimed or is discovered subsequently.

2. The property mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be handed over even if extradition, having been agreed to, cannot be carried out owing to the death or escape of the person claimed.

3. When the said property is liable to seizure or confiscation in the territory of the requested State, the latter may, in connection with pending criminal proceedings, temporarily retain it or hand it over on condition that it is returned.

4. Any rights which the requested State or bona fide third parties may have acquired in the said property shall be preserved. Where these rights exist the property shall be returned without charge to the requested State as soon as possible after the trial.

Article 27Transit

1. Transit through the territory of one of the States shall be granted on submission of a request by the means mentioned in Article 18 paragraph 1, provided that the offence concerned is not considered by the State requested to grant transit as an offence of a political or military character having regard to Articles 4 and 7 of this Convention.

2. Transit of a national of the country requested to grant transit may be refused.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article, it shall be necessary to produce the documents mentioned in Article 18 paragraph 2.

4. If air transport is used, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) when it is not intended to land, the requesting State shall notify the State over whose territory the flight is to be made and shall certify that one of the documents mentioned in Article 18 paragraph 2 (a) exists. In the case of an unscheduled landing, such notification shall have the effect of a request for provisional arrest as provided for in Article 22 and the requesting State shall submit a formal request for transit;

(b) when it is intended to land, the requesting State shall submit a formal request for transit.

5. A State may, however, at the time of signature or of the deposit of its instrument of ratification of this Convention, declare that it will only grant transit of persons on some or all

of the conditions on which it grants extradition. In that event, reciprocity may be applied.

6. The transit of the extradited person shall not be carried out through any territory where there is a reason to believe that his life or his freedom may be threatened by reason of his race, tribe, religion, nationality, political opinion or sex.

Article 28

Procedure

1. Except where this Convention otherwise provides, the procedure with regard to extradition and provisional arrest shall be governed solely by the law of the requested State.

2. States, whilst providing for a speedy extradition procedure, shall ensure that the person whose extradition has been requested has the right to be heard by a judicial authority and to be assisted by the lawyer of his own choice and shall submit to a judicial authority the control of his custody for the purpose of extradition as well as the conditions of his extradition.

Article 29

Language to be Used

The documents to be produced shall be in the language of the requesting or requested States. The requested State may require a translation into one of the official languages of ECOWAS to be chosen by it.

Article 30

Expenses

1. Expenses incurred in the territory of the requested State by reason of extradition shall be borne by that State.

2. Expenses incurred in conveying the person from the territory of the requested State shall be borne by the requesting State.

3. Expenses incurred by reason of transit through the territory of a State requested to grant transit shall be borne by the requesting State.

Article 31 Reservations

1. Any State may, when signing this Convention or when depositing its instrument of ratification, make a reservation in respect of any provision or provisions of the Convention.

2. Any State which has made a reservation shall withdraw it as soon as circumstances permit. Such withdrawal shall be made by notification to the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS.

3. A State which has made a reservation in respect of a provision of the Convention may not claim application of the said provision by another State save in so far as it has itself accepted the provision.

Article 32 Relations between this Convention and
other Bilateral Agreements

1. This Convention shall supercede the provisions of any Treaties, Conventions or Agreements on extradition concluded between two or several States except as provided under paragraph 3, Article 4 of this Convention.

2. States may conclude between themselves bilateral or multilateral agreements with one another only on the matters dealt with in this Convention, for purposes of supplementing or strengthening its provisions or facilitating the application of the principles embodied in it.

Article 33Accession

1. After entry into force of this Convention, the Council of Ministers may invite, by unanimous decision, non-Member States of the Community to accede to this Convention.

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

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

Article 34Amendment and Review

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

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

Article 35Denunciation

Any State may denounce this Convention in so far as it is concerned by giving notice to the Executive Secretary of the Community. Denunciation shall take effect six months after the date when the Executive Secretary received such notification.

Article 36**Entry into Force and Deposit**

1. This Convention shall enter into force upon ratification by at least nine (9) signatory States, in conformity with the constitutional provisions of each signatory State.

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

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

DONE AT..... THIS DAY OF 1994
IN A SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE
LANGUAGES ALL TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC

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THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**RESOLUTION C/RES.2/7/94 RELATING TO THE PROTOCOL ON THE COMMUNITY
PARLIAMENT**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL 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;

CONSIDERING that a regional Parliament constitutes a privileged forum for dialogue and consultation where the peoples of West Africa can express, more effectively, their preoccupation through their representatives;


CONSIDERING also the need to specify the organisation, duties, powers and mode of operation of the West African Parliament in order to enable it play its role effectively;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the third meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice, held in Lagos from 24 to 26 April 1994;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT the attached draft Protocol relating to the
Community Parliament.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. Robert DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**DRAFT PROTOCOL AP/...../94 RELATING TO THE
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**MINISTERS OF JUSTICE
LAGOS
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THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 6 Paragraph 1 and of Article 13 of the Revised Treaty relating to the establishment of the Community Parliament;

AWARE that the integration of Member States into a viable regional community requires, for the settlement of issues, the will of Member States to take all necessary measures for the success of such an enterprise;

CONVINCED that the Community Parliament as a forum for dialogue, consultation and consensus for representatives of the peoples of the Community, can effectively promote integration;

RECALLING the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its fourteenth ordinary session held in Abuja from 4 to 6 July 1991;

DESIROUS of concluding a Protocol defining the structure, composition, competence, and other matters relating to the Community Parliament;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

In this Protocol, the following expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them hereunder:

"Authority" means Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Community referred to under Article 7 of the Revised Treaty;

"Bureau" means officers of the Parliament elected into a body in accordance with Articles 14 and 18 of this Protocol;

"Chairman of the Authority" means the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States;

"Community" means the Economic Community of West African States referred to under Article 2 of the Revised Treaty;

"Community Citizen" or "Community Citizens" means any person who is a national of a Member State in accordance with the conditions stipulated in Protocol A/P3/5/82 relating to the Definition of Community Citizen.

"Council" means the Council of Ministers of the Community referred to under Article 10 of the Revised Treaty;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community appointed in accordance with Article 18 of the Revised Treaty;

"Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretariat referred to under Article 17 of the Revised Treaty;

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

"Member of Parliament" or "Members of Parliament" means one or more representatives elected in accordance with Article 7 of this Protocol;

"Parliament" means the Community Parliament established in accordance with Article 13 of the Revised Treaty;

"Representative" or "Representatives" is the title of a member or members of the Community Parliament;

"Speaker" means the member of the Community Parliament elected to conduct its business in accordance with Article 15 of this Protocol;

"Treaty" means the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States signed in Cotonou on 24 July, 1993 and includes Protocols and Conventions relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: STRUCTURE

1. The Parliament shall be the Assembly of the peoples of the Community.

2. Members of the Parliament shall be deemed to represent all the peoples of the Community. They shall be known as "Representatives"

ARTICLE 3: DESIGNATION

3. The House of Representatives of the Peoples of the Community shall be designated:

- "Community Parliament"

Article 4 SEAT OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Seat of the Parliament shall be determined by the Authority.

* ARTICLE 5: COMPOSITION

(The Parliament shall be composed of one hundred and twenty (120) seats.

Each Member state shall have a guaranteed minimum of Five (5) seats.

The remaining forty (40) seats shall be shared on the basis of population.

Representation for each Member State shall be as follows:

- Benin	- five (5) seats
- Burkina faso	- six (6) seats
- Cape Verde	- five (5) seats
- Cote d'Ivoire	- seven (7) seats
- Gambia	- five (5) seats
- Ghana	- eight (8) seats
- Guinea	- six (6) seats
- Guinea Bissau	- five (5) seats
- Liberia	- five (5) seats
- Mali	- six (6) seats
- Mauritania	- five (5) seats
- Niger	- six (6) seats
- Nigeria	- thirty-five (35) seats
- Senegal	- six (6) seats
- Sierra Leone	- five (5) seats
- Togo	- five (5) seats

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Whenever necessary, the number and distribution of seats shall be reviewed by the Authority on its own initiative or on the recommendation of the Parliament).

ARTICLE 6: COMPETENCE

1. The Parliament may consider any matter concerning the Community, in particular issues relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and make recommendations to the institutions and organs of the Community.

2. The Parliament may be consulted for its opinion on matters concerning the Community.

The opinion of the Parliament shall be sought in the following areas:

- a) interconnection of the communications links between Member States so as to make free movement of persons and goods effective;
- b) interconnection of telecommunications system to form an effective community network with the maximum possible number of extension to the rural areas to make them more accessible;
- c) interconnection of energy networks;
- d) increased cooperation in the area of radio, television and other media links both within the Community and between the Community and the rest of the world, development of national communications systems to form an integrated, effective Community system with its own programmes;

- e) public health policies for the Community;
- f) common educational policy through harmonisation of existing systems and specialisation of existing universities; adjustment of education within the Community to international standards;
- g) youth and sports;
- h) scientific and technological research;
- i) Community policy on environment;
- j) treaty review;
- k) Community citizenship;
- l) social integration;
- m) respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in all their plenitude.

ARTICLES 7: ELECTION, TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

1 ELECTION

- (i) Representatives and their alternates shall be elected by direct universal suffrage by citizens of Member States;
- (ii) Pending the time Members of Parliament are elected by direct universal suffrage, the National Assemblies of Member States or their equivalent institu-

tions or organs shall elect such Members from amongst themselves.

The duration of the transitional period shall be determined by the Authority.

- (iii) The Executive Secretary shall be notified of the election of Representatives and their alternates;
- (iv) Representatives and their alternates shall be eligible for re-election;
- (v) Parliament shall verify the credentials of its Members.

2 TERMS OF OFFICE

- (i) Representatives shall be elected for a period of five years from the day of swearing-in. Their mandate shall, without any exception, end on the last day of the legislature.
- (ii) For the duration of the transition period Representatives who are not re-elected at the national level shall remain in office until the new Representatives from their respective Member States take up their positions.

3 VACANCIES

Any vacant seat shall be filled by the first non-elected Candidate registered on the same list containing the name of the out-going Member of Parliament.

ARTICLE 8: WRITTEN DECLARATION

1. Members of the Community Parliament shall, before assuming duty, sign the following written declaration: "I declare on my honour that I will faithfully serve the interest of the peoples of the Community and that I will not submit to any direct or indirect pressure from any Member State or group".

This declaration which shall be (in writing and) signed by every Representative shall be recorded in the Proceedings of the Parliament and may be referred to as and when necessary.

*ARTICLE 9: IMMUNITY

1. Representatives shall enjoy Parliamentary immunity in all the Member States of the Community. Therefore, no Representative may be prosecuted, summoned, arrested, detained or sentenced on account of opinions expressed or vote cast by him in the exercise of his duty.

(2. While Parliament is in session, and except in case of flagrante delicto, no member can be prosecuted or arrested for criminal or penal action without clearance from the Parliament).

(3. While Parliament is on recess, and except in a case of flagrant delict, duly established, suits or confirmed sentence, no member of Parliament can be prosecuted or arrested without clearance from the Bureau of the Parliament).

* Comments elicited by paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article are contained in the Final Report of the Third Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice

(4. The Parliament can, through a two-third majority vote, request from the competent authority the suspension of a detention order on or a suit against a Member of Parliament).

ARTICLE 10: ALLOWANCE

Representatives shall be paid a parliamentary allowance which shall be fixed by the Authority.

ARTICLE 11: VOTING

1. Members of Parliament shall vote personally and on their own conviction. They shall not be bound by any instructions or mandate.

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Parliament shall exceptionally authorize the delegation of vote. Where this is done, no one shall be allowed to be delegated for more than one mandate.

ARTICLE 12: INCOMPATIBILITY

The post of the member of the Community Parliament shall not be held concurrently with the following:

- members of government, the constitutional council, the supreme court of a Member state;
- members of Courts and Tribunals of the Member States;
- judge, lawyer or registrar in the Community Court of Justice and the Community Court of Arbitration;
- member of any institution created in application of the Revised Treaty, to administer the Community's funds or a permanent task directly connected with administration a

serving officer in the ECOWAS Institutions, or any other post in an International Organisation;

- all other civil and public servants in Member states.

ARTICLE 13: SESSIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT

1. ORDINARY SESSIONS

a) Sessions shall cover a maximum period of three months during which the Parliament shall sit. Parliament shall meet at least twice a year in ordinary session. Sessions shall be convened by the Bureau, subject to the provisions of Article 14 of this Protocol.

b) Conduct of ordinary sessions of Parliament shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure.

2. EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS

a) Parliament may also meet in extraordinary session to discuss a specific agenda:

- either at the initiative of the current Chairman of the Authority;
- or at the express request in writing of an absolute majority of Members addressed to the Speaker.

b) Conduct of extra-ordinary sessions of Parliament shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure. These sessions shall end once the agenda is exhausted.

3. The Executive Secretary shall attend or ensure that he is represented at all meetings of Parliament.

ARTICLE 14: FIRST SESSION

1. CONVENING OF PARLIAMENT

a) The first meeting of the Parliament shall be convened by the current Chairman of Authority upon the recommendations of the Executive Secretary.

b) The Executive Secretary shall, upon the entry into force of the revised Treaty establishing the Parliament, request Member States to take action in accordance with Article 7 of this Protocol.

c) The Executive Secretary shall, upon receiving the names of at least three quarters of the members of Parliament forwarded by the States, convene the constituent meeting of the Parliament upon consultations with the current Chairman of Authority.

2. FIRST MEETING:

a) The first meeting of the Parliament shall be chaired by the oldest Member. The youngest Member shall act as secretary.

b) The Chairman of the meeting shall instruct that a roll-call of the meeting be taken.

c) The Chairman of the meeting shall call on the Parliament to elect its Speaker.

d) Nominations shall be called for in plenary session and voting shall take place by secret ballot.

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f) The Speaker shall be elected for the life of the Parliament.

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Debates in the Parliament shall be open to the public unless otherwise directed by the Speaker. Verbatim reports of the proceedings shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community. Summary reports of the proceedings shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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The official and working languages of the Parliament shall be those specified in the ECOWAS Treaty.

ARTICLE 21: AMENDMENTS

1. Any Member State or the Speaker may, after consultation with the Bureau, submit proposals for amendment of this Protocol.

2. All proposals shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary who shall forward them to the Member States and the Speaker within forty-five (45) days of receipt.

3. Such amendments shall be examined by the Authority on the expiration of forty-five (45) days notice given to Member States.

ARTICLE 22: ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Protocol shall enter into force upon ratification by at least nine (9) signatory States in accordance with the constitutional regulations in force in each signatory State.

2. This Protocol and all its instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat of the Community which shall transmit certified true copies of the Protocol to all Member States, notify them of the date of deposit of the instruments of ratification and register the Protocol with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and any other Organisation which may be determined by Council.

3. This Protocol is annexed to the Treaty and shall form an integral part thereof.

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

DONE AT.....THISDAY OF.....

IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGES, ALL
TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY 1994

**RESOLUTION C/RES.3/7/94 RELATING TO THE HARMONISATION
OF MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the Authority Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme whose objective is the creation of a single monetary zone;

AWARE of the limited success of the individual national economic reform and structural adjustment measures due, among other things, to the failure to take account of the policies of other countries of the region;

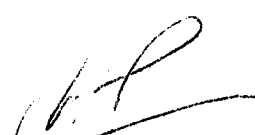
CONVINCED of the need for the harmonisation of economic and financial policies of Member States as a means for enhancing the economic development and integration of the West African region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Second Session of the ECOWAS Consultative Forum of Ministers of Finance and Planning and Governors of Central Banks of ECOWAS Member States held on 24 July, 1994;

P R O P O S E S

to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve and adopt the attached draft decision relating to the harmonisation of macro-economic policies of Member States.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994.



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

SECRET

**SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT**

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST 1994

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC../8/94 RELATING TO THE HARMONISATION
OF THE MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

ANXIOUS to improve the performance of national economies in order to achieve sustainable growth and balanced development;

AWARE of the limited success of the individual national economic reform and structural adjustment measures due, among other things, to the failure to take account of the policies of other countries of the region;

CONVINCED of the necessity for the harmonisation of economic and financial policies of Member States as a means for enhancing the economic development and integration of the West African region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July 1994;

D E C I D E S

Article 1:

Member States shall harmonise their national economic and financial policies through regular consultations.

Article 2:

A Coordination and Monitoring Committee is hereby established to define the strategy and modalities for the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies and examine the possibility of establishing a regional mechanism for multilateral surveillance of macro-economic policies.

Article 3:

The Executive Secretary is directed to take all possible measures to facilitate the functioning of the said Committee.

ARTICLE 4:

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

**H.E. NICEPHORE DIEUDONNE SOGLO
CHAIRMAN
FOR AUTHORITY**

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**RESOLUTION C/RES 4/7/94 ON THE ACCELERATION OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

RECALLING its decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme, with the objective of creating a single monetary zone in West Africa;

RECALLING further its decision A/DEC.5/7/92 relating to the adoption of the Minimum Agenda for Action (1992/93) on the free movement of persons and goods;

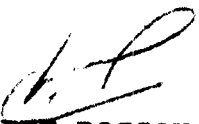
ANXIOUS to avoid the adoption by Member States of national economic and financial measures which adversely affect countries of the region;

DESIROUS of increasing the use and acceptability of national currencies in order to achieve regional currency convertibility;

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HEREBY proposes to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve the attached draft decision on the acceleration of the implementation of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme.

DONE ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC /8/94 ON THE ACCELERATION OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

RECALLING its decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme, with the objective of the creating a single monetary zone in West Africa;

RECALLING further its decision A/DEC.5/7/92 relating to the adoption of the Minimum Agenda for Action (1992/93) on the free movement of persons and goods;

DETERMINED to eliminate all obstacles to the free movement of persons and goods within the region;

ANXIOUS to avoid the adoption by Member States of national economic and financial measures which adversely affect countries of the region;

DESIROUS of increasing the use and acceptability of national currencies in order to achieve regional currency convertibility;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Second Session of the Consultative Forum held in Abuja on 24 July 1994.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

All Member States shall ensure the immediate and effective implementation of the following measures relating to the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme:

- i) the settlement of arrears in the West African Clearing House (WACH);
- ii) the mobilisation of financial resources within the region for the establishment of the Credit and Guarantee Fund mechanism in WACH;
- iii) the ratification of the Protocol on the establishment of the West African Monetary Agency;
- iv) the removal of non-tariff barriers of a monetary nature; and
- v) the achievement of regional currency convertibility

Article 2

Member States shall coordinate the management of their exchange rate policies and refrain from any disruptive competitive devaluation of national currencies that may cause disruption to the economies of the region

Article 3

Member States shall take appropriate measures to accelerate the implementation of the policy measures under phases 2 and 3 of the Monetary Cooperation Programme to ensure the creation of a single monetary zone by the year 2000;

Article 4

The Executive Secretariat is directed to take all necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of this decision including the organisation of an inter-governmental conference to define common strategies, modalities and practical steps as well as institutional and legal procedures required for the creation of the single monetary zone.

Article 5

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

H.E. NICEPHORE DIEUDONNE SOGLO
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.5/7/94 ON THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMME
ON ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD ACCIDENT PREVENTION IN
ECOWAS MEMBER STATES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/81 on the harmonisation of highway legislations within the Community;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Articles 8 and 10 of Convention A/P2/5/82 regulating Inter-state Road Transportation in ECOWAS;

MINDFUL of Directive C/DIR.1/7/92 on the preparation of a Community Programme on Road Safety and Road Accident Prevention;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.8/7/92 on the setting-up of national road safety bodies in ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING the rapid increase in road accidents in member States and the attendant high costs;

CONSIDERING the satisfactory results recorded by Member States which have set up national road safety commissions;

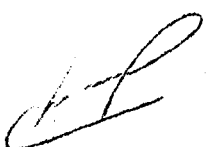
DESIRING to minimise the number and cost of accidents as well as the hardships experienced by road users;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission, held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June, 1994;

P R O P O S E S

TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to adopt the attached decision on the Community Programme on Road Safety and Road Accident Prevention in ECOWAS Member States.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994.



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.../8/94 RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY
PROGRAMME ON ROAD SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION IN ECOWAS
MEMBER STATES,

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/81 on the harmonisation of
highway legislation within the Community;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Articles 8 and 10 of Convention
A/P2/5/82 regulating inter-State road transportation between ECOWAS
Member States;

MINDFUL of Directive C/DIR.1/7/92 on the preparation of a
Community Programme on Road Safety and Road Accident Prevention;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.8/7/92 on the setting up of
national road safety bodies in ECOWAS Member States;

DEPLORING the rapid increase in the number of road accidents
in Member States and the attendant costs;

CONSIDERING the satisfactory results recorded by the Member States which have set up a national road safety commissions;

ANXIOUS to minimise the number and cost of accidents and alleviate the hardships experienced by road users;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES../7/94 of the Council of Ministers, adopted at its thirty-fifth session held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July, 1994.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The following measures are hereby adopted with a view to ensuring road safety and road accident prevention within the entire community:

I. At national level:

- i) Setting up of a national road safety commission comprising the various organisations concerned
- ii) Establishment of a data base for the collation of statistical data on road accidents
- iii) Adoption of remedial measures to remove black spots
- iv) Organisation of road safety awareness campaigns and seminar on first aid measures
- v) Introduction of road safety education programme comprising the following segments

- a) Road usage in schools (primary, secondary and University levels)
- b) Adult education (the general public, including pupils and students)
- c) Training and education of drivers
- vi) institutionalisation of compulsory vehicle road worthiness tests. A road worthiness certificate should be issued after each test
- vii) Mandatory road worthiness tests at least once every year for commercial vehicles used in conveying goods and for passenger vehicles.
- viii) Use of safety belts
- ix) Compulsory wearing of crash helmets by motor-cyclists
- x) Establishment of medical care services.

II. At community level.

Human resource development and standardisation through

- i) Application of regulations and conventions on facilitation and road transport, in particular
 - a) Decision A/DEC.2/5/81 on the harmonisation of highway legislations in the Community

- b) Protocol A/P1/5/82 on the ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance
- ii) Formulation of a funding policy for road safety programmes
- iii) Organisation of publicity through the print and electronic media
- iv) Compilation and processing of road accidents statistics
- v) Organisation of enlightenment seminars for operators (law enforcement agents, drivers and the public)
- vi) Search for funding and technical assistance for national road safety councils
- vii) Introduction of a uniform format for recording road accidents so as to facilitate accident data collection
- viii) Institution of an annual ECOWAS Road Safety and Accident Prevention Enlightenment Week to be organised in the last two weeks of December
- ix) Creation of a West African Union of Road Safety Commissions.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the application of the above measures.

Article 3

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

HIS EXCELLENCY ~~NTCEPHORE~~ DIEUDONNE SOGLO
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

RESOLUTION C/RES.6/7/94 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NATIONAL MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR THE
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOWAS
DECISIONS AND PROTOCOLS ON
TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/79 relating to free movement of persons and goods, right of residence and establishment;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/81 relating to the harmonisation of highway legislations in the Community;

MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Protocol A/P1/5/82 on the establishment of an ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance;

MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Convention A.P2/5/82 relating to inter-State road transportation between ECOWAS Member States and Convention A/P4/5/82 relating to inter-State road transit of goods.

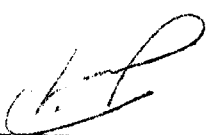
CONSIDERING the rapid proliferation of check points along international highways, which hinders the movement of persons and goods between Member States;

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ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June 1994;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
TO ADOPT the attached decision relating to the establishment of a national monitoring Committee for the effective implementation of ECOWAS Decisions and Protocols on Transport.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994



HON ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC....7/94 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NATIONAL MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR THE
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOWAS DECISIONS
AND PROTOCOLS ON TRANSPORT

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the
Authority of Heads of State and Government and
defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/79 relating to free movement of
persons and goods, right of residence and
establishment;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/81 relating to the harmonisation
of highway legislations in the Community;

MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Protocol A/P1/5/82 on
the establishment of an ECOWAS Brown Card relating to
Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance;

MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Convention A.P2/5/82
relating to inter-State road transportation between
ECOWAS Member States and Convention A/P4/5/82 relating
to inter-State road transit of goods;

CONSIDERING the rapid proliferation of check points along
international highways, which hinders the movement of
persons and goods between Member States;

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CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES...7/94 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its thirty-fifth session held in Abuja from 25 to 27 July 1994.

D E C I D E S

Article 1 :

The principle of establishing national monitoring committees for the effective implementation of ECOWAS Decisions and Protocols on transport is hereby adopted.

Article 2 : Each national committee shall be composed of the following:

- Director of Road Transport : Chairman
- Director of Road Safety : Member
- A representative of the Police : Member
- A representative of the National Bureau of the ECOWAS Brown Card : Member
- A representative of the national gendarmerie : Member
- A representative of the Presidency : Member
- A representative of the Customs Department : Member
- A representative of the National Union of Road Transporters affiliated to UTRAO : Member
- A representative of the ECOWAS National Unit : Member

Article 3 :

The national committee shall ensure that texts relating to the transport sector are effectively implemented with a view to facilitating free movement of persons and goods in the sub-region.

Article 4 :

1. Member States shall take all necessary legal and administrative measures to establish national monitoring committees and shall communicate the relevant regulatory texts to the Executive Secretariat.

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2. The Executive Secretariat shall work in close collaboration with the national monitoring committee to ensure implementation of this decision.

Article 5

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

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 1994

H. E. Nicephore Dieudonné SOGLO
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994.

RESOLUTION C/RES.7/7.94 ON THE CONCLUSION OF A MULTILATERAL AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 44 of the ECOWAS Treaty
relating to air transport;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 on the ECOWAS Transport
Programme;

CONSIDERING the Declaration on a New African Aeronautical Policy
signed by African Ministers of Civil Aviation at Yamoussoukro on 7
October 1988;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Thirty-Sixth meeting of the Transport,
Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10
June 1994;

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R E Q U E S T S

Member States to sign a multilateral air transport agreement between them in order to facilitate the grant of traffic rights.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28 DAY OF JULY, 1994.



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

RESOLUTION C/RES.8/7/94 ON THE APPLICATION
OF ARTICLE 4 OF PROTOCOL A/P2/5/82 ON MAXIMUM
AXLE LOAD OF 11.5 TONNES FOR VEHICLES
AUTHORIZED TO CARRY OUT INTER-
STATE ROAD TRANSPORTATION

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 4 of Protocol A/P2/5/82 which stipulate that the maximum axle load for the various types of vehicles authorised to carry out inter-state road transportation shall not exceed 11.5 tonnes;

AWARE that the aim of the said Article 4 of the said Protocol is to ensure compliance with the standardised maximum axle load in the sub-region,

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.5/5/90 on axle load;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.7/7/92 on the establishment of weighbridges to ensure compliance with the maximum permissible axle load of 11.5 tonnes;

DESIRING to ensure balanced development and effective integration of intra-Community land transport infrastructure;

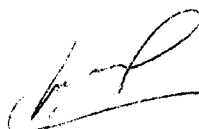
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ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June 1994

REQUESTS Member States to submit to the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat a report on the implications of implementing Resolution C/RES.5/5/90 relating to the maximum axle load.

AUTHORISES the Executive Secretariat to conduct, with the technical assistance of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, a study on the operating costs of vehicles in order to determine the tariff implications of implementing the Resolution

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.9/7/94 ON THE ADOPTION OF
THE ECOWAS INDUSTRIAL MASTER PLAN**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDEFUL of Decision C/DEC.2/11/86 adopting the industrial development programme (1987 - 1991).

MINDEFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/6/89 on the adoption of the terms of reference of the study for the preparation of an ECOWAS Industrial Master Plan;

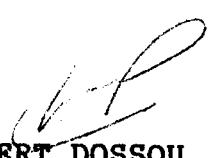
CONSIDERING the importance of an industrial master plan to balanced industrial development in the sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the seventy meeting of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission, held in Lagos from 14 to 17 June, 1994;

P R O P O S E S

TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to adopt the
ECOWAS Industrial Master Plan attached hereto.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994.



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AOUT 1994

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC /8/94 ADOPTING THE ECOWAS INDUSTRIAL MASTER
PLAN**

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 C/DEC.2/11/86 on the adoption of the Industrial
Development Programme (1987-1991);**

**MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/6/89 on the adoption of the terms of
reference for the preparation of an ECOWAS Industrial Master Plan;**

**CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES /7/94 of the thirty-fifth session of
the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July, 1994;**

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The ECOWAS Industrial Master Plan attached hereto is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The Executive Secretary is authorised to take necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the Industrial Master Plan.

Article 3

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

H.E. Nicéphore Dieudonné SOGLO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**RESOLUTION C/RES.10/7/94 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE
AFRICAN GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY (AGI-RS)**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

**MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/5/79 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of
Residence and Establishment;**

**MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Article 1 of Decision
A/DEC.2/5/81 on the harmonisation of highway legislations within
the Community and the organisation of road safety;**

MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Protocol A/P1/5/82 establishing the ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance;

DESIRING to reduce the rate of road accidents and to save the lives of road users;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-sixth meeting of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission held in Lagos from 7 to 10 June, 1994;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

TO ADOPT the attached decision on the granting of observer status within the Community Institutions to the African Group on International Road Safety (AGI-RS).

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. Robert DOSSOU

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC. /7/94 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER
STATUS TO THE AFRICAN GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY (AGI-RS)**

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 Protocol A/P1/5/79 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of
Residence and Establishment;**

**MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Article 1 of Decision
A/DEC.2/5/81 on the harmonisation of highway legislations within
the Community and the organisation of road safety;**

**MINDFUL of the relevant provisions of Protocol A/P1/5/82 establish-
ing the ECOWAS Brown Card relating to Motor Vehicle Third Party
Liability Insurance;**

DESIRING to reduce the rate of road accidents and to save the lives of road users;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES /7/94 of the Thirty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July, 1994;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The African Group on International Road Safety Programme for West Africa (AGI-RS) is hereby granted the status of observer within the Community 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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

H.E. Nicéphore Dieudonné SOGLO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.11/7/94 ON THE GRANTING OF THE STATUS
OF OBSERVER TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CONSUMER UNIONS/PROGRAMME FOR WEST AFRICA (IOCU/IEPWA).**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Recommendation A/REC.1/3/83 relating to the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

CONSCIOUS of the need to involve the entire population in the building of the Community;

CONVINCED that the Community stands to benefit from actions taken to protect, inform and educate consumers in the sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifth meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 25 to 27 May 1994;

P R O P O S E S

TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to adopt the attached Decision granting observer statuts to the International Association of Consumer Unions/Programme for West Africa (IOCU/IEPWA).

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994.

HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.../7/94 GRANTING THE STATUS OF
OBSERVER TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CONSUMER UNIONS/PROGRAMME FOR WEST AFRICA
(IOCU/IEPWA)**

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/REC.1/3/83 relating to the mobilisation
of the different sections of the population in the integration
process;**

CONSCIOUS of the need to involve the entire population in the building of the Community;

CONVINCED that the Community stands to benefit from actions taken to protect, inform and educate consumers in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.../7/94 of the thirty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July, 1994;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The International Association of Consumer Unions/Programme for West Africa (IOCU/IEPWA) is hereby 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 ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

H. E. NICEPHORE DIEUDONNE SOGLO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994.**

**RESOLUTION C/RES.12/7/94 ON THE REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANTING
TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS THE STATUS OF OBSERVER
WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDEFUL of Article 2 of the Treaty relating to the aims and objectives of the Community;

HAVING REGARD to Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

RECOGNISING that Non-Governmental Organisations constitute a great percentage of the grassroots populations of the Community and they also command important elements of public opinion which the Institutions of the Community can gainfully harness;

RECOGNISING also that some Community decisions have to be implemented either directly or indirectly by these Non-Governmental Organisations;

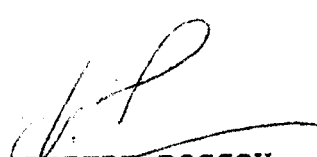
CONSIDERING that arrangements for consultation with Non-Governmental Organisations provide an important means of furthering the aims and objectives of the Community;

CONVINCED that the establishment of appropriate regulations to govern the modalities for the granting of the status of observer will facilitate the effective participation of Non-Governmental Organisations in the integration process of the Region;

R E C O M M E N D S

TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT to approve and adopt the Draft Regulations for the Granting to Non-Government Organisations the Status of Observer within the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States as contained in the Annex to this Resolution.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994.


HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANTING TO
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGO's) THE
STATUS OF OBSERVER WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

MINISTERS OF JUSTICE

LAGOS

APRIL 1994

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

PREAMBLE

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

MINDFUL of Article 2 of the Treaty relating to the aims and objectives of the Community;

HAVING REGARD to Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

CONSIDERING that Non-Governmental Organisations provide a channel for grassroot participation in the work of the Community and also reflect important elements of public opinion from which the Institutions of the Community can benefit;

RECOGNISING ALSO that some Community decisions have to be implemented either directly or indirectly by these Non-Governmental Organisations;

AWARE that the Authority had since the inception of the Community, granted observer status to some Non-Governmental Organisations that had fulfilled certain requirements and that these Organisations should make useful contributions to the regional integration process of the Community;

CONSIDERING that arrangements for consultations with Non-Governmental Organisations provide an important means of furthering the aims and objectives of the Community;

CONVINCED that the establishment of appropriate regulations to provide the modalities for the granting of the status of observer will facilitate the participation of Non-Governmental Organisations in the development process of the region;

APPROVES AND ADOPTS these Regulations:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations:

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

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

"Community citizen" or "citizens" means any national(s) of Member States who satisfy the conditions stipulated in the Protocol defining Community citizenship;

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

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

"Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretariat of the Community established under Article 8 of the Treaty;

"Institution" or "Institutions" means any Institution or Institutions of the Community established under Article 4 of the Treaty;

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

"Organisation" or "Organisations" means an African Regional Non-Governmental Organisation or Organisations;

"Recognised Organisation" or "Recognised Organisations" means an Organisation or Organisations in category A or B which has been granted the status of observer by the Authority;

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

"Regulations" means these Regulations;

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

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT AND AIMS

ARTICLE 2 ESTABLISHMENT

1° There is hereby established the Regulations for the granting to Organisations the status of observer within the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States.

ARTICLE 3 AIM

1° These Regulations set out the arrangements enabling African Regional Non-Governmental Organisations to collaborate with the Institutions of the Community.

PART II
PREREQUISITES OF ORGANISATIONS SEEKING
THE STATUS OF OBSERVER

ARTICLE 4 AIMS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

1° An Organisation seeking the status of observer within the Community shall fulfil the following conditions:

- i) It shall be concerned with matters falling within the competence of ECOWAS;
- ii) It shall have a constitution whose aims and objective shall be in conformity with the ideals of the Community and which provides for the determination of policy and for the election of a policy-making body;
- iii) It shall be non-governmental, i.e. it shall not be under the control of any government. Provided, however, any organisation which includes members designated by Government authorities may be granted Observer status as long as such membership does not interfere with the independence of the Organisation;
- iv) It shall be non-profit making;
- v) It shall represent a majority of the organised persons within the particular field of interest in which it operates;
- vi) The Organisation shall have an established headquarters with an executive officer. The headquarters of such an Organisation shall be situate within the continent of

Africa and shall have branches in not less than two (2) other African States;

vii) Its leadership must comprise nationals of African States;

ARTICLE 5 RESOURCES OF THE ORGANISATION

1° The basic resources of the Organisation shall be derived from contributions of its members, national affiliates or other recognised institutions.

2° Recognized Organisations shall submit a certified report to the Executive Secretary every year stating the amount received and names of donors of any voluntary contributions, and financial contributions from any Government.

ARTICLE 6 ORGANISATIONS WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES, INTERESTS AND VIEWS

1° Where there exists a number of Organisations with common objectives, and interests in a given field, they shall, for the purposes of consultation with the Institutions of the Community, form a Joint Committee or other body which shall be authorised to carry on such consultations for the group as a whole. Application for observer status shall be made by the Joint Committee on behalf of its Members.

2° Where such a Committee has been granted the status of observer, no single member of the Committee can separately seek such a status.

ARTICLE 7 NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

National Non-Governmental Organisations shall not be granted the status of observer. They shall present their concerns through

recognised regional Non-Governmental Organisations to which they belong.

PART III

ACCREDITATION OF ORGANISATIONS

ARTICLE 8 CATEGORISATION OF ORGANISATIONS

1. In granting observer status to an Organisation, the Authority shall:

- a) Categorise the organisation as "A" or "B" in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 9 below.
- b) State the institution or institutions to which the Organisation shall be accredited.
- c) Review, where necessary, the categorization of a Recognised Organisation.

ARTICLE 9 BASIS FOR CATEGORISATION OF ORGANISATIONS

- 1) An Organisation shall be classified in Category "A" if it fulfils the following conditions:
 - i) It has a basic interest in the activities of the Community;
 - ii) It is closely linked with the social and economic life of the area which it represents;
 - iii) It has made sustained contributions towards the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Community;

2) Organisations in category 'B' shall be those with only a general interest in the activities of the Community.

PART IV

ARTICLE 10 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISATIONS GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS

1° The status of observer does not accord to Recognised Organisations the same rights of participation as are accorded to Member States or specialised agencies of the Community.

2° Any arrangements for consultation made with any Recognised Organisation shall concern only the subjects for which that Organisation has competence or in which it has a special interest.

3° Organisations granted the status of observer within the institutions of the Community shall, depending on their categories, have the following rights:

a. Category 'A' Organisations shall be accredited to Council. They :

- i) may send observers to all public meetings of Council;
- ii) may be invited by Council to make an oral presentation;
- iii) may, through the Executive Secretary, circulate documentation to Members of Council;
- iv) may be invited to Council to collaborate with any Committee as may be established by Council;
- v) may, through the Executive Secretary, submit questions or views for insertion in the provisional agenda of the

meetings of Council and of any other institution apart from the Authority;

- vi) may consult with the Executive Secretariat on matters of mutual concern.

b. Category 'B' Organisations shall be accredited to institutions other than the Council and Authority.

They:

- i) may send observers to all public meetings of the Institutions to which they are accredited;
- ii) may circulate to the Members of the Institution to which they are accredited information, data and other documentation. Their documentation and communication shall be placed on a list by the Executive Secretary and can only be distributed to members of Council upon the recommendation of the Institution or at the request of Council;
- iii) may be invited to consult an ad-hoc or standing committee of the Institution if the Institution so desires or the Organisation requests such consultation;
- iv) may submit questions or views for insertion in the provisional agenda of the meetings of the Institution to which they are accredited; and
- v) may consult with the Executive Secretariat on matters of mutual concern.

4° Organisations granted observer status shall be required to comply with these Regulations, the standard stipulated in the Treaty and Protocols annexed thereto and with the decisions and regulations of the Community.

5° Requests, documents and proposals submitted by Non-Governmental Organisations to Council shall be considered by specialised technical commissions before decisions on them are taken by Council.

PART V

APPLICATION FOR AND WITHDRAWAL OF OBSERVER STATUS

ARTICLE 11 PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

1° The procedure for granting an Organisation the status of observer within the Community shall be as follows:

(a) The Organisation shall submit forty (40) copies of its application in each of the working languages of the Community through the Executive Secretary. The application shall consist of:

- i) the constitution, or charter and articles of association of the Organisation;
- ii) its certificate of registration;
- iii) its manifesto and symbol;
- iv) its membership list, showing the nationalities of its members and that of its executive;

- v) its headquarters address and addresses of all its branches;
- vi) list of all Organisations to which it is affiliated;
- vii) a declaration of how it generates its finances and its current certified accounts; and
- viii) a written undertaking to support the work of the Community and to promote knowledge of its activities.

2° Upon receipt of the application, the Executive Secretary shall determine whether the Organisation has fulfilled the requirements stipulated in these Regulations.

3° The Executive Secretary shall submit the application and his observations to Council which shall make its recommendations to the Authority for decision.

ARTICLE 12

WITHDRAWAL

1° The Authority may, on the recommendation of Council, withdraw the status of observer from any Recognised Organisation if:

- i) The organisation gave false information in its application.
- ii) Its activities are not in conformity with the aims and objectives of ECOWAS.
- iii) There are any other causes deemed by Council to be sufficient.

2° An Organisation from which the status of observer has been withdrawn shall, with effect from the date of such withdrawal, cease to enjoy any of the rights accorded to a Recognised Organisation as provided for under Article 10 of these Regulations or any other decisions of the Community.

PART VI

ARTICLE 13 ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1° The Executive Secretary shall perform the following functions:

- a) Consider applications from Organisations requesting observer status within the Institutions of the Community. If during the consideration of such applications it is observed that several Organisations have similar objectives as stipulated in Article 6, paragraph 1 of these Regulations, the Executive Secretary shall inform the Organisations concerned and request them to form a Joint Committee in accordance with the provisions of the said Article 6.
- b) Consider requests from Recognised Organisations for changes in categorisation;
- c) Consider reports of the activities of Recognised Organisations.
- d) Consider requests from Recognised Organisations in Category "A" for inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda of Council. In considering such requests, the Executive Secretary shall take into account, among others:
 - (i) the adequacy of the documentation submitted;

- (ii) the extent to which it is considered that the item lends itself to early and constructive action by the Council; and
 - (iii) the possibility that the item might be more appropriately dealt with elsewhere than by Council.
- e) Distribute a list of documentation and communication from Recognised Organisations under category B to members of Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of these Regulations.
 - f) Hold regular consultations with Recognised Organisations.
 - g) Forward to Member States before the meeting of Council of Ministers all proposals relating to the granting or withdrawal of Observer status from a Recognised Organisation. However, before any proposal for withdrawal is made, the Executive Secretary shall receive observations from the Organisations concerned which shall be forwarded immediately to Council.
 - h) Perform any other functions as may be assigned to it by Council.

PART VII

AMENDMENTS AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENTS

These Regulations may be amended by the Authority.

ARTICLE 15 ENTRY INTO FORCE

These Regulations 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 THIS DAY OF1994

H. E. NICEPHORE D. SOGLO

CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.13/7/94 RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE
TERM OF OFFICE OF AKINTOLA WILLIAMS AND COMPANY AS THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 10 of the said Treaty relating to the appointment of an External Auditor for the Institutions of the Community;

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/92 relating to the appointment of Akintola Williams and Company as External Auditors to the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING that the term of office of Akintola Williams and Company expires on 31 July 1994;

CONSIDERING that during its mandate Akintola Williams and Company discharged its duties with competence and efficacy;


CONSIDERING that under the provisions of Article 1(B) of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91, the mandate of the External Auditors may be renewed twice only for a term of two years each;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees held at Abuja on 25 July, 1994;

P R O P O S E S

THAT THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT adopts the draft decision attached hereto relating to the renewal, for a two-year period, of the term of office of Akintola Williams and Company as External Auditor to the Community Institutions.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994.



HON. ROBERT DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

**DRAFT DECISION A/DEC..../7/94 ON THE RENEWAL
OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE AKINTOLA WILLIAMS
AND COMPANY AS EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO THE
COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Article 10 of the said Treaty relating to the appointment of an External Auditor;

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/92 relating to the appointment of Akintola Williams and Company as external auditors to the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING that the term of office of Akintola Williams and Company expires on 31 July, 1994;

CONSIDERING that during its mandate Akintola Williams and Company discharged its duties with competence and efficacy;

CONSIDERING that under the provisions of Article 1B of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 the mandate of the External Auditor may be renewed twice for a term of two years each;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. /7/94 of the thirty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 25 - 28 July, 1994 relating to the renewal of the term of office of the External Auditors to the Community Institutions;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The term of office of Akintola Williams and company as external auditors to the Community Institutions is hereby renewed for a period of two years with effect from 1st August 1994.

Article 2

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994.

H. E. NICEPHORE DIEUDONNE SOGLO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY, 1994

**RESOLUTION C/RES 14/7/94 RELATING TO THE PAYMENT
MODALITIES OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OWED BY MEMBER
STATES TO THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of paragraph 3, Article 54 of the ECOWAS Treaty on sanctions to be applied to Member States in arrears of contributions to the budget of the Community;

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Protocol on contributions of Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States, particularly the provisions of Article 3 which stipulate that contributions due from Member States shall be paid into the budget of the Community within three months from the beginning of the financial year to which they relate;

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES.1/5/90 on sanctions to be applied to Member States in arrears of contributions;

CONSIDERING the considerable amounts owed by Member States as arrears to the budgets of the Community Institutions;

CONCERNED by the continued accumulation of such arrears;

AWARE that the mounting arrears of contributions of Member States is seriously jeopardising the implementation of Community programmes and the operations of the Community Institutions;


CONSCIOUS of the fact that all the foregoing constitute an impediment to the activities of the Community and is gradually causing the Community Institutions to grind to a virtual standstill.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fourteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 19 to 22 July, 1994;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT;

TO ADOPT the attached draft resolution relating to the payment modalities of financial obligations owed by Member States to the institutions of the Community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1994



HON. ROBERT PAUL DOSSOU
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

ABUJA, 5 - 6 AUGUST, 1994

**DRAFT RESOLUTION A/RES /8/94 RELATING TO THE PAYMENT MODALITIES
OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OWED BY MEMBER STATES TO THE INSTITUTIONS
OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

**MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the
Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its compo-
sition and functions;**

**MINDFUL of the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 54 of the
ECOWAS Treaty on sanctions to be applied to Member States in
arrears of contribution to the budget of the Community;**

**MINDFUL of the provisions of the Protocol on contributions of
Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West
African States particularly the provisions of its Article III which**

stipulate that contributions due from Member States shall be paid into the budget of the Community within three months of the Financial year to which they relate,

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES 1/5/90 on sanctions to be applied to Member States in arrears of contributions;

CONSIDERING the considerable amounts owed by Member States as arrears to the budgets of the Community Institutions;

CONCERNED by the continued accumulation of such arrears;

AWARE that the mounting arrears of contributions of Member States is jeopardising the implementation of Community programmes and the operations of the Community institutions;

CONSCIOUS of the fact that all the foregoing constitute an impediment to the activities of the Community and is gradually causing the Community Institutions to grind to a virtual standstill;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES 17/94 of the thirty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 25 to 28 July, 1994;

DRAWS THE ATTENTION of Member States to the sanctions provided for in Article 54 of the ECOWAS Treaty and those contained in Resolution A/RES 1/5/90;

REQUESTS Member States to ensure that their arrears in respect of their various Financial obligations to the Institutions of the Community are included in their national debts within the framework of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (IBRD) programmes;

ALSO REQUESTS Member States to pay not later than 31 December 1994:

- all contributions due in respect of the 1994 Financial Year to the budget of the Executive Secretariat;
- their full quotas of the first tranche of the called-up capital to the ECOWAS Fund;

DIRECTS the management of the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund to negotiate with each Member State a payment schedule for all outstanding arrears due to the institutions of the Community. The schedule for the payment of arrears should be over thirty-six (36) months in the case of the ECOWAS Fund and sixty (60) months in the case of the Executive Secretariat.

ENJOINS all Member States to honour, on a regular basis, their financial obligations to the Community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1994

S.E. Nicéphore Dieudonné SOGLO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY 1994

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), holding its Thirty-Fifth session in the ECOWAS Secretariat Headquarters Complex in Abuja from 25 to 27 July 1994, wishes to express its sincere gratitude to His Excellency General Sani ABACHA, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and to the Government and People of Nigeria for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to all delegations, and for the excellent facilities placed at their disposal which ensured the success of their deliberations.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 1994
THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
COMITEE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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ABUJA, 25 - 28 JULY 1994 / 25 - 28 JUILLET 1994

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	ONLE TAPA	CHARGE D'ETUDES 01 BP 4516 ABIDJAN 01
	KOUASSI KOUADIO	CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE, MINISTERE DE L'ECONOMIE, DES FINANCES ET DU PLAN BP V 288 ABIDJAN
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GUINEE	SAIDOU DIALLO	AMBASSADEUR DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE AU NIGERIA - LAGOS

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	MAMADOU CHERIF DIALLO	RESPONSABLE DEPARTEMENT AFRIQUE-ASIE, MAEC CONAKRY
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	SANKARE NOUHOU	CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE, MINISTERE DES AFFAI- RES ETRANGERES DES MALIENS DE L'EXTERIEUR ET DE L'INTEGRATION AFRICAINE, KOULOUBA, MALI
	DIARRAH AGUIBOU SILAMAKKAN	AMBASSADEUR DU MALI EN REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE DU NIGERIA - LAGOS
	DANFAGA MOUSSA	AMBASSADE DU MALI EN REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE DU NIGERIA -
MAURITANIE	LEMRAHOTT SIDI MAHMOUD OULD CHEICKH AHMED	MINISTRE DES FINANCES, MINISTERE DES FINANCES - NOUAKCHOTT
	KETTAB MOUHAMED LAMINE	AMBASSADOR OF MAURITANIA TO NIGERIA
	ABDERRAHIM OULD HADRAMI	AMBASSADEUR, DIRECTEUR MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERS - NOUAKCHOTT
	AHMED OULD KHLIL	RESPONSABLE CELLULE CEDEAO BP 198 NOUAKCHOTT

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	MANSOUR MAMANE HADJI DADDO	AMBASSADEUR DU NIGER AU NIGERIA - LAGOS
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	MME MOUSSA FATIMA	CHEF DE SERVICE CONTROLE DES RECETTES A LA DIRECTION DU BUDGET DU MINISTERE DES FINANCES ET DU PLAN - NIAMEY
	GATI SEYBOU	SECRETAIRE GENERAL ADJOINT/MF/P B.P. 295 NIAMEY
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	ALIA DIENE DRAME	CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE DU PREMIER MINISTRE DAKAR
	ALHOUSSEYNOU DIALLO	CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE DU MINISTERE DES FINANCES, MINISTERE DE L'ECONOMIE, DES FINANCES ET DU PLAN, DAKAR
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ECOWAS BROWN CARD INSURANCE SCHEME	WOTTO BERNARDIN	SECRETAIRE GENERAL/CARTE BRUNE CEDEAO