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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The forty-eighth session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held in the Conference Hall of the Hotel Meridien-President, Dakar (Senegal), from 15 to 17 December 2001.

2. The following Member States were represented:

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

3. Representatives of the following ECOWAS specialised institutions attended the meeting:

- ECOWAS Parliament
- Community Court of Justice
- ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- West African Health Organisation (WAHO)
- West African Women's Association (WAWA)

4. The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) participated in the meeting.
5. Representatives of the following organisations attended the meeting as observers:
 - West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)
 - Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
 - United Nations Programme for Coordination, Assistance and Development (PCASED)
 - African Development Bank (ADB)
6. A list of participants is annexed to this report.

Posthumous Tribute

7. At the request of the Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament, Council observed a minute of silence in honour of the late Mrs. Françoise Odette Coulibaly Sanou, member of the ECOWAS Parliament representing Burkina Faso and a great fighter for the cause of African unity.

II. OPENING CEREMONY

8. In his welcome address, **Mr. Cheick Tidiane Gadio**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Union and Senegalese Abroad, noted that ECOWAS was at a turning point in its quest to establish itself as a worthy regional economic partner, endowed with a common market and a single currency. The Honourable Minister briefly went over the activities undertaken by ECOWAS since its inception and noted that significant progress had been achieved in the areas of free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment, and conflict resolution. He noted, however, in the areas of trade and economic development, ECOWAS had failed to satisfy the yearnings of the peoples of the region, particularly with regard to the creation of a common market and convergence of macro-economic policies. There was therefore the need to accelerate

the regional integration process, with particular emphasis on the priority programmes that have been identified.

9. Mr. GADIO urged Council to reflect on ways of harmonising ECOWAS programmes with those of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) in priority areas such as infrastructure, energy, and information and communication technologies.

10. Noting that the meeting was taking place at the end of the blessed month of Ramadan and shortly before the beginning of the end-of-year festivities, the Honourable Minister ended his speech by wishing the participants happy celebrations in the typically African environment in Senegal.

11. In a keynote address, **Professor Ali Nouhoum Diallo**, Honourable Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament, on behalf of the 103 elected representatives of the peoples of the sub-region, highlighted the challenges and prospects of regional integration in West Africa. He paid a warm tribute to **His Excellency Abdoulaye Wade**, President of the Republic of Senegal, for his vision for African integration. The Honourable Speaker expressed the hope that the seven (7) members of the ECOWAS Parliament representing Cote d'Ivoire and the five (5) representing Cape Verde would soon join their colleagues, as promised by the authorities in the two countries. He also expressed his gratitude to the Senegalese Prime Minister and the Speaker of the National Assembly of Senegal for the warm welcome extended to the members of his delegation.

12. Speaking with great conviction on Africa's future prospects, the Honourable Speaker stressed the need for the African countries to create economically viable and politically credible blocs that would enable them to overcome their economic backwardness.

13. Professor DIALLO briefed Council on some of the problems facing the ECOWAS Parliament, the Community Court of Justice and the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and stressed the need for adequate and regular funding of the Community Institutions so

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

19. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening ceremony
2. Election of bureau
3. Adoption of agenda and work programme
4. Presentation and consideration of the Annual Report of the Executive Secretary
5. Consideration of the status report on tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat
6. Consideration of reports of:
 - i) the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund
 - ii) the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Restructuring of the ECOWAS Fund
 - iii) the Governors of Central Banks
 - iv) the Technical Monitoring Committee on Macro-economic Convergence (Officials of Ministries of Finance and Central Banks) - for information only
 - v) the Bamako meetings on accelerated regional integration
 - vi) the meeting on the World Bank Regional Integration Assistance Strategy for West Africa
 - vii) the Ministers of Energy
 - viii) the Ministers of Health
 - ix) the Ministerial Committee on Integrated Water Resources Management
 - x) the Rules of Procedure of the Community Court of Justice
 - xi) the Administration and Finance Commission
 - xii) the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission
 - xiii) the Transport, Communications and Tourism Commission

7. Consideration of memoranda on:

- i) the status of implementation of the Protocol relating to the Community levy
- ii) FAO Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS) for the ECOWAS Member States
- iii) the ECOWAS anthem
- iv) the ECOWAS flag

8. Proposals of Member States:

- i) project for the creation of a Regional Centre for Training and Advanced Level Training and Expertise in Metrology and Standardisation
- ii) procedure for signing the ECOWAS General Convention on Social Security

9. Adoption of agenda of the twenty-fifth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

10. Any other business

11. Closing ceremony

V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 4: Presentation and consideration of the Annual Report of the Executive Secretary

20. The ECOWAS Executive Secretary, **Mr. Lansana Kouyate**, presented his annual report for 2001 entitled "**An integrated West Africa as the building block for a strong African Union**". Analysing the economic and financial situation in West Africa in 2000 and the development outlook, the report highlighted encouraging economic

performances in the region during the review period. Real GDP of all the West African countries increased by 3.2% in 2000, as against 2.5% in 1999. This was as a result of the exceptionally high performance rate of the region's leading economy, Nigeria, benefiting from the increase in petroleum prices. The report stressed that West African production would have been even higher if the economies of certain countries had not experienced unexpected recession as a result of the slump in the prices of the raw agricultural and mineral exports and the rise in the prices of imported petroleum products. The report noted, however, that growth prospects in the region are bright, due especially to sustained economic reforms in most Member States, the end of conflicts in the Mano River region (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone), and the enhancement of the regional integration process through the imminent establishment of the common external tariff and strengthening of the convergence of the macro-economic policies of Member States.

21. Under the chapter devoted to the functioning of the Community, the Executive Secretary reviewed the progress made since the forty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Bamako in December 2000. He particularly highlighted the implementation of the various decisions of the Authority of Heads of State and Government and the outcome of the ECOWAS/UEMOA consultative meetings on the acceleration of the regional integration process in West Africa. The Executive Secretary reported on the activities carried out within the framework of the harmonisation of the ECOWAS/UEMOA programmes, the status of the second ECOWAS monetary zone programme, and the establishment of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff.

22. He also touched on the other ECOWAS socio-economic programmes, especially the introduction of the ECOWAS passport, the implementation of programmes for enhancing agricultural and industrial production, transport, telecommunications, energy, environmental, human development, and information programmes. The Executive Secretary further informed Council of the status of implementation of the Secretariat restructuring programme and recalled the particularly parlous financial situation of the Institution. In addition, he apprised Council of the outcome of the

missions dispatched to Member States to ensure accelerated implementation of the provisions of the Protocol relating to the Community levy.

23. On peace and security, the Executive Secretary reviewed the security situation in the Mano River Union (Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia), Cote d'Ivoire, and Guinea Bissau. In this regard, he gave a report on the activities undertaken within the framework of the implementation of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, Peace-keeping and Security.

24. On institutional matters, the Executive Secretary presented a report on the activities of the ECOWAS Parliament and the Community Court of Justice.

25. Reviewing new initiatives on African development and regional integration, the Executive Secretary expressed satisfaction at the efforts being made by African leaders towards the acceleration of the development and integration of Africa. In this regard, he stressed the importance of the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), a growth and development strategy aimed at pulling the African continent out of poverty. The Executive Secretary underscored the need for Member States to participate actively in the implementation of NEPAD by expediting action on the implementation of Community programmes, in view of the similarity between NEPAD's areas of intervention and those of ECOWAS programmes.

26. At the end of his tenure as ECOWAS Executive Secretary in December 2001, Mr. Lansana KOUYATE presented a report on his stewardship at the helm of the ECOWAS Institutions and expressed the hope that his successor would continue the revitalisation and promotion programme initiated by his team and himself, to strengthen regional integration in West Africa. He thanked the Heads of State and Government, the Ministers, the experts from Member States, and the staff of the Institutions, for assisting him in the execution of his assignments.

27. Council congratulated the Executive Secretary on the quality of his report. After deliberations on the issues raised, Council adopted the report and made the following observations and recommendations:

A. Tribute to the Executive Secretary

Council expressed profound gratitude to the Executive Secretary, Mr. Lansana Kouyate, for the excellent work he had accomplished at the helm of the Community Institutions. Council also paid him a glowing tribute for his dynamism and injecting a new lease of life into the Community and strengthening the regional integration process in Africa.

B. Economic situation

- i. Council recognised the importance of the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) which provides solutions for sustainable development of the continent. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to consider strategies for harmonising the programmes of ECOWAS and those of NEPAD;
- ii. Council stressed the need to establish at the earliest opportunity a multilateral surveillance mechanism to monitor the convergence of economic policies and performance of ECOWAS Member States. To this end, all Member States were urged to establish National Coordination Committees (NCC) to assist the Executive Secretariat in the collection and processing of the required basic data for assessing the convergence criteria. To facilitate the comparison of the data, the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat must expedite action on the preparation of the studies on the harmonisation of statistical aggregates (GDP, consumer price indices), and the legal, accounting and statistical framework of public finances.

C. Implementation of the Community priority programmes

- i. Council urged ECOWAS and UEMOA to accelerate the harmonisation of their trade liberalisation schemes in order to create a single market in West Africa;

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- ii. to speed up the establishment of the Customs union, the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat should expedite action on the finalisation of the study to assess the impact of the Common External Tariff on the real sector and the public finances of Member States;
 - iii. as regards the monetary cooperation programme, Council urged ECOWAS Member States to meet the macro-economic convergence criteria which is necessary for the establishment of a single ECOWAS monetary zone by 2004;
 - iv. Council expressed satisfaction at the considerable progress made towards the establishment of the airline company "ECOAIR" and the coastal shipping line ECOMARINE by the private sector. It urged the project promoters to make there regional transport companies operational as soon as possible;
 - v. Council directed the Executive Secretariat to ensure greater participation of the private sector and the civil society in the regional integration process. To this end, the Executive Secretariat should organise without delay the forum on civil society, in accordance with the decision of the ECOWAS/UEMOA ministerial meeting held in Bamako in January 2000;
 - vi. Council directed the Executive Secretariat to formulate and implement an appropriate information policy, to enable all social groups to participate fully in the activities of the Community.

D. Political and Institutional Matters

- i. Council took note of, and expressed satisfaction at the information provided by the head of the Sierra Leonian delegation, Mrs. Khady Cisse, Minister of Economic Planning and Development, on the progress made

in the peace process in Sierra Leone. Council urged all the parties involved to intensify efforts to bring lasting peace to the country;

- ii. Council expressed satisfaction at the establishment of the Community Court of Justice and the ECOWAS Parliament. It expressed the hope that the two institutions would contribute to the acceleration of the regional integration process in West Africa.

Item 5: Consideration of the status report on tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat

28. The Executive Secretariat presented a status report on the execution of the tasks assigned to it by the 47th session of the Council of Ministers held in Bamako from 5 to 7 December 2000.

29. After deliberations, Council made some observations and recommendations and took the following measures:

- i) Council took due note of the report and requested the Executive Secretariat to include the tasks not implemented in the 2002 work programme;
- ii) with regard to the issue of accumulated arrears of contribution of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the budgets of the Community, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to consider legal and diplomatic avenues that could be used to ensure that Mauritania fulfils the commitments and obligations to ECOWAS ;
- iii) the Executive Secretariat was directed to present at future Council sessions a detailed account of the status of implementation of tasks assigned by the Authority.

Item 6(i): Consideration of the report of the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund

30. The Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund, Mr. Barthelemy D. DRABO presented his 2001 Annual Report which focused on the following:

- i. Meetings of the Board of Directors;
- ii. Assessment of the operational activities;
- iii. Financial performance;
- iv. Cooperation and resource mobilization;
- v. Transformation of the Fund.

31. With respect to the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Acting Managing Director presented the relevant reports highlighted the approval of the 2000 financial statement, the contribution of Member States towards the construction of the Headquarters of the Fund, the payment of arrears of contribution, the loan to the Executive Secretariat and to finance projects. The Board of Directors proposed that the Council of Ministers should recommend to the Authority to make a decision declaring the third tranche of the capital of the Fund as called up, in the amount of UA 6,213,401, and as contributions from Member States.

32. Under operational activities the Fund appraised five (5) projects and signed two loan agreements. Two financing requests were approved by the Board of Directors during its Session of 6 and 7 December, 2001.

33. As at 30 September 2001, the total loans portfolio of the Fund comprised 41 loan agreements amounting of UA 83,141,698 of which UA 61,403,391 or 73.5% had been disbursed.

34. With respect to financial performance, income stood at UA 2,324,135, representing 56% of budget estimates, whilst expenditure amounted to UA 2,264,307

or 55% during the first nine months of 2001. The surplus of UA 59,828 realized was lower than that the UA 215,292 recorded over the same period in the previous year.

35. One of the reasons for the low performance was the fall in interest rates on dollar-denominated placements from 6% to 2.5%. However, on 31 October 2001, a budget surplus of UA 512,159 was recorded following an the increase in income from loans.

36. As at 30 September 2001, the operating budget posted a loss of UA 127,457 as against UA 67,166 over the same period in 2000. This was mainly due to the 20.39% decline in interest balance following the increase in financial charges and the 5.70% decline in placement income. However, the trend observed in October 2001 indicated that the operating loss would be absorbed during the fourth quarter.

37. The situation of contributions from Member States improved between 30 September 2000 and 30 September 2001. Total payments in respect of capital and Headquarters construction stood at UA 3,711,165.

38. As at 30 October 2001, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria and Togo had paid all their contributions to the two tranches of called-up capital.

39. Ten Member States, namely, Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria Senegal and Togo had settled all their contributions to the account.

40. Mauritania has left the Community. Its arrears amounting to UA 2,647,146 would be converted into floating shares within the framework of the transformation.

41. As at 31 October 2001, the liquid resources stood at UA 22,699,757.84. However, it would decline to UA 19,183,645 on 31 December 2001 as a result of loan disbursements.

42. According to projections, the liquid resources would further decrease to UA 13,426,129 on 31 December 2002, as compared to UA 19 183 645 on

31 December 2001, as a result of loan disbursements and expenditure on the commencement of the activities of the holding and its subsidiaries. The trend would however be offset by the draw down on the line of credit from Citibank and the implementation of the cooperation agreement signed with Eximbank which would make it possible for the Fund to obtain credit facility for transactions which met Eximbank's eligibility criteria.

43. As regards cooperation and resource mobilization activities, the period under review saw the signing of a thirteen million euro (Euro 13,000,000) loan agreement with CCF, Citibank and the signing of a cooperation agreement with Eximbank. The Fund also obtained a subvention of US \$200,000 from USAID. There was also the development of relations with RIGGS Bank of USA, Bankers Trust Corporation of New York, USAID and the World Bank.

44. With respect to the transformation of the Fund, the Acting Managing Director presented the outcome of the deliberations of the two meetings of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund. During the meetings the status of the transformation of the Fund and the related basic legal documents were considered.

45. Council congratulated the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund on the quality of his report and the efforts he had been making towards the re-launching of the Fund. The Council of Ministers took note of the report.

**Item 6 (ii): Report of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the
Restructuring of the ECOWAS Fund**

46. The report of the nineteenth meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of ECOWAS Fund was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, The Honourable Hamida ARZAKE, Secretary of State for Economic Reforms of the Republic of Niger. The report dealt mainly with the following items :

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- i. Execution of the ECOWAS Fund Transformation Programme: Activities undertaken and prospects;
 - ii. Consideration of the reports of the studies commissioned from the Consulting firms Maxwell Stamp Plc (on the determination of the net worth of the Fund) and DFC Ltd (on the promotional and exploratory documents, identification of potential investors and transformation of capital contributions into share capital) as well as consideration of the training programme;
 - iii. Consideration of the draft legal and operational texts of the ERIB;
 - iv. Consideration of the draft 2000 Work Programmes and Budgets of the three institutions.
47. After commending the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee for the quality of the work done, Council recommended to the Authority of Heads of State and Government as follows:
- i) to adopt the draft additional Protocol amending the Revised Treaty in conformity with the request made by the Republic of Niger;
 - ii) to adopt the draft Protocol relating to the EBID and have it ratified by the Member States latest 30 June 2002 to enable the new institution to commence its activities;
 - iii) to amend the Protocol relating to the Community levy in order to enable the EBID and its subsidiaries to benefit from the resources of the Community levy in the form of Member States' contributions to the capital;
 - iv) to invite the Member States to speed up the ratification of these Protocols;

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- v) to invite the Member States concerned to pay up rapidly their outstanding contributions to the capital and towards the construction of the Fund Headquarters;
 - vi) to approve the transformation of the capital contributions into share capital and its apportionment based on a called-up capital of 35%: Member States' shares being 66.67% of the authorised capital stand at UA 140,700,000 of called-up capital, including a contribution of UA 86,287,000 representing the net worth of the Fund;
 - vii) to accept the principle of transforming Mauritania's arrears of contribution into floating shares available for any Member States wanting them (5065 shares representing 2.4% of the EBID's capital or UA 5 065 453);
 - viii) to invite His Excellency Alpha Oumar Konare, President of the Republic of Mali to accept the assignment of eminent persons responsible for the promotion of the new institutions to potential investors;
 - ix) to take appropriate measures in order to fill the vacant post of President of the EBID rapidly;
 - x) to devote the payments made by Member States to the repayment of any arrears of contribution first before the acquisition of new shares in the equity capital of the EBID.

48. Council adopted the report of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee and approved the 2002 budgets of the three institutions as follows :

–	EBID: Operating Expenses	UA 232 300
–	ERDF: Operating Expenses	UA 180 200
–	ERIB:	
•	Operating Expenses	UA 231 600
•	Equipment Expenses	UA <u>4 500</u> UA 236 100

Item 6(iii): Meeting of the Governors of Central Banks

49. The Chairman of the Committee of Governors of ECOWAS Central Banks, Mr. Sampha KOROMA, Governor of the Central Bank of Sierra Leone presented the report of the Committee. The Chairman emphasised that the Committee reviewed the position of the Director-General of WAMA, against his performance in the past three years, and decided to have him replaced before the end of December 2001. The Committee, therefore, invited the BCEAO, in the interim, to designate a new Director-General to complete the remainder of the term of office of the incumbent.

50. Mr. Koroma stressed the commitment of the Committee of Governors to re-dynamise the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme.

51. Council took note of the report and congratulated the Committee of Governors on its determination to work towards the strengthening of the West African integration process.

**Item 6(iv): Report of the Technical Monitoring Committee
on macro-economic convergence (officials of Ministries
of Finance and Central Banks (for information)**

52. The Deputy Executive Secretary (Policy Harmonisation), Mr. Mame Cor Sene, presented the report of the experts meeting of the Technical Monitoring Committee held in Abuja from 5 to 7 December 2001.

53. The report focused essentially on the following issues:

- assessment of the status of implementation of the convergence criteria;
- organisation of multilateral surveillance within ECOWAS;
- progress achieved in the harmonisation of statistical aggregates (GDP and consumer price indices)

54. Council took due note of the report which will be presented to the ECOWAS Convergence Council. It however made the following observations and recommendations:

- i) to ensure the credibility of multilateral surveillance, Council reiterated its recommendation concerning the need to harmonise the statistical aggregates (GDP and consumer price indices) and the aggregates of public finances, with a view to ensuring that the statistical data used in the evaluation of the convergence criteria are more comparable;
- ii) in view of specifics of the West African Monetary Union (UMOA) whose member countries operate a common foreign exchange pool administered by a common Central Bank, Council proposed that the gross reserves of these countries should no longer be calculated on a country-by-country basis. Rather, they should be calculated together by relating the gross reserves of all UMOA countries to total imports of goods and services by the Union.

Item 6 (v): Consideration of the report of the ECOWAS/UEMOA ministerial meeting on the implementation of the strategy for accelerating the regional integration process in West Africa

55. The report of the ECOWAS/UEMOA ministerial meeting held in Bamako on 22 and 23 November 2001 was presented by Mr. Mame Cor Sene, Deputy Executive Secretary (Policy Harmonisation). The report focused mainly on the following issues:

- i) evaluation of the strategy for accelerating the integration process in West Africa;
- ii) institutional arrangements for the negotiations between West Africa and the European Union on the future economic partnership agreement;

- iii) political and institutional matters; and
- iv) West Africa's contribution to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

56. Council adopted the report of the ministerial meeting made the following observations and recommendations on the various issues raised:

- i) Council requested the Executive Secretariat to organise an extraordinary session of the Council of Ministers to adopt the new texts resulting from the harmonisation of the ECOWAS and UEMOA trade liberalisation schemes, before 30 March 2002;
- ii) the Executive Secretariat should take necessary measures to ensure that the Economic and Social Council is established as soon as possible;
- iii) Council endorsed the recommendations issued by the ministerial meeting relating to the definition of appropriate institutional modalities for future negotiations within the framework of cooperation with the European Union. To this end, Council recalled the desire expressed by the Heads of State and Government that West Africa should present a united front at these negotiations, within a single geographical configuration covering the whole ECOWAS region.

**Item 6(vi): Report on the meeting on the World Bank Regional
Integration Assistance Strategy (RIAS)**

57. The ECOWAS Deputy Executive Secretary in charge of Policy Harmonisation, Mr. Mame Cor SENE, presented the report of the meeting held in Abuja from 8 to 10 October 2001 between the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, the UEMOA Commission and the World Bank to discuss the modalities for implementing the World Bank Regional Integration Assistance Strategy for West Africa.

58. Council approved the thrust of the strategy proposed by the World Bank which focuses mainly on reforms in the areas of trade, market integration, integration of infrastructure services, and the creation of a favourable investment climate for the private sector.

59. Council adopted the meeting's recommendations concerning the modalities for the implementation of the strategy, especially those on general issues such as institutionalisation of relations between donors and regional organisations, development of a regional approach to poverty alleviation, and harmonisation of ECOWAS and UEMOA programmes. Council further adopted the recommendations of the meeting on specific issues such as macro-economic management and trade policies, multilateral macro-economic surveillance and monetary integration, infra-structural services, business climate and private sector promotion, mechanism for monitoring the strategy.

60. Council called on the Executive Secretariat to propose specific actions aimed at developing new information technology in the Member States, as a more effective tool for the sensitisation of economic operators and the general public on regional integration programmes.

61. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to prioritise and promote integration programmes with a real impact on poverty alleviation, and to reflect on the formulation of a regional poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP).

62. Council strongly urged the Executive Secretariat and the UEMOA Commission to take necessary action to ensure the timely implementation of the key actions approved at the Abuja meeting of 8 to 10 October 2001. A regulation of Council to this effect is annexed to this report.

63. Council also called on Member States to assist in the implementation of the recommendation of the ECOWAS/UEMOA/World Bank meeting on the RIAS.

64. Council congratulated and thanked the World Bank for the quality of the document on the Regional Integration Assistance Strategy and for its interest in accelerating the regional integration process.

Item 6 (vii): Report of the second meeting of the West African Power Pool Steering Committee

65. The report of the meeting was presented by Mr. Kamarou FASSASSI, Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Benin and Chairman of the WAPP Steering Committee.

66. The report focused essentially on the following issues:

- the status of the ECOWAS energy programme;
- mobilisation of funds to finance the priority projects adopted within the framework of the master plan on the interconnection of electricity grids of Member States;
- recruitment of more staff for the Department of Infrastructures;
- elaboration and implementation of a special energy project for Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde;
- supply of computers and software for the Purdue University programme on the optimisation model for electricity supply and demand.

67. Council adopted the conclusions and recommendations of the report of the second meeting of the WAPP Steering Committee held in Cotonou on 21 September 2001:

- i. Council reaffirmed its support for Cape Verde and directed that the special energy programme envisaged for the country should be pursued alongside the West African Power Pool project;

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- ii. in view of the importance of the CEB-NEPA (Benin-Nigeria) interconnection to the power pool project, Council requested the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to take necessary measures to mobilise the financial resources needed for the conduct of the study on the stability of the Zone A interconnected network. It further requested the Executive Secretariat to assist the interconnection programmes, especially the CEB-NEPA and the Cote d'Ivoire-Mali programmes, to mobilise the funds necessary for the execution of the interconnection exercise; a draft decision on the mechanism for mobilising the resources is attached to this report.
 - iii. considering the specific nature of Guinea Bissau which comprises a number of inhabited islands, Council recommended to the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to promote the implementation of renewable energy projects in this country and in Cape Verde;
 - iv. considering the need to increase the staff complement of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat Infrastructure Department, Council recommended that urgent measures be taken by the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat to increase the staff strength of the department under the Executive Secretariat restructuring programme;
 - v. Council directed that the draft ECOWAS Protocol should be considered in detail and amended, where the need arises, prior to its submission to the competent authorities of Member States for adoption;
 - vi. in view of the need for the execution of other activities pertaining to the proposed technical studies, Council launched an urgent appeal to the partners to fulfil their commitments.

Item 6 (viii): Meeting of Ministers of Health

68. In the absence of the Director-General of the West African Health Organisation, the Deputy Executive Secretary (Integration Programmes), Dr. (Mrs.) Oluremi ARIBISALA presented the report of the second meeting of the Assembly of ECOWAS Health Ministers held in Bobo Dioulasso on 8 and 9 November 2001. The report focused essentially on:

- the annual report of the Director General of WAHO
- the report of the Planning Committee for the preparation of the WAHO 2003-2007 Strategic Plan
- the 2001 WAHO programmes
- the WAHO 2002 budget and work programme
- financing the WAHO
- the establishment of WAHO organs
- the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) - health sector component
- speech by the representative of the European Union
- review of the salary scale of the ECOWAS statutory appointees

69. At the end of its deliberations, Council noted the lack of a quorum at the meeting. It however approved the 2002 budget of WAHO to enable the institution operate smoothly. Council requested WAHO to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Ministers of Health to consider the work programme of the institution.

70. During the adoption of this report of Council, Dr. Kabba T. JOINER, the Director-General of WAHO tendered his apologies for the late arrival of his delegation due to flight difficulties, after WAHO participation in the international conference on HIV/AIDS in Ouagadougou. He explained that the report of the Ministers of Health has been circulated to all Member States and responses had been received, confirming their approval of the 2002 Work Programme.

Item 6 (jx): **Ministerial Committee on Integrated Water
Resource Management**

71. Mr. Théodule H. DA, Minister of Water Resources of Burkina Faso and Chairman of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on integrated water resource management in West Africa presented a report on the integrated water resource management process.

72. The objectives of the Conference were as follows:

- to sensitise the decision-making authorities on issues relating to water resource management;
- to develop a sub-regional view point on water resource management by the year 2025;
- to elaborate strategies and programmes and define mechanisms for consultation and cooperation in the sharing of river basins.

73. On the recommendation of the meeting of national focal points held in June 2001, the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on integrated water resources management (IWRM) recommended the establishment of a permanent coordination and monitoring unit within the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

74. Council adopted the recommendations of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on integrated water resources management in West Africa.

Item 6 (x): **Draft Rules of Procedure of the Community
Court of Justice**

75. The President of the Community Court of Justice, Mrs. Hansine DONLI, presented the draft Rules of Procedure of the Community Court of Justice. She highlighted the main characteristics of the Rules of Procedure which are derived from

the Rules of Procedure of the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Justice. The main element that distinguishes the draft Rules of Procedure from similar documents is the provision that new information technologies may be used to record the court's proceedings.

76. After deliberations, Council recognised the need for the Community Court of Justice to have its own Rules of Procedure that would enable it to operate smoothly. However, Council was of the opinion that it was a technical document which needed to be considered by the relevant Technical Commission before a final decision could be taken on it.

77. The Executive Secretariat was requested to make arrangements for the convening of a meeting of the appropriate committee and of an extra-ordinary session of Council in the first quarter of 2002, to consider this document.

Item 6 (xi): Administration and Finance Commission

78. The report of the Administration and Finance Commission which met in Abuja from 27 to 30 November 2001, was presented by Mr. Housseini DICKO, the Chairman of the Commission. The following were the main items addressed in the report:

- Status report on tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat
- Status of financial contributions by Member States
- The internal auditor's report
- The External Auditor's report
- Status of the Community levy
- The compensation budget for loss of Customs revenue
- Renewal of leases for staff residences
- The preliminary report on the restructuring programme
- Memorandum on the restoration of the payment of duty allowance to eligible locally recruited staff and payment of transport allowance to professional staff

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- Draft budget for the implementation of the initial plan of action on trafficking in persons
 - Draft budgets for the year 2002:
 - The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat
 - The ECOWAS Parliament
 - The ECOWAS Court of Justice
 - The West African Health Organisation
 - Renewal of the term of the External Auditor.

79. Council made observations and recommendations, and also adopted the following positions on the different issues raised:

- i) Meetings of Heads of national units which had not been held in 2001 should be held on a regular basis in 2002. The Secretariat should bear the cost of participation at these meetings in order to raise attendance level;
- ii) On the issue of financial contributions Council observed that the financial situation of the Community was unhealthy, with payments representing a mere 30% of estimates. Council congratulated those Member States that had fully paid their contributions and urged those that were still in arrears to pay up so as to facilitate the implementation of Community programmes;
- iii) Council approved the compensation budget for the Republic of Benin in the amount of FCFA 132,798,749 or UA 142,816, for 1998, and FCFA 640,907,871 or UA 684,429.37 for 2000. The draft Council regulations on the compensation budget was approved;

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- iv) With regard to the renewal of the leases for staff residences, Council recommended approval of renewal and an upward review of no more than 10%. The total amount involved was UA 861,654 for the 18 leases.
 - v) The Community institutions were directed to adhere strictly to the limits set on the use of utilities in the residences of statutory appointees.
 - vi) Council thanked the Nigerian government for its support to the Executive Secretariat and recommended to the Authority to renew contacts with the Nigerian government with a view to obtaining an additional loan of \$1.1 million for the completion of the remaining works.
 - vii) With reference to the restructuring programme for the Executive Secretariat, it was recommended that further recruitment should be based on merit, taking due care to ensure equitable geographical spread among the Member States, as provided for by the revised Treaty and decided by the appropriate organs of the Community. Special consideration should be given to the Member States that currently have no representation on the staff. It was also recommended that the report of the firm Ernst and Young, should be submitted to the ad hoc Ministerial committee on the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat, which must meet no later than March 2002. The entire restructuring exercise, along with the recruitment of all the key staff complement, should be completed by June 2002.
 - viii) The ad hoc ministerial committee on restructuring should proceed with the rationalisation of the Department of Political Affairs, Defence and Security, to ensure in particular that the organogram

of the Executive Secretariat reflects the provisions of the relevant protocol.

- ix) In view of the considerable effort made by Sierra Leone to meet its financial obligations to the Community and not occupying any position in a Community Institution, Council decided, as an exceptional case, to suspend the sanctions against that country to enable Sierra Leone propose suitable candidates to fill the post of Director of the Infrastructures and Industry Department at the Executive Secretariat.
- x) Council decided to restore the post of Financial Controller, as part of the on-going restructuring exercise, in order to guarantee a stricter system of budgetary control.
- xi) Council instituted payment of a transport allowance to professional staff, and a duty allowance to eligible general services and auxiliary staff as follows:

STAFF MEMBERS	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
• Drivers of statutory appointees	35%	15%
• Drivers in the pool	30%	15%
• Secretaries	25%	15%
• Security guards	25%	15%
• Telex operators	20%	10%
• Protocol/Admin assistants	20%	10%
• Accounting assistants	15%	10%
• Messengers	15%	10%

- xii) The Secretariat was directed to commission a study reviewing the salary scale and the administrative hierarchy of the staff complement of the ECOWAS institutions.

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- xiii) that the Executive Secretariat should adhere to the existing Council decision relating to the modalities for the utilisation of arrears of contributions;
 - xiv) that the inter-institutional account opened for the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund should be scrapped, in view of the new orientation of the latter;
 - xv) that measures should be taken by the Executive Secretariat to settle the advance made by the Fund for the construction of the Secretariat headquarters;
 - xvi) that qualified consultants should be recruited to review the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure;
 - xvii) Council approved the recommendations of the External Auditor contained in the report of the Administration and Finance Commission.

– ***Community Levy***

- The amount of UA 553,922 generated from the levy should be included in the 2000 financial statements;
- At the beginning of each financial year, consultations should be held with the Ministers in charge of ECOWAS affairs, whose countries have accumulated huge arrears of contributions, in order to determine a ceiling that would enable them to pay their current contributions and part of their arrears;

– ***Loan for the Construction of Staff Residences***

- The interest-free loan granted by the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in the amount of \$US 6.65 million should be included under the heading “Indebtedness to Nigeria”;
 - The construction cost of \$US 6.59 million should feature under the heading of fixed assets.
- xviii) Council approved the financial statements for the years 1999 and 2000.
- xix) Council approved the amount of UA 32,860 to finance the initial plan of action on trafficking in persons in 2002.

Budgets of the ECOWAS Institutions

• ***Executive Secretariat***

- xx) Council approved the 2002 budget of the Executive Secretariat in which income and expenditure balance out at UA 12,731,500. Financing of the 2002 budget will include the sum of UA 3,000,000 in respect of arrears of contributions, and UA 170,500 from miscellaneous sources. Contributions from the Member States for the year 2002 are down by 24%, at UA 9,561,000.

• ***ECOWAS Parliament***

- xxi) In view of the budgetary constraint facing the Community, Council recommended that the length of the Parliamentary sittings should be fixed at 30 days for the year 2002, divided into two 15-day sessions. On that basis, Council approved the budget of the ECOWAS Parliament, with income and expenditure balancing out at UA 6,138,316. Contributions of

Member States for the year 2002 are estimated at UA 6,138,316.

UA 1,000,000 of this amount is expected from arrears of contributions.

- ***Community Court of Justice***

xxii) Council approved the budget of the ECOWAS Court of Justice for the year 2002, with income and expenditure balancing out at UA 2,940,495.

xxiii) Furthermore, Council recognised the status of statutory appointee of the Judges of the Court. Pending the findings of the study of the grading and salary scale of the staff of the ECOWAS Institutions, Council recommended that the salaries and allowances of the Judges should be the following :

- President of the Court: salary and allowances equivalent to those of the President of the EBID;
- Other Judges: salary and allowances equivalent to those of the Managing Directors of the EBID subsidiaries. However, the Vice - President shall be paid duty allowance in addition to salary and allowances.

xxiv) Council requested that the Community Court of Justice should work on the presentation of its budget, and adopt the budgetary nomenclature of the ECOWAS institutions.

- ***West African Health Organisation***

xxv) Council approved the budget of WAHO for the year 2002, with income and expenditure balancing out at UA 2,925,964.

- xxvi) WAHO was requested to adopt the budgetary nomenclature of the ECOWAS Institutions in the future .

• ***Renewal of Appointment of External Auditors***

- xxvii) Council recommended to the Authority of Heads of State and Government that the term of office of Coopers Lybrand & Dieye as External Auditors of the Community should be renewed for a period of two years.

Item 6 (xii): Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission

81. The Chairman of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission presented the reports of the meetings held in Abuja from 6 to 8 June 2001 and on 26 and 27 June 2001.

82. The report of the meeting held in Abuja from 6 to 8 June 2001 focused essentially on the following issues:

- problem of enterprises located in free zones seeking approval to benefit under the trade liberalisation scheme;
- consideration of new industrial products and enterprises proposed for approval to benefit under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;
- assessment of the status of implementation of the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;
- compensation budget for loss of revenue incurred by the Republic of Bénin;
- introduction of the single Customs document (SCD);
- status report on the implementation of the Convention relating to inter-State road transit of goods (ISRT);

- report of the meeting of the Ad hoc Organising Committee for the third ECOWAS trade fair.

83. The report of the meeting of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission held in Abuja on 26 and 27 November 2001 focused mainly on:

- new industrial products and enterprises proposed for approval to benefit under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;
- the status of application of the Community levy;
- the report of the seminar-workshop on the practical and administrative measures for the harmonisation of standards for hotel classification in ECOWAS Member States.

84. Following deliberations, Council approved the attached draft Regulation adopting the list of approved industrial products and enterprises.

85. In regard to the Community levy, Council recommended:

a/ **To the Executive Secretariat**

- i) to monitor the departments of Member States concerned, particularly the Customs services, in order to ensure the proper and uniform application of the Community levy and to provide them with additional information where the need arises;
- ii) to pursue the awareness campaigns on ECOWAS activities and achievements in Member States in order to publicise the Community and win the support of the general public;
- iii) to propose specific development programmes for island and land-locked countries.

b/ **To Member States**

- i) Member States which have not yet done so should effectively apply the Community levy;
- ii) Member States should comply with the provisions of the Protocol relating to the Community levy, particularly as relates to payment of the entire proceeds into an ECOWAS account.

Item 6(xiii): Transport, Communications and Tourism Commission

86. The report of the first meeting of the Commission was presented by the Executive Secretariat.

87. The report underscored the following points:

- the status of ECOWAS transport and infrastructural projects;
- the update of the regional road transport programme;
- evaluation of the implementation status of the ECOWAS Brown Card Scheme;
- status of the ECOAIR and ECOMARINE projects, and development prospects for the two regional private sector companies.

88. After consideration, Council made the following observations and recommendations:

- i) Council requested clarification as the relationship between ECOAIR and national carriers. In reply, the Executive Secretariat informed Council of the multinational status and commercial nature of the company. The Secretariat informed Council that the operation of the private airline would in no way compromise the operation of the national carriers. Finally, it informed Council that the company was a public-private partnership.

- ii) Council then adopted the recommendations of the Transport, Communications and Tourism Commission, particularly as they related to the creation of the ECOWAS multinational company ECOAIR, the privately-owned regional coastal shipping line ECOMARINE; the updating of the list of inter-State road networks, and the review of the protocol relating to the ECOWAS brown card scheme. Draft decisions and regulations in this connection are attached to this report.

Item 7(i): Memorandum on the status of implementation of the Protocol relating to the Community levy

89. After presenting memorandum N° ECW/AFC XXVII/6, the Executive Secretariat indicated that missions were undertaken in Member States in June and October 2001 to assess the status of application of the Community levy.

90. The missions highlighted the following five distinct scenarios:

	Situation observed	N° of States	Member States concerned
1	Member States which have ratified and are implementing the Protocol	8	Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
2	Member State which has not ratified the Protocol but is implementing it	1	Guinea Bissau
3	Member States which have ratified the Protocol and collect tax revenues but do not transfer them	4	Bénin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde and Guinea
4	Member State which has ratified the Protocol but is not implementing it	1	Cote d'Ivoire
5	Member State which has not ratified the Protocol and is not implementing it	1	Liberia

91. The mission identified the constraints encountered in some Member States in the recovery of the levy as follows:

- i) some Member States apply the levy on unapproved products while others do not apply it on petroleum products;
- ii) a number of Member States use the services of the Treasury or commercial banks for the recovery of the levy and transfer of the proceeds, thereby causing delays in the transfer of the tax revenue into the ECOWAS accounts;
- iii) some Member States require that the Executive Secretariat first submit a request to the political authorities whenever it wishes to withdraw funds from its account, in contravention of the provisions of the Protocol;
- iv) it is often difficult to obtain payments in foreign exchange for amounts collected in non-convertible currencies;
- v) Council took note of the following declarations made by the respective delegations:
 - Bénin is up to date with its contributions to all Community institutions;
 - Côte d'Ivoire began applying the Community levy in September 2001; its first transfer into the ECOWAS account will be effected before the end of this year;
 - Liberia has initiated an accelerated procedure of ratification of the protocol on Community levy as well as other ECOWAS conventions and protocols.

92. After deliberations, Council made the following recommendations:

- i) the Executive Secretariat should liaise with Member States to find appropriate solutions to the problems arising from the application of the levy;
- ii) at the beginning of each year, Member States should notify the Central Banks of the amount, expressed in foreign exchange, of their current contributions and arrears of contributions, as the maximum sum that may be withdrawn from the ECOWAS account.

Item 7(ii): Regional Food Security Programme (RFSP)

93. The Secretariat presented the memorandum on the special food security programme for the ECOWAS Member States.

95. The special programme is being implemented as part of the Plan of Action for food security adopted by the FAO-sponsored world food summit. Its objectives are the following:

- to develop food security projects in the most disadvantaged countries;
- to strengthen South-South cooperation for technology transfer;
- to reduce or eliminate poverty.

94. It is in this connection that ECOWAS countries were granted FAO assistance. In order to mobilise development partners, and the European Union in particular within the framework of the 9th EDF, ECOWAS must be involved in coordinating the implementation of the special food security programme.

95. Council approved the recommendations of the Executive Secretariat and proposed their adoption by the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

Item 7(iii): **Memorandum on the lyrics of the ECOWAS Anthem**

96. Following a proposal by the members of the Jury, Council recommended to the Authority of Heads of State and Government text N° 12 as the lyrics for the ECOWAS anthem. The members of the Jury were of the opinion that the text satisfied all the conditions laid down, and demonstrated indisputable poetic qualities.

Item 7 (iv): **Memorandum on the ECOWAS Flag**

97. Council took note of the information contained in the memorandum relating to the ECOWAS flag.

98. The funding for the organisation of the second competition will be sourced under the head 'Contingencies' in the budget of the 2002 budget of the Executive Secretariat.

Item 8: **Proposals of Member States**

i) ***Project for the creation of a Regional Centre for Training and Advanced Level Training and Expertise in Metrology and Standardisation***

99. Benin presented a memorandum on the project for the creation of a regional centre for training and advanced training and expertise in metrology and standardisation. The project is conceived as a response to the backwardness of metrology and quality testing in Africa as a whole and in West Africa in particular.

100. After deliberations, Council decided:

- to provide the support needed to ensure that the project is implemented in Benin;
- to direct the Executive Secretariat to liaise with partners for development in order to obtain the additional resources needed to implement the project.

ii) ***Initiation of procedure for the signing of the ECOWAS General Convention on Social Security***

101. Council directed that the draft General Convention on Social Security be finalised and presented for adoption by the Community decision-making authorities.

Item 9: Adoption of the draft agenda of the twenty-fifth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

102. Council adopted the draft agenda of the twenty-fifth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government which is annexed to this report.

Item 10: Any other business

103. The head of the delegation from The Gambia, Honourable Musa H. SILLAH, requested Council to note that the term of office of the Executive Secretary would come to an end after the current session of Council, and that the appointment of a new Executive Secretary was on the Agenda of the Authority. Council, consequently paid once more a warm tribute to the out-going Executive Secretary. The Honourable Minister requested that the decision by Ghana to relinquish the post of the President of the ECOWAS Investment and Development Bank be brought to the notice of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

104. The representative of the West African Women's Association (WAWA), Mrs. R. Khadija BANGOURA DIENG, congratulated the Executive Secretary, and expressed the gratitude of the Association for the role he played in the promotion of women in region. Mrs. DIENG also expressed her appreciation to Senegal, the host country of the Association for the unwavering support enjoyed by WAWA. She informed Council of the problems her organisation was facing, and proposed that an experts meeting be convened to review the ECA SRDC-WA report on the promotion of women in development. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to make proposals to the next session of the Council of Ministers based on the audited account of the Association, on ways and means of revitalising the organisation.

VI. ADOPTION OF REPORT

105. This report was adopted.

VII. CLOSING CEREMONY

106. The Chairman of Council Mr. Bacari KONE expressed his sincere gratitude to members of Council for all the assistance received from them during the course of the Council session, which was preparatory to the twenty-fifth ordinary session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, scheduled to take place on 20 and 21 December 2001 here in Dakar. He referred to the extremely important outcome of the present Council's deliberations which, he was certain, would contribute to the acceleration of the integration process in West Africa, the focus of attention of the Community since the memorable session of the twenty-second Summit of the Heads of State and Government held in December 1999 at Lomé.

107. The Chairman of Council added that the necessary conditions for the achievement of a unified, open and competitive regional market, and an environment that is conducive for private sector investment, have now been clearly defined within the ECOWAS region. It is therefore left to show proof of the necessary organisational

capacity, apply the appropriate methods, and display the required initiative and creativity in order to make these objectives manifested.

108. The Chairman of Council, on behalf of members of Council, the Prime Minister and Minister of African Integration, and Head of Government of Mali, and on his own behalf, expressed his congratulations and sincere gratitude to Mr. Lansana KOUYATE as he is preparing to give an account to the Heads of States and Government of his mandate as the head of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat. In this regard, the Chairman of Council stated that if ECOWAS has today become a point of reference in Africa and in the rest of the world, it was due in large part to the personal commitment of Mr. KOUYATE and his passion for the achievement of the African Union.

109. In conclusion, the Chairman of Council expressed his sincere gratitude and profound deference to the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Abdoulaye WADE, an ardent defender of the cause of development and African Union, and an untiring advocate of the New Partnership for African Development. He also expressed his gratitude to the Government of Senegal and particularly Mr. Cheikh Tidiane GADIO, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Union and Senegalese Abroad for the invaluable assistance that had been extended throughout the duration of the deliberations of Council.

DONE IN DAKAR, THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001



HON. BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 15- 17 DECEMBER, 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.1/12/2001 APPROVING THE
WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE 2002 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

HAVING CONSIDERED the Work Programme of the Executive Secretariat for the 2002 Financial Year proposed by the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 27 November to 3 December, 2001;

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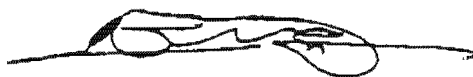
ARTICLE 1

The Work Programme attached hereto, is hereby approved and shall be executed by the Executive Secretariat during the 2002 Financial Year.

ARTICLE 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Council. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

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**BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 15- 17 DECEMBER, 2001

REGULATION C/REG. 2/12/2001 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 2002 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the Executive Secretariat proposed by the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 27 November to 3 December, 2001;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the 2002 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of twelve million, seven hundred and thirty-one thousand, five hundred Units of Accounts (12,731,500 UA) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

An amount of nine million, five hundred and sixty-one thousand Units of Accounts (9,561,000 UA) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States. A sum of three million Units of Accounts (3,000,000 UA) shall be obtained from arrears paid in respect of past budgets, and another sum of one hundred and seventy thousand, five hundred Unit of Accounts (170,500 UA) shall be derived from other sources.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

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BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

**FORTY-EIGHT SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Dakar, 15 - 17 December 2001**

**REGULATION C/REG.3/12/01 APPROVING THE AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
FOR THE 1999 AND 2000 FINANCIAL YEARS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 75 of the Treaty relating to the appointment of External Auditor for the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95;

MINDFUL of the Authority Decision A/DEC.6/12/99 dated 10th December 1999 appointing the firm of Coopers Lybrand & Dièye as External Auditors of the Community;

MINDFUL of Authority Decision C/AHSG/DEC.1/2/2000 confirming the appointment of Coopers Lybrand & Dièye as external auditors of the Institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING the Contract Agreement between ECOWAS and Coopers Lybrand and Dièye defining the conditions of engagement of the External Auditors dated 26 February 2000 ;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the firm of Coopers Lybrand & Dièye on the financial statements of the Executive Secretariat for the 1999 and 2000 Financial Years;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 27 November to 3 December 2001.

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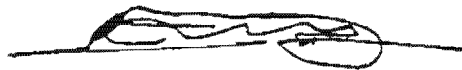
Article 1

The Audited Financial Statements of the Executive Secretariat attached hereto for the 1999 and 2000 financial years are hereby approved.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2001



**BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 15- 17 DECEMBER, 2001

REGULATION C/REG.4/12/2001 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT FOR THE 2002 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 13 of the Treaty establishing the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.2/8/94 defining the method of election of the members of the Community Parliament, its composition, functions, powers and organisation;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the Community Parliament proposed by the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 27 November to 3 December, 2001;

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ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Community Parliament for the 2002 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of six million, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand, three hundred and sixteen Units of Accounts (6,138,316 UA) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

An amount of five million, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand, three hundred and sixteen Units of Accounts (5,138,316 UA) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States. A sum of one million Units of Accounts (1,000,000 UA) shall be obtained from arrears paid in respect of past budgets.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

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BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 15- 17 DECEMBER, 2001

REGULATION C/REG.5/12/2001 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2002 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 15 of the Treaty establishing the Community Court of Justice;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/7/91 defining the status, composition, powers, procedure and other issues concerning the Community Court of Justice;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95;

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the Community Court of Justice proposed by the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 27 November to 3 December, 2001;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Community Court of Justice for the 2002 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of two million, nine hundred and forty thousand, four hundred and ninety-five Units of Accounts (2,940,495 UA) is hereby approved.

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ARTICLE 2

The total amount of two million nine hundred and forty thousand four hundred and ninety-five Units of Accounts (2,940,495 UA) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

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**BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 15- 17 DECEMBER, 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.6/12/2001 APPROVING THE
BUDGET OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH
ORGANISATION FOR THE 2002 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P2/7/87 on the establishment of the West African Health Organisation;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Institutions of ECOWAS amended by Regulation C/REG.2/12/95,

HAVING CONSIDERED the budget of the West African Health Organisation proposed by the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 27 November to 3 December, 2001;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the West African Health Organisation for the 2002 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of two million nine hundred and twenty-five thousand nine hundred and sixty-four Units of Accounts (2,925,964 UA) is hereby approved.

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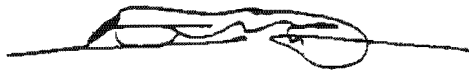
ARTICLE 2

The total amount of two million nine hundred and twenty-five thousand nine hundred and sixty-four Units of Accounts (2,925,964 UA) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States.

ARTICLE 3

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DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

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BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

**FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Dakar, 15 - 17 December 2001**

**REGULATION C/REG.7/12/01 APPROVING THE COMPENSATION
BUDGETS FOR LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY
ECOWAS MEMBER STATES IN 1998 AND 2000 AS A
RESULT OF THE LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-ECOWAS TRADE**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.8/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 29th May 1979 relating to the consolidation of customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect and non-tariff barriers;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, dated 28th May 1980 relating to compensation procedure for loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and implementation of the single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States and the amendment thereto embodied in Decision A/DEC.6/6/89 dated 30th June 1989;

MINDFUL of the Decisions and Regulations listing enterprises and products approved to benefit under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

CONSIDERING the Report of the forty second meeting of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission held in Abuja from 6 to 7 June 2001;

CONSIDERING the applications for compensation for loss of revenue received from Member States having imported approved industrial products;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 27 November to 3rd December 2001.

E N A C T S

Article 1

The following budget estimates for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade are hereby approved:

- a) one hundred and thirty-two million, seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand seven hundred and forty-nine francs CFA (132,798,749 FCFA) for 1998;
- b) six hundred and forty million, nine hundred and seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-one francs CFA (640,907,871 FCFA) for 2000

The tables annexed hereto indicate the share of contributions owed to the compensation budget by each exporting Member State.

Article 2

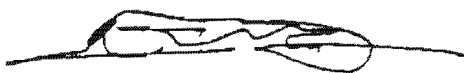
The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall be responsible for the payment to the Member States that have suffered the loss of revenue of the amounts recorded in the compensation budgets for 1998 and 2000.

Article 3

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**BACARI KONE
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FOR COUNCIL**

COMPENSATION BUDGET FOR LOSS OF REVENUE FOR 1998
(In CFA Francs)

MEMBER STATE	AMOUNT DUE
1. GHANA	3,627,925
2. NIGERIA	41,524,194
3. TOGO	87,646,630
TOTAL	132,798,749

COMPENSATION BUDGET FOR LOSS OF REVENUE FOR 2000
(In CFA Francs)

MEMBER STATE	AMOUNT DUE
1. GHANA	165,646,434
2. NIGERIA	138,830,219
3. TOGO	336,431,218
TOTAL	640,907,871

**FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Dakar 15 - 17 DECEMBER 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.8/12/2001 RELATING TO THE
RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENTS ON THE RESIDENCES
OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT STAFF IN ABUJA**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10,11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the need for the construction of vital additional works for the Executive Secretariat Staff Quarters at Katampe, Abuja;

CONSIDERING that the estimated completion period for the provision by the Nigerian Government of access roads and other infrastructural facilities at the Katampe Housing Estate will extend up to the year 2004;

NOTING that the leases on most of the residences rented for the staff of the Executive Secretariat in 2000 will expire by October 2002;

AWARE of the need to renew the lease Agreements on the staff residences in Abuja and make funds available to the Executive Secretariat for the purpose;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 27 November to 3 December 2001;

ENACTS

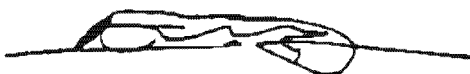
ARTICLE 1

An amount of Eight hundred and Sixty one thousand Six hundred and fifty four Units of Accounts (861,654 UA) representing the current cost of rents paid for staff accomodation plus a maximum increase of 10 % is hereby granted for the renewal of the leases on the residences of staff of the ECOWAS Secretariat in Abuja for a period of two years.

ARTICLE 2

The Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the official journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall be published in the national gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

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BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

Forty-Eighth Session of the Council of Ministers

Dakar, 15-17 December 2001

REGULATION C/REG.9/12/2001 APPROVING THE RESTORATION OF THE PAYMENT OF DUTY ALLOWANCE TO ELIGIBLE LOCALLY RECRUITED STAFF OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of paragraph (a), Article 29 of the Staff Regulations of the Institutions of the Community which provide for the payment of duty allowances to staff members who discharge extra responsibilities and are often called upon to put in extra hours of work;

CONSIDERING that by Decision C/DEC.5/12/94 of the Council of Ministers, the payment of responsibility allowance was temporarily suspended, for a period of one year with effect from 1st January 1995, alongside other allowances paid to staff of the Community Institutions due to the then precarious financial situation of Member States;

DESIRING to encourage and compensate staff members who, by the nature of their functions, put in extra efforts and time in their work;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 27th Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 27th November to 3rd December, 2001;

ENACTS

Article 1

Decision C/DEC.5/12/94 dated 17 December 1994 on the suspension of the payment of certain allowances to staff of the Community Institutions is hereby abrogated.

Article 2

The following category of staff are eligible for the payment of duty allowance which shall be calculated as a percentage of their monthly basic salaries as follows:

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| ▪ Drivers to Statutory Appointees: | 15% |
| ▪ Drivers in the pool: | 15% |
| ▪ Secretaries: | 15% |
| ▪ Telex operators: | 10% |
| ▪ Protocol/Administrative Assistants: | 10% |
| ▪ Accounting Assistants: | 10% |
| ▪ Messengers: | 10% |

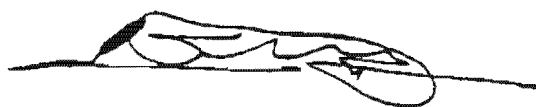
The Head of each Institution shall from time to time establish a list of staff that will be entitled to the payment of this allowance.

Article 3

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**BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
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FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 15 - 17 DECEMBER 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.11/12/01 ON THE ADDITIONAL LIST OF
ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS APPROVED UNDER
THE ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol dated 15th November, 1976 defining the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States and its subsequent amendments acts;

MINDFUL of Decisions C/DEC.3/6/88 and C/DEC.4/7/92 dated 21st June, 1988 and 25th July, 1992 of the Council of Ministers, defining the procedure for approval of industrial enterprises and products under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 dated 29 July, 1992 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS on the adoption and implementation of a single Trade Liberalisation Scheme for products originating from Member States of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/7/96 dated 27th July, 1996 on the cancellation of the criterion relating to the level of participation of community nationals in the equity capital of enterprises;

ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS of the forty-second and forty-third meetings of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission held in Abuja from 6th to 7th June and from 26th to 27th November 2001 respectively;

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ENACTS

Article 1

The Industrial enterprises and products listed in the attached annex are approved for preferential treatment under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall give each enterprise concerned, an approval number which must feature on the certificate of origin and on the ECOWAS customs declaration form and inform Member States accordingly

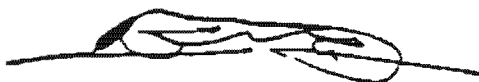
Article 3

Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Regulation.

Article 4

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**BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
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**FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Dakar, 15 - 17 December 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.12/12/01 ON THE WORLD BANK
REGIONAL INTEGRATION ASSISTANCE STRATEGY (RIAS)
FOR THE WEST AFRICAN REGION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty relating to the creation of the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the need to take the regional dimension of development into account in order to accelerate the growth and integration of the West African economies;

DESIROUS of establishing West Africa as a unified and open regional economy through the creation of an integrated market for goods and services, infrastructural services and financial services, in line with the declared vision of the West African region;

AFTER TAKING note of the outcome of the workshop organised in Bamako on 15 and 16 March 2001 on the World Bank regional assistance strategy as well as the outcome of the ECOWAS-UEMOA-World Bank meeting in Abuja from 8 to 10 October 2001 on the implementation modalities of the said strategy;

E N A C T S

Article 1

The elements of the World Bank regional integration assistance strategy for West Africa and the matrix of activities identified at the meeting in Abuja from 8 to 10 October 2001 and annexed to this Regulation are hereby adopted.

Article 2

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat is requested to take the necessary measures for the diligent implementation of the matrix of activities referred to in Article 1 above.

Article 3

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall continue the joint reflection with the UEMOA Commission and other partners on the formulation of a regional poverty reduction strategy paper (RPRSP).

Article 4

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ANNEX

REGIONAL INTEGRATION ASSISTANCE STRATEGY

ACTIONS		ACTORS	DEADLINE
1.1	Definition of regional approach to poverty reduction		
-	ECOWAS/UEMOA meeting to adopt a common proposal for the process	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Dec. 2001
-	Validation by decision-making authorities	ECOWAS/UEMOA	
-	Discussions with donors to agree on modalities	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Sept. 2002
1.2	Adoption of monitoring mechanism and consultation with donors		
-	Establishment of World Bank focal points in Abuja and Ouagadougou	World Bank	Oct. 2001
-	Institutionalisation of bi-annual meetings with major donors	ECOWAS/UEMOA	April 2002
-	Organisation of forum extended to all donors in order to ensure synergy of operations	ECOWAS/UEMOA donors	April 2002
II.	CUSTOMS UNION		
2.1	Harmonisation of trade liberalisation schemes		
-	Organisation of technical meeting	ECOWAS Secretariat UEMOA Commission	End of 2001
-	Adoption of trade liberalisation scheme	Decision-making authorities	End of 2002
2.2	Establishment of ECOWAS CET		
-	Launching of study on impact of CET	ECOWAS	Oct. 2001
-	Submission of final report	Consultants	April 2002
-	Adoption of mechanism and implementation schedule	Decision-making authorities	End of 2002

2.3	Elimination of non-tariff barriers		
-	Preparation of joint ECOWAS/UEMOA paper	ECOWAS/UEMOA	End Oct. 2001
-	Submission of conclusions and recommendations to ECOWAS/UEMOA meeting	ECOWAS/UEMOA	End Nov. 2001
-	Adoption of plan of action	Decision-making authorities	End of 2002
2.4	Facilitation of trade in goods		
(a)	Improvement of operations at border posts		
-	Evaluation of operations at pilot joint border posts (UEMOA: RCI-Burkina Faso-Togo; ECOWAS: Nigeria-Benin) and observatory of abnormal practices	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Dec. 2003
-	Definition of a programme to extend activities to the ECOWAS zone	ECOWAS/UEMOA	2003-2004
(b)	Fluidity of trade		
-	Technical meeting on problems impeding fluidity of trade	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Nov. 2001
-	Identification of a mechanism to facilitate fluidity of trade	ECOWAS/UEMOA	End of 2002
-	Implementation of mechanism to facilitate fluidity of trade	ECOWAS/UEMOA	As from 2003
(c)	Regulation		
-	Diagnosis of the regulation	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Sept. 2002
-	Adoption of recommendations	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Dec. 2002
III.	INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES		
3.1	Road transport		
-	Definition of an institutional capacity building programme for the monitoring and coordination of investment programmes	ECOWAS/UEMOA	June 2002

3.2	Air transport: implementation of Yamoussoukro decision relating to the liberalisation of air transport services		
-	Assumption of duty of Project Leader	ECOWAS	Nov. 2001
-	Implementation of the Yamoussoukro decision (launching of legal, economic and technical studies)	ECOWAS	Nov. 2001
-	Activation of the monitoring mechanism	ECOWAS	Dec. 2001
-	Workshop to consider the study report and formulate programme and financing plan	ECOWAS	June 2002
-	Adoption of institutional measures and programme	Decision-making authorities	Dec. 2002
3.3	Telecommunications: harmonisation of regulatory framework		
-	Recruitment of Consultants	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Jan. 2002
-	Meeting to launch policy harmonisation process	ECOWAS/UEMOA/ countries	Feb. 2002
-	Submission of reports	Consultants	May 2002
-	Adoption of reports at technical level	ECOWAS/UEMOA	June 2002
-	Meeting of experts	ECOWAS/UEMOA/ countries	Aug. 2002
-	Sectoral ministerial meeting	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Sept. 2002
-	Adoption by decision-making authorities of the two institutions	ECOWAS/UEMOA	Dec. 2002
3.4	Energy		
-	Adoption of project concept with ECOWAS team and countries concerned	ECOWAS/countries concerned/World Bank	End Nov. 2001
-	Adoption of project concept by World Bank management	World Bank	End Dec. 2001
-	Detailed preparation	ECOWAS/countries	2002
-	Project pre-evaluation	World Bank	June 2002
-	Project Evaluation	World Bank	Dec. 2002

IV.	BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR		
4.1	Financial integration		
-	Organisation of a special technical meeting of actors involved in the sector. for ex. BCEAO, BOAD, CERC, WAML, WAMA, ECOWAS Fund	ECOWAS/UEMOA	March 2002
4.2	Investment framework		
-	Adoption of investment code	UEMOA	End of 2001
-	Adoption of code on competition	UEMOA	End of 2001
-	Implementation of investment code and code on competition	UEMOA	2002-2003
-	Diagnostic study on regional investment and competition framework	ECOWAS	End of 2002
4.3	Increased private sector participation in the regional integration process		
-	Launching of preparatory activities of the private sector forum on regional integration	WAEN, ABR, ECOWAS, UEMOA	Oct. 2001
-	Organisation of private sector forum on regional integration issues	WAEN, ABR, ECOWAS, UEMOA	May 2002

**FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Dakar, 15 - 17 December, 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.13/12/01 ON ROADS THAT HAVE
ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE IN SUPPORTING INTRA-
COMMUNITY TRADE AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 32 of the Treaty relating to cooperation in transport, communications and tourism;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 29th May 1980 relating to the Community transport programme;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.8/12/88 of the Council of Ministers on the second phase of ECOWAS road projects relating to interconnecting roads for the opening up of the land-locked countries;

CONSIDERING Article 3 of Convention A/P2/5/82 regulating inter-State Road Transportation between ECOWAS Member States which states that the list of inter-State road axes is provisional and may be modified by Council of Ministers upon the recommendation of the Transport Commission;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport, Communications and Tourism Commission which met in Cotonou from 25 to 27 July 2001;

E N A C T S

Article 1

The following roads are hereby approved as part of the Community road axes:

A) Interconnecting roads

In Bénin

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| 1. | Doume-Tchetti-Savalou-Glazoue-Savé-Okeowo | 107.5 km |
| 2. | Frontière Togo-Aplahoue-Abomey-Ketou-Illara(Nigeria Border) | 155 km |
| 3. | Akpro-Misserete-Adjohoun-Bonou-Kpedekpo | 98 km |
| 4. | Porto Novo-Pobe-Ketou | 109 km |
| 5. | Burkina Faso border-Kérérou-Bankara-Kandi-Ségbana front Nigeria | 222 km |

In Burkina Faso

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| 1. | Bobo-Dédougou-Tougan-Ouahigouya | 361 km |
| 2. | Kantchari-Kodjari-Benin border | 144 km |
| 3. | Pâ-Dano-Diebougou-Gaoua-Côte d'Ivoire border | 231 km |

In Côte d'Ivoire

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| Bouna-Doropo-Burkina border | 90 km |
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In Ghana

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| Kumasi-Sunyani-Dormaa Ahenkro-Gonokrom
Côte d'Ivoire border | 209 km |
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In Guinea

1. Labé - Mali - Kédougou(Sénégal)	300 km
2. Labé-Tougué-Dingiraye-Siguiri	460 km
3. Siguiri-Kignekourou-Niagassola-Mali border	155 km

In Mali

1. Diema-Sandara-Kayes-Senegal border	350 km
2. Nioro-Sansare	110 km
3. Kayes-Sadiola-Kenieba	250 km
4. Benena-Burkina border	46 km
5. Yellmané-Nioro	120 km
6. Bougouni-Manankoro-Côte d'Ivoire border	123 km
7. Kita-Sirakorola-Guinea border	100 km

In Niger

1. Tsemaoua-Dabnou	30 km
2. Zinder-Nagaria-Nigeria Border	111 km
3. Niamey-Bellayara	96 km
4. Niamey-Farie	62 km
5. Sabon gari-Gaya-Sabon gari	70 km
6. Filingue-Tahoua	244 km
7. Niamey-Quallan	100 km
8. N'Guigmi-Tchad border	117 km
9. Niamey-Namaro-Farie	65 km
10. Diffa-Dutsi-Damask	28 km
11. Mainé-Soroa-Gueidam-Nigeria border	57 km
12. Doulsou-Yatakala-Burkina border	29 km
13. Ayerou-Inates-Mali border	30 km

In Nigeria

1. Warri-Benin City-Lokoja-Abuja	521 km
2. Abuja-Jos	300 km
3. Jebba-Mokwa-Bida-Lapai-Suleja-Abuja	333 km

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| 4. | Port Harcourt-Onitsha-Enugu-Makurdi-Jos-Bauchi-Maiduguri-Ngala (Lake Chad) | 1200 km |
| 5. | Calabar-Ogoja-Wukari-Jalingo-Numan-Maiduguri-Damask | 1350 km |

In Liberia

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| 1. | Gbarnga-Voinjama-Guinea Border | 213 km |
| 2. | Voinjama-Mendikorma-Sierra Leone border | 68 km |
| 3. | Tobli-Zwedru-Harper-Côte d'Ivoire border | 320 km |

In Sierra Leone

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| 1. | Kenema-Koinda-Liberia border | 170 km |
| 2. | Lunsar-Sefadu | 222 km |
| 3. | Bo-Yele-Matotoka | 85 km |

In Togo

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|----|---|--------|
| 1. | Benin border-Hilla Condji-Keve-Zolo-Ghana border | 80 km |
| 2. | Ghana border-Natchamba-Bassar-Sokode-Tchamba-Kambole-Benin border | 177 km |
| 3. | Dapaong-Ponio | 40 km |
| 4. | Ghana border-Tinjasé Bassar | 94 km |

B) Trans-coastal Road

In Côte d'Ivoire

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| Ghana border-Noé Aboisso-Grand Bassam-Abidjan-Grand Lahou-Sassandra-San Pedro-Tabou-Liberia border | 600 km |
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In Gambia

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| 1. | Senegal border-Amadalai-Barra | 14 km |
| 2. | Kerr Ayub-Farafenni-Soma-Nioroderie | |
| 3. | Basse-Sabe-Willingara | |
| 4. | Plandiraba-Seleti-Cassamance | |
| 5. | Madinaba-Seleti | |

In Ghana

Akatsi-Dzodze-Togo border

31 km

In Togo

Ghana border-Noepe-Hilla Condji-Benin border

80 km

The two road axes in Ghana and Togo are by-passes to the original road from Hilla Condji-Aneho-Aflao (Ghana border)

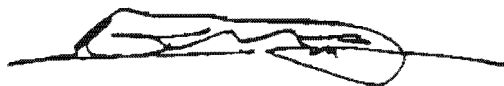
Article 2

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall monitor the application of these roads as Community road axes.

Article 3

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DONE AT DAKAR THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2001



**M. BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
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**FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 15 – 17 DECEMBER 2001**

**REGULATION C/REG. 14/12/01 RELATING TO THE 2002 BUDGET OF
ECOWAS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions ;

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC.2/6/88 and A/DEC.10/6/89 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Study on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund ;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/12/99 relating to the transformation of the ECOWAS Fund into a Holding Company ;

CONSIDERING the Report of the 19th meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund held in Lome, Togolese Republic, from 29-31 October, 2001 ;

UPON RECOMMENDATION of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The 2002 Budget of the ECOWAS Regional Development Fund (ERDF) amounting to one hundred and eighty thousand two hundred Units of Account (U 30,200) representing its operating expenses is hereby approved.

This amount shall be deducted from the capital resources of the ECOWAS Fund and be considered as start-up costs.

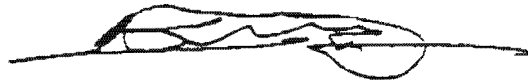
ARTICLE 2

The Managing Director of the ECOWAS Regional Development Fund shall be entrusted with the implementation of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 3

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FOR COUNCIL

64. Council congratulated and thanked the World Bank for the quality of the document on the Regional Integration Assistance Strategy and for its interest in accelerating the regional integration process.

Item 6 (vii): Report of the second meeting of the West African Power Pool Steering Committee

65. The report of the meeting was presented by Mr. Kamarou FASSASSI, Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Benin and Chairman of the WAPP Steering Committee.

66. The report focused essentially on the following issues:

- the status of the ECOWAS energy programme;
- mobilisation of funds to finance the priority projects adopted within the framework of the master plan on the interconnection of electricity grids of Member States;
- recruitment of more staff for the Department of Infrastructures;
- elaboration and implementation of a special energy project for Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde;
- supply of computers and software for the Purdue University programme on the optimisation model for electricity supply and demand.

67. Council adopted the conclusions and recommendations of the report of the second meeting of the WAPP Steering Committee held in Cotonou on 21 September 2001:

- i. Council reaffirmed its support for Cape Verde and directed that the special energy programme envisaged for the country should be pursued alongside the West African Power Pool project;

This amount shall be deducted from the capital resources of the ECOWAS Fund and be considered as start-up costs.


ARTICLE 2

The President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development shall be entrusted with the implementation of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT DAKAR THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2001

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BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

**FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DAKAR, 15 – 17 DECEMBER 2001**

**REGULATION C/REG 16/12/01 RELATING TO THE 2002 BUDGET OF
ECOWAS REGIONAL INVESTMENT BANK**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions ;

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC.2/6/88 and A/DEC.10/6/89 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Study on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund ;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/12/99 relating to the transformation of the ECOWAS Fund into a Holding Company ;

CONSIDERING the Report of the 19th meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund held in Lome, Togolese Republic, from 29-31 October 2001 ;

UPON RECOMMENDATION of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The 2002 Budget of the ECOWAS Regional Investment Bank (ERIB) is approved as follows:

- Operating Expenses : UA231,600 (two hundred and thirty one thousand, six hundred Units of Account)
- Expenses on Equipment: UA4,500 (four thousand and five hundred of Units of Account)

amounting to a total of two hundred and thirty six-thousand one hundred Units of Account (UA236,100).

This amount shall be deducted from the capital resources of the ECOWAS Fund and be considered as start-up costs.

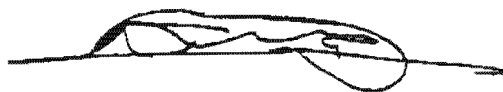
ARTICLE 2

The Managing Director of the ECOWAS Regional Investment Bank shall be entrusted with the implementation of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 3

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**BACARI KONE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

**FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Dakar, 15 - 17 December 2001

**REGULATION C/REG.17/12/01 ALLOCATING THE POST
OF DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND INDUSTRY AT
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TO THE REPUBLIC OF
SIERRA LEONE AS AN EXCEPTIONAL MEASURE**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of article 18 paragraph 5 of the Treaty which stipulates that due regard should be had, subject to ensuring the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence, to maintaining equitable geographical distribution of posts among nationals of all Member States;

TAKING NOTE of the vacancy of the post of Director of Infrastructure and Industry at the Executive Secretariat;

RECOGNISING the need for the timely implementation of the restructuring programme of the Executive Secretariat;

ANXIOUS to endow the ECOWAS institutions with highly qualified staff;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to the abolition of the quota system of appointments to professional posts;

WISDOMFUL, however, of paying particular attention to the case of Sierra Leone which has had no nationals on the professional staff complement of

the Executive Secretariat since the retirement in 1999 of the Director of the Transport, Communications and Energy Department;

HAVING CONSIDERED the appeal made by the Sierra Leonean delegation;

ENACTS

Article 1

There is hereby allocated to the Republic of Sierra Leone the post of Director of Infrastructures and Industry at the Executive Secretariat, as an exceptional measure.

Article 2

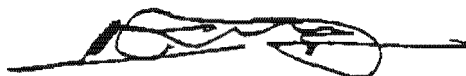
The Republic of Sierra Leone shall present to the Executive Secretariat the names of three candidates for evaluation with a view to their selection, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Staff Rules and Regulations of the ECOWAS institutions.

Article 3

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It shall also be published within the same time-frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2001



**BAKARI KONE
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**COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS
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FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dakar, 15 - 17 December, 2001

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The participants attending the forty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar, from 15 to 17 December 2001, wish to express their sincere gratitude to the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellence Abdoulaye Wade, and to the Government and People of Senegal, for the fraternal and warm welcome extended to them and the excellent facilities placed at their disposal during their stay in Senegal.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

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