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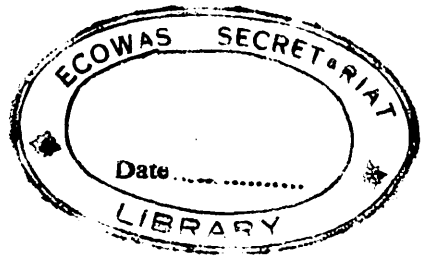

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Introduction

1. The forty-ninth session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers took place from 26 to 28 January 2003, at the Palais des Congres, Hotel Meridien President, Dakar.

2. The following Member States were represented:

- Republic of Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cape Verde
- Republic of The Gambia
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Guinea Bissau
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Togolese Republic

3. The Heads of the following ECOWAS specialised institutions were also present at the meeting:

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

4. The following institutions were present as observers:

- The West African Monetary Institute (WAMI)
- BCEAO (the Central Bank of West African States)
- The West African Sub-regional Development Centre (SRDC) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- The African Business Round Table (ABR)

5. A list of participants is attached to this report.

II. OPENING SESSION

6. In the absence of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, the African Union and Senegalese Abroad, who was attending the Paris summit on the Ivorian crisis, the opening address at the meeting was delivered by the Honourable Minister of the Public Service, Labour and Professional Organisations, Honourable Yero De who welcomed members of Council and their respective delegations, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Senegal and current Chairman of ECOWAS and the UEMOA, His Excellency, Maitre Abdoulaye Wade, and the government and people of Senegal.

7. The Honourable Minister began by underscoring the fact that ECOWAS today faces challenges on both the economic and the political fronts. One such challenge, he said, was the problem of security in the sub-region, with particular reference to the Ivorian crisis. The Honourable Minister paid tribute to the efforts expended by the Community in the person of its current Chairman, and through the Contact Group set up by the Extraordinary Summit held in Accra on 29 September 2002, to mediate in this crisis, and find a lasting solution to the problem. The Minister also thanked all the other facilitators, whether African or foreign, who are working with ECOWAS to bring about a solution to the Ivorian

crisis.

8. The Honourable Minister went on to review progress in the implementation of the ECOWAS priority programmes, which include the introduction of the ECOWAS passport, the implementation of the trade liberalisation scheme, and the introduction of a common external tariff.

9. In conclusion, the Honourable Minister stressed the need to make renewed efforts to reinforce the regional integration process, and thereby facilitate the insertion of the West African economies into the global economy.

10. On joining the meeting later, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, **Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio**, took the floor to brief Council on the efforts undertaken to find a lasting solution to the Ivorian crisis, placing particular emphasis on the outcome of the African Summit in Paris on the Ivorian crisis, and expressing satisfaction at the consensus reached at that Summit.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

11. The bureau of the meeting was elected as follows:

- Chairman: Republic of Senegal
- Rapporteurs: Republic of Ghana
  Togolese Republic

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

12. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as follows:

1. Opening ceremony

2. Election of bureau

3. Adoption of agenda and work programme

4. Swearing-in of the President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) - Mr Christian Adovelande

5. Presentation and consideration of the Executive Secretary's annual report

6. Presentation and consideration of the annual activity report of the President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development for 2002

7. Presentation and consideration of the activity report of the Community Parliament, presented by the Speaker of Parliament

8. Presentation and consideration of the annual activity report of the Community Court of Justice

9. Consideration of the status report on tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat

10. Consideration of the reports of meetings of :

(i) The Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund (Report of the 22nd meeting);

(ii) Final Report of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund;

(iii) Governors of Central Banks;

(iv) Ministers of Energy;

(v) Ministers of Women's Affairs;

(via) Ministers of Education;

(vib) Ministers of Cultural Affairs

(vii) Ministers of Livestock Development;

(viii) Assembly of Ministers of Health;

(ix) Ministers of the Public Service;

(x) Ministers of Trade and Finance (on preparations for ACP/EU negotiations);

(xi) West African - European Union Ministers on Political Dialogue;

- Structure of the ECOWAS Representation for the ECOWAS - EU Political Dialogue.

(xii) (a) The Administration and Finance Commission;

(b) Inclusion of Counterpart Funding in the 2003 Budget;

(c) Evaluation Report on the Implementation of the Community Levy;

(d) Opening of an ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels;

(xiii) (a) The Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission;

(b) The Study on the impact of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff on the economies of Member States: (for information only);

(xiv) The Transport, Communication and Tourism Commission;

(xv) The Political, Judicial and Legal Affairs, Regional Security and Immigration Commission;

(xvi) Heads of ECOWAS National Units;

(xvii) Directors of Statistics;

(xviii) ECOWAS donor assistance for the capacity building of the Executive Secretariat within the framework of NEPAD;

(xix) The Joint Meeting of ECOWAS and the International Organisation for Migration on International Migration in West Africa

(xx) Forum of the Private Sector on Regional Integration in West Africa;

11. Consideration of the Memoranda on :

(i) The Administrative Status of Mr. Frank Ofei;

(ii) The ECOWAS Anthem;

(iii) The ECOWAS Flag;

(iv) The Draft Agreement on the establishment of the Regional Coordinating Unit for Integrated Water Resources Management;

(v) Presentation of the Resolution on the enhancement of the powers of the ECOWAS Parliament adopted during its session of September 2002

12. Demonstration of the following projects which have important applications in the Member States

- the West African Power Pool;
- the Telecommunications Database Network

13. Adoption of the agenda of the twenty-sixth Ordinary Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

14. Other matters

15. Adoption of the Report

16. Closing session.

V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 4: Swearing in of the President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development

13. Following his appointment by the extraordinary session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja on 23 April 2002, Mr. Christian N. Adovelande was sworn in as President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development, EBID.

Item 5: Presentation and Consideration of the Executive Secretary's Annual Report

14. The ECOWAS Executive Secretary, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas,

presented his first annual report for the year 2002, entitled: "Fostering Regional Integration through NEPAD Implementation". The report analysed the economic and financial situation of West Africa in 2001, outlining development prospects, and highlighting the good economic performance of the sub-region during the period under review. Real GDP for the West African countries as a group rose by 4.6% in 2001, compared to 3.8% in 2000, spurred by the exceptionally high performance of the Nigerian economy as a result of the increase in the barrel price of petrol, income from exports of natural gas, and the inflow of investment capital to the off-shore petroleum and telecommunications sectors, and particularly into mobile telephones. The report however emphasised the fact that, notwithstanding the good performance of the region, ECOWAS countries are still far from attaining the United Nations millennium target of 7% real annual growth needed to reduce poverty by half by 2015. Forecasts for 2002 expected a more significant rise in growth rate influenced by the performance of the second largest economy in the sub-region, Cote d'Ivoire, resulting from the renewed influx of investment capital in the wake of the signing of a programme with the Bretton Woods institutions and the normalisation of the political situation. These hopes were dashed, however, by the insurrection of September 2002.

15. In the chapter on the functioning of the Community, the Executive Secretary presented an overview of progress made since the forty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar, in December 2001. He gave prominence to the implementation of the different decisions of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, particularly those relating to the enhancement of institutions, actions relating to the implementation of NEPAD, the regional poverty reduction programme, and the outcome of ECOWAS/UEMOA meetings on the acceleration of the regional integration process in West Africa. The Executive Secretary reported on actions undertaken in relation to the harmonisation of ECOWAS and UEMOA programmes, with a focus on the trade

liberalisation schemes of the two organisations, the status of the second monetary zone, the single ECOWAS monetary zone, and the introduction of a common external tariff.

16. The Executive Secretary also highlighted the other ECOWAS socio-economic programmes. These include the introduction of the ECOWAS passport, cooperation in trade, as evidenced by preparations towards the organisation of the 3rd ECOWAS Trade Fair, and preparations by West Africa for the negotiation of economic partnership agreements (EPAs) with the European Union. He also reported on the implementation status of agricultural and industrial production programmes, and progress achieved in the implementation of sectoral programmes in the areas of transport, telecommunications, energy, the environment, human development and information. The Executive Secretary was particularly pleased with progress in the facilitation of road transport, the setting up of the West African Power Pool, and the West African Gas Pipeline Project.

17. On the subject of peace and security, the Executive Secretary gave an overview of the situation in the Mano River region, covering Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and in Cote d'Ivoire, and reported on the activities carried out within the framework of the mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution, peace-keeping and security.

18. Addressing the issue of the crisis in Cote d'Ivoire, the Executive Secretary reported on various measures taken by the Community to find a lasting solution to the problem. He expressed satisfaction at recent developments which augur well for the prospects of a permanent solution to the crisis.

19. On administrative and financial matters, the Executive Secretary reported to Council on progress in the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat, drawing attention to the particularly difficult situation prevailing in the institution. He also reported on the outcome of the missions conducted by the Deputy Executive

Secretaries to all the Member States with a view to accelerating implementation of the provisions of the protocol on the Community levy. The Executive Secretary urged the Member States to apply the substantive regime of the levy with effect from 1 January 2003, in order to create a solidarity fund for the use of all the Member States.

20. Under the heading of institutional matters, the Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA), the West African Women's Association (WAWA), the West African Health Organisation (WAHO), the Community Court of Justice, and the ECOWAS Parliament.

21. In reporting on African and international development initiatives, the Executive Secretary focussed on the New Partnership for Africa's Development, which is a growth and development strategy with the potential to lift the African continent out of its prevailing poverty. The Executive Secretary outlined the strategic axes for the implementation of NEPAD, and ECOWAS programmes, emphasising the need to create synergies between the programmes in order to move the regional integration process forward.

22. Council congratulated the Executive Secretary on the quality of his report. After deliberations on the issues raised, the report was adopted by Council, with the following recommendations:

Implementation of ECOWAS Priority Programmes

i) Council directed the Executive Secretary to present a detailed report on the implementation status of ECOWAS protocols and decisions

for consideration at its next session. The report will be expected to identify all problems arising in connection with the implementation of priority programmes, and propose appropriate solutions;

ii) Council urged Member States to abolish all tariff and non-tariff barriers impeding trade with other members of the Community;

iii) Council also urged all Member States to emulate Benin and Senegal by introducing the ECOWAS passport into use immediately;

iv) Council emphasised the need to prioritise the creation of an ECOWAS common market through the implementation of the protocol on free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment, and of the trade liberalisation scheme, and the introduction of the ECOWAS common external tariff. Council instructed the Executive Secretary to take into account the priorities identified at this meeting when formulating ECOWAS priority programmes;

v) In order to accelerate the implementation of NEPAD programmes, Council urged all Member States to establish the national NEPAD focal points and make them functional. The Executive Secretariat was instructed to convene a meeting of focal points with a view to defining their role in the strengthening of the regional integration process;

vi) Council further directed the Secretariat to participate in the creation and functioning of the peer review mechanism contained in the NEPAD programme. This will, among other things, facilitate implementation of ECOWAS programmes by the Member States.

Item 6: Activity Report of the President of EBID

23. The report which was presented by Mr. Christian Adovelande, President of the Bank, underscored the worldwide decline recorded in economic activities during 2001, noting, however, that the recovery observed in the early months of 2002 did not last. ECOWAS Member States recorded a 3.5% increase in GDP. Despite the determination showed by African leaders and development partners in respect of poverty reduction on the continent, much remains to be accomplished. The launching of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) generated a new dynamism on the continent. Furthermore, Heads of State and Government of the Community having appointed ECOWAS as the agency to implement the plans of action for the implementation of NEPAD in West Africa, EBID is the most appropriate instrument for the financing of NEPAD programmes in the West African region.

24. The transformation of the ECOWAS Fund into the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) was completed during the year, when ten of the fifteen Member States ratified the Protocol relating to the Bank.

25. The President of EBID reported that the activities of the Fund continued despite a slow-down resulting from the establishment of the new institutions.

26. The activities consisted in project identification, evaluation and approval for project financing, including the signature of a loan agreement for the implementation of a project.

27. With regard to financial activities, the called-up capital of the Fund amounted to UA 88 136 835. Payments from Member States amounted to UA 78 291 324. Total unpaid balance amounts to UA 9 845 511, which represents 11.17 % of the called-up capital of the Fund.

28. EBID initiated actions relating to the mobilisation of resources. In this regard, two documents were prepared, namely **Vision of the Bank**, and **Information Memorandum**. These documents have been sent to donors and development partners.

29. Necessary measures are being taken to expedite action on the effective take-off of the activities of EBID and its subsidiaries. These measures consist in the:

- Ratification and transmission of the instruments of ratification to the Executive Secretariat, for the entry into force of the Protocols;
- Payment of the first tranche of the called-up capital of EBID;
- Establishment of the decision-making bodies of EBID and its subsidiaries;
- Mobilisation of resources.

30. In order to render EBID and its subsidiaries rapidly operational the EBID President urged the Council of Ministers to:

a. request the Member States which have not yet done so to ratify Protocols A/P1/12/01 on the amendment of Articles 1, 3, 6 and 21 of the revised Treaty and A/P2/12/01 on EBID and transmit the instruments of ratification to the Executive Secretariat;

b. request Member States to pay up their share of the first tranche of called-up capital in view of the fact that Member States which may so desire, can pay for these shares out of the balance of the proceeds of the Community levy established under the terms of

protocol n° A/P1/7/96, dated 27 July 1996;

c. request the appropriate authorities to take a decision to the effect that, all or part of the balance of proceeds from the Community levy should be transferred to EBID for placement at negotiated rates.

31. Council commended the President of EBID on the quality of his report, and after deliberations, took the following decisions:

a. all Member States which are yet to do so, are urged to ratify Protocol A/P1/12/01 amending Articles 1, 3, 6 and 21 of the revised Treaty and Protocol A/P2/12/02 relating to EBID, and transmit the instruments of ratification to the Executive Secretariat;

b. Member States should pay 35% of the first tranche of the called-up capital of EBID. However, Member States have the option of using the proceeds of the Community levy instituted by the provisions of Article 11d of Protocol A/P1/7/96, dated 27 July 1996, to effect payment of their share capital;

c. Member States should communicate to EBID the names of the Governors and their alternates, as well as their candidates for the Board of Directors;

d. Council passed a resolution urging Member States to negotiate with EBID the conditions for the placement with the Bank of the totality or part of the balance of the Community levy reverting to them at the end of the transitional period

defined by the Protocol laying down the conditions for the implementation of the Community levy.

Item 7: Presentation and Consideration of the Report of the Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament

32. The Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament, Professor Nouhoum Diallo, presented the activity report of his institution. The report highlighted the initiatives taken by Parliament to stop outbreaks of violence in various parts of the West African sub-region. The Speaker drew attention to the following missions in this regard:

- the visit of an ECOWAS parliamentary delegation to the countries of the Mano River Union, and a further visit to nationals of the region fighting in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The purpose of these missions was to encourage dialogue between the governments of the three countries with a view to arriving at a peaceful resolution of a conflict which has lasted so many years.

- the mission of the Parliament to Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Burkina Faso in compliance with its resolution on the Ivorian crisis taken at its extraordinary session on the issue in November 2002. The objective of the mission was to obtain from the Ivorian authorities first-hand information on the status of peace talks, and in the two other countries, to evaluate the impact of the crisis on neighbouring countries.

33. In his report, the Speaker informed Council of the efforts of the institution to promote the integration process. He also raised the issue of the enhancement of the powers of Parliament in this connection, stating that a resolution had been adopted by Parliament to that effect;

34. In addressing the issue of the enhancement of the powers of Parliament, the Speaker also referred to the resolution adopted in this regard at the plenary session of September 2002. This resolution was adopted in accordance with the recommendation of the 25th session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in December 2001. This recommendation aims at encouraging the effective exercise of the existing powers of the institution and endowing it with more powers which will, in the long run, put an end to the transitional phase in which it has remained since its inception. The new powers of the Parliament will in concrete terms, relate to its involvement in issues relating to peace, the strengthening of democracy and good governance in the sub-region. The issue of the election of Members of Parliament by direct universal suffrage was also raised.

35. The Speaker concluded by pointing out that the Staff Regulations and the budgetary procedure in ECOWAS were outdated. He proposed that new procedures should be drawn up, taking into account the specific nature of each institution.

36. The Speaker expressed his appreciation of the fact that Council was willing to look into the issue of the enhancement of the Parliament's powers, and agreed to accept whatever procedure Council might deem appropriate in this regard.

37. At the end of the deliberations that followed the presentation by the Speaker of Parliament, it was agreed that a decision on budgetary issues should await the consideration of the report of the Administration and Finance Commission.

38. With regard to the enhancement of the powers of Parliament, Council, considered the issue to be highly technical and thought it best to solicit the

opinion of political and legal experts before taking a decision.

39. Council took note of the activity report of the Speaker.

Item 8: Consideration of the annual report of the President of the Court of Justice

40. The President of the Community Court of Justice , Justice Hansine Nagwaniyo Donli, gave an overview of measures taken to recruit temporary staff for the Institution and informed Council that the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had allocated a building to the Court for office use and residential accommodation for all the Members of the Court. The President also informed Council that the Federal Government of Nigeria had met all the conditions relating to the seat of the Court in Abuja, Nigeria. She expressed her gratitude to the Authority and the Federal Government of Nigeria for their support.

41. On the achievements of the Court, she recalled on a happy note that the Rules of Procedure of the Community Court of Justice were approved by Council, and that the Members of the Court are set to commence court sessions in Abuja, on February 17, 2003 and to occupy their allocated residences at Gwarimpa.

42. On arrangements to commence the hearing of cases, she referred to Article 7 paragraph 3 (g) and (h) of the Revised Treaty wherein the Authority, Council and Institutions of the Community were enjoined to request for advisory opinion from the Court of Justice on legal questions pertaining to the Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions.

43. Council took note of the report of the President.

Item 9: Report on the Status of Execution of Tasks Assigned to the Executive Secretariat

44. The Executive Secretariat presented the report on the status of execution of the tasks assigned to it by the forty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar from 15 to 17 December 2001.

45. At the end of the presentation, Council took due note of the report and made the following observations and decisions:

i) Council requested that future reports on tasks assigned should be more detailed and indicate concrete progress achieved in programme implementation;

ii) Council appealed to Member States which are yet to ratify the Protocol on the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, Peace-keeping and Security to do so without further delay. Only Ghana, Mali and Nigeria have ratified the Protocol;

iii) Council also urged Member States which were yet to ratify the Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance to do so as soon as possible. Only Ghana has ratified the Protocol;

iv) Council appealed to Member States to emulate the example of Benin and Senegal and introduce the ECOWAS passport which confers Community citizenship;

v) Council requested all ECOWAS institutions to strictly comply with the provisions of the Financial Regulations and Manual

of Accounting Procedure, with particular reference to the provisions relating to budget nomenclature;

vi) Council strongly urged the Executive Secretariat to take necessary steps to translate all ECOWAS Protocols and Conventions into Portuguese, an official language of the Community.

Item 10 (i): Consideration of the Report of the ad hoc Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund

46. The ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund held its 22nd and final meeting in Lome on 25 and 26 November 2002. At that session, the committee examined the final report on its activities from its inception, and the draft budget of EBID and its subsidiaries for the year 2003.

47. The committee approved for the adoption of Council the budget for EBID and its two subsidiaries, the ECOWAS Regional Investment Bank (ERIB) and the ECOWAS Regional Development Fund (ERDF), for the year 2003 as follows, pending the creation of their respective decision-making bodies:

- EBID: UA 416,920
- ERDF: UA 265,740
- ERIB: UA 259,500

48. Council approved the budgets of EBID and its subsidiaries for the year 2003, in the amount recommended by the ad hoc Ministerial Committee.

Item 10 (ii): Consideration of the Final Report of the ad hoc Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund

49. The final report on the activities of the Committee outlined the reasons for the establishment of the Committee, and described the various activities carried out, from the restructuring of the Fund to its transformation.

50. The ad hoc Ministerial Committee was established by decision A/DEC.10/6/89 of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government.

51. The Committee was in existence from 1989 to 2002, during which period it examined and took decisions on the following issues:

- restructuring of the ECOWAS Fund;
- transformation of the ECOWAS Fund into a holding company (EBID), with two subsidiaries (ECOWAS Regional Investment Bank and ECOWAS Regional Development Fund).

52. EBID is a holding company with majority shareholding in its two subsidiaries: 51% in ERIB and 90% in ERDF.

53. The recommendations of the Committee were as follows:

a) ratification of the protocols A/P1/12/01 and A/P2/12/01. To date, they have been ratified by 10 countries, marking the end of the transformation process.

b) payment of 35% of the first tranche of the called-up capital of EBID. The recommendation was approved by decision A/DEC.13/12/01. To date, none of the Member States has

paid its share of the capital.

54. At the conclusion of their mandate, the members of the committee expressed their gratitude to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for the confidence reposed in their ability to successfully carry out the mission assigned to them.

55. Council commended the members of the committee on a job well done.

Item 10 (iii): Consideration of the Report of the Twenty Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Committee of ECOWAS Governors of Central Banks

56. The Deputy Governor of the BCEAO, Mr. Damo Justin Baro presented the report of the meeting of Governors of Central Banks held in Dakar, on 12 December 2002. The report focussed on the following points:

- the future role of WAMA in the implementation of the economic and monetary integration programme;
- the new horizon for the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme;
- the ECOWAS multilateral payments mechanism;
- the indicators for the convergence of the ECOWAS currencies;
- technical reports;
- activity report of the Director General of WAMA;
- appointment of the Director General of WAMA;

57. The Chairman of the Committee of Governors of ECOWAS Central Banks and Governor of the Central Bank of Sierra Leone, Mr. **J. Sanpha Koroma**,

presented a report on the status of the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme as at the end of June 2002 which is to be presented to the extraordinary summit of Heads of States and Government on the single currency zone, scheduled to be held in Dakar on 30 January 2003.

58. Mr. Koroma noted that the evaluation of the implementation status of the macro-economic convergence criteria by Member States revealed that the results were not encouraging, hence the need to extend the time-frame for the creation of the single monetary zone beyond 2004. The postponement can be further justified by the following factors:

i) In general terms, the result of the analysis of the implementation status of the monetary cooperation programme reveals the lack of preparedness of Member States for a monetary union by 2004. The current circumstances of macroeconomic and political instability in some countries point to the fact that most member countries might not be able to meet the convergence criteria targets before the end of 2003;

ii) The rescheduling of the agenda of the second monetary zone to July 2005 by the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the West African Monetary zone renders the 2004 scheduled date for the single currency unrealistic;

iii) The need to allow member countries adequate time to address their economic problems and work towards sustainable macroeconomic convergence;

iv) The need to provide WAMA and the ECOWAS Secretariat adequate

time to carry out all relevant outstanding studies and implement other key aspects of the programme such as the ECOWAS exchange rate mechanism, achieve convertibility of current and capital accounts, and establish a common sub-regional market free of tariff and non-tariff barriers.

59. Given the above analysis, the Committee of Governors submitted for the consideration of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, the proposal that the time-frame for the implementation of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme be extended beyond 2004. The choice of a final date for the introduction of the ECOWAS single currency could, however, be made at the December 2005 meeting of the Authority after an in-depth appraisal of the performance of the second monetary zone and the convergence level of the economies of the sub-region as a whole.

60. Following discussions, Council adopted the report of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks, and took due note of the evaluation of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme.

61. Council reiterated the need for Member States to meet the convergence criteria by carrying out the necessary macroeconomic and structural reforms and by expanding their production base.

62. Council requested the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, WAMA and WAMI to strengthen their inter-institutional cooperation so as to ensure speedy implementation of the monetary cooperation programme of the second monetary zone (WAMZ) and the single ECOWAS currency.

63. Council considers economic and monetary integration a priority objective of ECOWAS. A key component is the creation of a single monetary zone. Some

members of Council expressed concern about the use of quantitative convergence criteria as the most important pre-requisite for the establishment of a single currency. They were of the opinion that the CFA zone could not have been achieved in this manner. Council therefore requested the Committee of Governors of Central Banks and the Secretariat to explore the other options and criteria that would make the creation of the ECOWAS single currency possible. In this regard, Council felt that it might be possible to use qualitative convergence criteria to reach the decision point and at the same time continue to work towards meeting the quantitative criteria.

Item 10 (iv): Consideration of the Report of the Ministers of Energy

64. The Guinean Minister of Energy, **Mr. Mory Kaba**, Chairman of the fourth meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Energy (Steering Committee of the West African Power Pool) presented the report of the meeting, which took place in Conakry, on 18 October 2002. The report focussed on the following:

- the ECOWAS Protocol on Energy is a legal instrument designed to facilitate free trade in electric power and equipment between the Member States, attract national and international investment capital for the funding of power projects in the region, and protect the interests of the Member States;

- the ECOWAS Energy Observatory, an information, monitoring and early warning system on the power situation in Member States, is in essence designed to contribute to improving electric power supply in the region;

- the introduction of capacity building and training programmes in the energy sector for Member States, electricity companies and the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, will generate the skilled human resources required for the hitch-free creation of a regional electric power market;
- necessary measures to be taken by the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and development partners in order to correct the disparity which continues to exist between zones A and B, within the framework of the implementation of the regional energy project.

65. Council adopted the report and endorsed the resolutions relating to the Protocol on Energy, capacity building and training programmes in the energy sector, and the ECOWAS Energy Observatory.

66. Council then recommended to the Heads of State and Government to approve the ECOWAS Protocol on Energy and the decision establishing the ECOWAS energy observatory.

Item 10 (v): Consideration of the Report of the Meeting of Ministers of Women's Affairs

67. The ECOWAS Ministers of Women's Affairs met in Abuja on 9 December 2002, within the framework of the ECOWAS gender policy. The report of this meeting was presented by the Chairperson, Dr. Musuleng D. Cooper, Minister of Gender and Women Development of Liberia.

68. The meeting examined and adopted the following documents:

(i) Memorandum on the creation of a Gender Management System for

West Africa;

(ii) Review of the status of the West African Women's Association (WAWA);

(iii) Orientations of the gender policy;

(iv) A 3-year plan of action;

(v) Creation of a Department for gender issues and a technical commission on gender equality;

(vi) Budgetary allocations should be made to cover the programmes of the Department on gender issues.

69. After deliberations, Council concluded and recommended as follows:

i) A gender management system should be set up:
- at the level of the Executive Secretariat;
- at the level of the Member States, Ministries and government offices;
- at the level of Parliament

ii) The statutes of the West African Women's Association should be revised.
- WAWA should be completely reorganised to form an institution/specialised technical agency of ECOWAS, charged with the initiation, facilitation, coordination and monitoring of strategies and programmes designed to incorporate gender issues into integration programmes, in accordance with decision A/DEC.3/7/87;
- The name of the institution should be changed from Women's Association (WAWA) to "ECOWAS Gender Development Centre"

iii) A Division should be created at the Executive Secretariat, charged with gender, youth and children's affairs;

iv) A technical commission should be set up to address issues relating to gender inequality.

Item 10 (via): Consideration of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Education

70. The Conference of ECOWAS Ministers of Education met in Dakar on 24 and 25 September 2002 within the framework of the Decade of Education in Africa (DEA). In the absence of the Chairman of the Conference, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Integration Programmes, Dr. (Mrs.) Remi Aribisala presented the report of the meeting to Council.

71. The Conference of Ministers of Education considered and adopted the following documents:

i) the Protocol on Education and the General Convention on the Recognition and Equivalence of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other Qualifications in ECOWAS Member States

ii) a plan of action to be annexed to the Protocol on Education, which covers priority projects relating to: the harmonisation, under NEPAD, of the DEA and Education for All (EFA) objectives; the regional project on HIV/AIDS; education of the girl-child; distance learning; the project on the teaching of science and technology; and professional training.

iii) The Dakar Declaration; and

iv) A special motion on Cote d'Ivoire.

72. With regard to the implementation of the ECOWAS Protocol on Education in West Africa (ECOWAS), the Conference adopted the proposal to make NEPAD the general framework for the harmonisation of the objectives and strategies of the different on-going education programmes (DEA, EFA, etc...).

73. After deliberations, Council approved the Protocol on Education and training, and the Convention on the Recognition and Equivalence of Degrees, and recommended their adoption by the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

Item 10 (vib) **Consideration of the Report of the Conference of Ministers of Cultural Affairs**

74. The report of the Conference of ECOWAS Ministers of Cultural Affairs which was held in Dakar, from 10 to 11 May 2002, was presented by the Minister of Cultural Affairs of Senegal, Mr. Abdou Fall. The objective of the meeting was to revitalise and strengthen cooperation in cultural affairs between the Member States, within the framework of NEPAD. The Conference examined and adopted the following documents:

- the report of the experts' meeting
- the plan of action
- the Dakar Declaration.

75. The Declaration acknowledges culture to be an essential dimension of global development, and reaffirms the political will of the Member States to work together to achieve dynamic and productive cooperation in cultural affairs.

76. The plan of action covers all areas of cooperation, with a bias towards defined priority axes.

77. Council approved the conclusions and recommendations of the Conference, the plan of action and the Dakar Declaration. Council directed the Secretariat to have them converted into acts capable of imparting fresh impetus to the cultural development of West Africa, within the framework of NEPAD.

Item 10 (vii): Consideration of the Report of the Ministers Responsible for Livestock Development on Transhumance

78. In the absence of the Chairman of the meeting of the Ministers responsible for Livestock Development, the ECOWAS Deputy Executive Secretary, Integration Programmes, Dr. (Mrs.) Remi Aribisala presented the report of the meeting which was held in Ouagadougou on 9 and 10 October 2002. The report focussed on the following items:

- Regulations for the effective implementation of the rules governing transhumance;
- the establishment of a regional framework for consultation, coordination and supervision in the area of pastoral resource management;
- the enhancement of the meeting forum at the Executive Secretariat.

79. The Council of Ministers drew attention to the implications of trans-border transhumance, which include:

- social conflicts between livestock breeders and farmers;
- degradation of natural resources.

80. Council emphasised the need to find appropriate solutions to reduce conflicts and put in place transhumance surveillance and monitoring mechanisms. It recommended to the Executive Secretariat to:

a) increase budgetary resource allocation to the livestock programme, and to the monitoring of transhumance in particular;
b) develop information/sensitisation and education programmes for the target populations;
c) prepare annual technical reports for the Council of Ministers on the monitoring of the resolution of conflicts arising from transhumance;
d) propose concrete programmes with the capacity to improve existing livestock breeding systems.

81. Council adopted the report of the Ministers responsible for transhumance and its recommendations.

Item 10 (viii): Consideration of the Report of the Assembly of Ministers of Health

82. The Director General of WAHO presented the report of the meeting on behalf of the Chairperson of the Assembly of ECOWAS Ministers of Health. The report focussed on the following:

- the annual report of the Director General;
- the draft five-year strategic plan (2003 – 2007);
- the WAHO 2003 administrative budget and programme;
- funding of WAHO;
- drugs for the treatment of HIV/AIDS;
- WAHO collaborating centres;
- NEPAD health programmes.

83. The report and the budget of the West African Health Organisation in the sum of UA4,967,714 were adopted after discussion and consideration of the main items submitted to the Council of Ministers. Council however, drew attention to the difference in the approval procedure for the budget of the Organisation. In effect, Article XII of Protocol A/P2/87 stipulates that the Assembly of Ministers of Health of WAHO shall adopt the budget of the Organisation and submit same to the ECOWAS Council of Ministers. This provision is at variance with Article 69 paragraph 2 and 3 of the ECOWAS Treaty which stipulates that the Administration and Finance Commission shall consider all budgets of ECOWAS and its institutions prior to their approval by Council.

84. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to take necessary measures to amend Article 12 of the protocol establishing WAHO which pertains to the budget of the institution, and align it with Article 69 of the Treaty which lays down the procedure for the adoption of the budgets of ECOWAS institutions.

Item 10 (ix): Consideration of the Report of the Ministers of the Public Service

85. The Chairperson of the meeting, Mrs. Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice-President and Secretary of State for the Public Service and Women's Affairs of the Republic of The Gambia, presented the report of the meeting which took place in Abuja, on 16 October 2002. The following issues were addressed in the report:

- the report of the Director General of CAFRAD (African Training and Research Centre)
- the report of the experts' meeting.

86. After deliberations, Council adopted the report of the Ministers and urged Member States to make appropriate arrangements for the formulation of the plan of action referred to in the report of the meeting of Ministers of the Public Service.

Item 10 (x): Consideration of the Report of the Joint Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Trade and Finance on Preparations for the Negotiation of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)

87. The Chairman of the joint ministerial meeting, Mrs. Aicha Agne Pouyé, Minister of Trade and SMEs of the Republic of Senegal, presented the report of the meeting which was held in Cotonou on 11 September 2002, and was also attended by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

88. The meeting was convened at the initiative of His Excellency Abdoulaye Wade, current Chairman of ECOWAS and UEMOA and Vice Chairman of the NEPAD Implementation Committee, for the purpose of defining the position to be adopted by the region during the negotiation of economic partnership agreements with the European Union .

89. The meeting was attended by ECOWAS Member States, Mauritania, and representatives from private sector and civil society organisations.

90. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Ministers of Trade and Finance approved the following:

- areas of priority action for West Africa;
- a plan of action for the negotiations;
- a negotiating structure;
- terms of the negotiating mandate;

- development financing.

91. Council approved the report of the joint meeting of Ministers of Trade and Finance to be submitted to the Authority of Heads of State and Government for adoption.

Item 10 (xi) **Consideration of the Memorandum on the Establishment of an ECOWAS Representation for the Purposes of the Political Dialogue between ECOWAS and the European Union**

92. The memorandum proposing the creation of an ECOWAS representation in Brussels for the purpose of the political dialogue between ECOWAS and the EU was presented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Policy Harmonisation, **Mr. Mame Cor Sene.**

93. Cooperation between ECOWAS and the EU was reinforced by the formalisation of the political and economic dialogue by decision A/DEC/12/99 of the 22nd session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the strengthening of the ECOWAS/European Union partnership. The dialogue functions at three levels, namely, ministerial, ambassadorial and at the level of senior officials of the two institutions.

94. In order to ensure a balanced dialogue between the parties, and manifest the unity and cohesion of the West African side, ECOWAS could, like the European Union, agree to set up a single representation to speak on behalf of all the Member States. It is therefore desirable for ECOWAS to set up a structure similar in composition and representativeness to the EU Troika.

95. However, since the country which will be appointed to the Chairmanship is not always known in advance, the Executive Secretariat recommended to Council to adopt the following structure:

- the country which is current Chairman
- the country which is the out-going Chairman
- the Executive Secretariat, as a permanent member

96. Council approved the proposed structure and recommended it to the Authority for approval.

Item 10 (xiia): Consideration of the Report of the 28th Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission

97. The report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held at Abuja from 18 to 26 November, 2002, presented by its Chairman, Mr. Makhtar Gueye related to the following issues:

- Tasks assigned to the Executive Secretariat;
- Implementation status of the Committee levy;
- Status of financial contributions by Member States;
- Status of the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat;
- Status of the Professional Staff Housing Estate at Katampe;
- Provision of residential accommodation for General Service, and Auxiliary staff.
- Executive Secretariat Financial Statement for 2001;
- Salaries and allowances of the President and Judges of the Community Court of Justice;
- Draft 2003 budgets of ECOWAS Institutions:
  - West African Health Organisation

- ECOWAS Parliament
- Community Court of Justice
- Executive Secretariat

■ Draft Compensation budgets for loss of Customs revenue..

98. Council adopted the report of the Commission and made the following observations and recommendations :

i. Council endorsed the preparation of a draft Regulation deferring the entry into force in January, 2003 of the substantive regime of the Community Levy pending a detailed appraisal of its operation so far;

ii. While noting the recommendations made in respect of Mauritania, Member States in arrears of contributions were urged to pay up. Furthermore, all funds meant for institutions should be sent to the Executive Secretariat for remittance to the appropriate institutions with due acknowledgement of receipt. In addition, a Reconciliation Committee comprising Heads of Institutions should be appointed to perform regular reconciliation of accounts;

iii. Council invited the Executive Secretariat to continue negotiations for an additional loan from the Nigerian Government, and if necessary, other agencies, for the completion of the professional staff housing estate at Katampe. The cost of additional works is estimated at US$992,200.81;

iv The Executive Secretariat was directed to continue feasibility studies on the provision of residential accommodation for the General Service and Auxilliary Staff while ensuring that reimbursements to be made by the staff are within the ceiling of allowances payable to them;

101. As regards the appointment of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General as statutory officers, Council noted the existence of contradictions between the provisions of Article 10 (3.b) of the Revised Treaty on one hand and Articles 16 (1)A, and 19 of the protocol on the Parliament. Council decided that the status quo be maintained in respect of these and other appointments at the Parliament. The Executive Secretary was directed to set up a committee made up of Cape Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo to harmonise the relevant provisions of the revised treaty and the protocols on the ECOWAS Parliament and the West African Health Organisation.

Community Court of Justice

102. Council approved the budget of the ECOWAS Court of Justice for the year 2003, with income and expenditure balancing out at UA 3,041,449 representing a 3.43% increase compared to 2002. Income from arrears of contributions was estimated at UA 200,000 while income from miscellaneous placements would yield UA 25,621.

103. The contribution of Member States to the budget of the Court of Justice for 2003 therefore amounts to UA2,815,828

Executive Secretariat

104. Council approved the 2003 budget of the Executive Secretariat in which income and expenditure balance out at UA 22,072,700 representing a 73.37% increase compared to 2002. Financing of the 2003 budget will include the sum of UA3,000,000 in arrears of contributions, and UA170,500 from miscellaneous

sources. The contribution of Member States to the budget of the Secretariat for 2003 therefore amounts to UA18,902,200.

105. The Executive Secretariat made a case for a budgetary appropriation for the counterpart funding of some externally assisted projects. The projects which are in the fields of agriculture, transportation, telecommunications and computerisation are valued at UA 16,479,125 while the required counterpart funding stands at UA 871,132

106. At the end of deliberations, Council approved a provision of UA871,132 as counterpart funding, as requested.

107 The Executive Secretariat made a presentation emphasising the need to open an ECOWAS liaison office in Brussels to enhance and facilitate cooperation with the European Union. It explained that the idea had been introduced at the meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission which endorsed it and made a budgetary proposal of €50,000.00, representing a counterpart contribution.

108. Council approved the opening of an ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels inclusion of the amount of €50,000 in the 2003 Secretariat Budget towards the establishment of that office.

109. Council made a general observation on the substantial amounts provided for in the budgets of the ECOWAS institutions, and the escalation in estimates. Council expressed grave concern over the effect of this escalation on payment of contributions, and urged the Secretariat to ensure that in the future,

draft budgets would be drawn up bearing in mind the real capacity of the Member States to fund them.

Compensation Budget for Loss of Revenue

110. Contributions from Member States towards the financing of the compensation budget approved by Council amount to CFA 2,150,974,20. This represents claims made by Benin and Togo for the period 1999 - 2002.

Loan of UA11,207,000 from ECOWAS Fund

111. Noting that a loan of UA 11,207,000 the Executive Secrearíat had taken from the then ECOWAS Fund for the construction of its office complex had remained unpaid, Council urged the Executive Secretariat to negotiate an arrangement with EBID to pay this debt over time.

Item 10 (xiic): Evaluation Report on the Implementation of the Community Levy

112. The Executive Secretariat presented a memorandum which it said had been prepared in compliance with a directive of the Administration and Finance Commission to undertake a comprehensive appraisal of the operation of the levy including a country by country analysis. Such a presentation was to indicate the problems being encountered in the Member States along with the recommendation for their resolution.

113. Following deliberations on this memorandum, Council agreed that it should be placed before the appropriate technical commission which will examine it and make appropriate recommendations to the next session of Council.

Item 10 (xiiia): Consideration of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission

114. The Chairman of the Commission presented the report of discussions on the 10 items on the agenda of the meeting. These were:

- Submissions of new industrial products and enterprises to benefit under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;
- Applications for compensation for loss of Customs revenue submitted by Benin, Ghana and Togo;
- Status report on preparations for the 3rd ECOWAS Trade Fair;
- Findings of the workshop on the impact of a common external tariff;
- Information on the application of version 2 of the Harmonised System for description and codification of goods;
- Information on preparations for the negotiation of ACP/EU economic partnership agreements;
- Report of the study on industrial export processing zones.
- Report of the training workshop and the seminar on SIGOA-TOPS organised by the Community Computer Centre in Cotonou, from 4 to 8 November 2002;
- Evaluation of the Community levy.

115. The Council of Ministers adopted the recommendations of the Commission and the draft regulation approving the compensation budgets for loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States in 2000, 2001, and 2002

as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade, amounting to two billion one hundred and fifty million nine hundred and seventy four thousand two hundred and six CFA francs (F CFA 2 150 974 206) which breaks down as follows:

a) nine million three hundred and forty thousand three hundred and twenty seven CFA francs (F CFA 9 340 327) for 2000
b) one billion two hundred and twenty four million three hundred and ninety seven thousand two hundred and fifty three CFA franc (F CFA 1 424 397 253) for 2001
c) seven hundred and seventeen million two hundred and thirty six thousand six hundred and thirty two CFA francs (F CFA 717 236 632) for 2002

116. Council also approved the list of new products and industrial enterprises approved for the ECOWAS trade liberalization scheme

Item 10 (xiiib) Study on the impact of the CET on the economies of Member States: for information

117. The Deputy Executive Secretary, (Policy Harmonisation), **Mr. Mame Cor Sane** presented a progress report on the study on the impact of the common external tariff on public finances, the economy and the external trade of Member States, as well as the report of the workshop on the impact of the CET held in Abuja on 6 and 7 November 2002.

118. The Council of Ministers took note of the reports and invited the Secretariat to expedite action on the study so that the conclusions can be submitted for decision

Item 10 (xiv): Consideration of the Report of the Transport, Communication and Tourism Commission

119. The Deputy Executive Secretary/Integration Programmes, **Dr. Remi Aribisala** presented the report of the second meeting of the Commission on Transport, Communication and Tourism which was held in Dakar on 26 October 2002. The meeting considerd and adopted the Plan of Action for Regional Transport Facilitation aimed at reducing the cost of road transport.

120. The Council of Ministers adopted the three sections of the road transport facilitation programme for the trans-coastal (Lagos/Nouakchott) and trans-Sahelian (Dakar/Ndjamena) corridors as part of the facilitation programme for inter-State road transport and transit namely :

- establishment of joint border posts;
- establishment of observatories to identify bad practices impeding the free movement of persons and goods; and
- organisation of awareness campaigns for effective implementation of the Inter-State Road Transit of goods (ISRT) Convention.

Item 10(xv) : Consideration of the Report of the Political, Legal and Judicial Affairs, Regional Security and Immigrations Commission

121. The Executive Secretariat presented the report of the legal experts of ECOWAS Member States who met from 21 to 24 November in Abuja, under the aegis of the Political Affairs, Legal and Judicial, Regional Security and Immigrations Commission, to consider amendments to the protocol relating to the Community Court of Justice.

122. Council considered the nature of the proposed amendments and decided to refer the matter to the ad hoc Ministerial Committee to be set up on the harmonisation of the legislative texts of the Institutions of the Community.

Item 10(xvi): Consideration of the Report of Heads of National Units

123. The report of the meeting was presented by **Mr. Makhtar Gueye**, the Chairman of the meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units, held in Abuja from 2 to 5 April 2002.

124. One of the objectives of the meeting was to evaluate the ECOWAS priority programmes and identify the difficulties and constraints impeding the regional integration process, with a view to finding appropriate solutions.

125. Council took note of the evaluation of the implementation status of the priority programmes and adopted the recommendations of the meeting relating to the strengthening of the national units, the harmonisation of policies, integration programmes, political affairs, defence and security, administration and finance as well as on the role of ECOWAS in the implementation of NEPAD.

Item 10(xvii) Consideration of the Report of the Meeting of Directors of Statistics

126. The Deputy Executive Secretary, Policy Harmonisation, Mr. Mame Cor Sene presented the outcome of the meeting of the Directors of Statistics of ECOWAS Member States on the harmonisation of national accounts and consumer price indices and on the collection and dissemination of data. The meeting was held in Lome, from 16 to 20 September 2002.

127. The Deputy Executive Secretary pointed out that the economic data used in the evaluation of the convergence criteria must be comparable, in order for the multilateral surveillance mechanism to be credible. It therefore follows that the methods for the preparation of the statistical aggregates (national accounts and consumer price indices) as well as the legal, accounting and statistical framework of public finances need to be harmonised.

128. The meeting therefore, aimed to make recommendations and observations on the section relating to the harmonisation of national accounts and consummer price indices, in the light of the survey conducted by the Executive Secretariat with the technical assistance of AFRISTAT on the analysis of the existing methods of calculating GDP and consummer price indices (CPI) in ECOWAS and in the UEMOA Commission.

129. The meeting of experts adopted two plans of actions; the one focussing on the harmonisation of national accounts and the other on consummer price indices.

130. Council adopted the two plans of action proposed and called on the Executive Secretariat and Member States to take all necessary measures to promptly execute them.

Item 10 (xviii): ECOWAS Donor Assistance for the Capacity Building of the Executive Secretariat within the framework of NEPAD

131. In presenting the report of the meeting at Abuja on 5 November, 2002, between ECOWAS and donor agencies Mr. Mame Cor Sene, Deputy Executive Secretary (Policy Harmonisation) explained that the objective of the meeting was to enhance the capacity of the Secretariat to fulfil its mandate of a regional focal point for the implementation of NEPAD in West Africa. The report indicated the

acceptance and pledge of the donors to sponsor the recruitment of ten consultants for a three-year period. This technical assistance will be in support of the Secretariat's NEPAD Programme in such priority areas as trade, macro-economic policy, transport, agriculture, political governance, human development and promotion of the private sector.

132. While welcoming this initiative, Council requested the Secretariat to ensure that the pledges were confirmed and redeemed as soon as possible. Council stressed the importance of NEPAD for the development of the region and the need for the Secretariat to expedite action on the establishment and functioning of the NEPAD focal points at national and regional levels.

Item 10(xix): Consideration of the Report of the ECOWAS/IOM Joint Meeting on "International Migrations in West Africa"

133. The report of the ECOWAS/IOM joint meeting, which considered and adopted a plan of action on international migrations, was presented by its Chairman, Mr. Mamadou Sow.

134. The Council of Ministers adopted the report of the meeting and decided to:

i) endorse the activities of ECOWAS and the IOM in the fields of migration management, human security, regional stability as well as activities focussing on internally displaced persons;

ii) encourage Member States who are not members of the IOM to take necessary measures to join the organisation in order to facilitate and

accelerate the implementation of necessary activities in their countries;

iii) encourage Member States to fully cooperate with the ECOWAS Secretariat in the execution and implementation of all the activities planned by the IOM and ECOWAS within the framework of the existing cooperation agreement.

10 (xx) : Forum of the Private Sector on Regional Integration In West Africa

135. The report on the Forum of the Private Sector on Regional Integration in West Africa, held in Accra on 23 and 24 October 2002, was presented by Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, Executive President of the African Business Roundtable and Chairperson of the NEPAD Business Group. He indicated that the forum was convened to enable West African entrepreneurs discuss regional integration issues and identify the most appropriate means of playing a more active role in the integration process. The forum advocated a strong private/public partnership and close ties among the economic operators themselves. There was a call for an enhancement of the business environment through the observance of good political and economic governance at both national and regional levels. The Forum adopted plans of action in seven key sectors in which clear roles were identified for the regional integration organisations, governments and the private sector.

136. Council took note of the report and commended the members of the private sector for their determination to participate in the regional integration process. The Executive Secretariat was directed to ensure the full execution of the plan of action.

Item 11(i): Consideration of the memoranda on the Administrative status of Mr. Frank Ofei

137. In granting the request of the Executive Secretary to withdraw the memorandum for further information, Council urged him to find an administrative solution to the matter, and in future avoid bringing such administrative issues to the level of Council.

Item 11(ii): Consideration of the Memorandum on the ECOWAS Anthem

138. The Executive Secretariat presented the memorandum on the ECOWAS Anthem. The memorandum reported that the author of the anthem had incorporated the recommendations of the 25th ECOWAS summit relating to the reduction of the length of the pause between the two verses. The final version of the anthem will be played at the opening ceremony of the 26th Summit.

139. The adaptation of the lyrics from English to the French language is still in progress. The final text will be submitted for consideration by a Jury before its adoption by the Authority.

140. Council recommended that a Portuguese version of the anthem should be written.

Item 11(iii): Consideration of the Memorandum on the ECOWAS Flag

141. Council endorsed the memorandum on the ECOWAS Flag, which proposed the adoption of the present flag of the Institution in place of the design of a new one. The following reasons were given to justify the proposal:

- citizens of the sub-region and our partners are already accustomed to the present flag;

- the flag is made up of the ECOWAS logo printed over white background, a design similar to that of the flags of other international organisations such as the United Nations (UN), the European Union (EU) and the more recent African Union (AU);

- while the design of the flag is simple, it nonetheless reflects the spirit of integration;

- ECOMOG has adopted and successfully utilised the ECOWAS flag as armband, like the United Nations forces;

- the design and adoption of a new flag will necessitate numerous changes and entail unnecessary costs.

142. Council therefore, recommended to the Authority to formally adopt the present flag as the ECOWAS Flag.

Item 11(iv): Consideration of the draft Headquarters Agreement between Burkina Faso and ECOWAS relating to the establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit for Integrated Water Resources Management

143. The representative of the Minister of State for Water Resources of Burkina Faso presented the West African Integrated Water Resources Management Programme initiated by the ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Water Resources, which gave rise to the adoption of the Regional Plan of Action and

the establishment in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, of the Regional Coordinating Unit.

144. To this effect, a draft Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Burkina Faso and ECOWAS was prepared and submitted to the Council of Ministers for consideration. The Executive Secretariat proposed amendments to the document with regard to the powers to be delegated to the Coordinator of the Regional Coordinating Unit.

145. Council authorised the signing of the Headquarters Agreement.

Item 11(v): Presentation of the Resolution on the enhancement of the powers of the ECOWAS Parliament

146. The Speaker of the Parliament, in his presentation of this resolution of the second session of Parliament in 2002, informed Council of the wish of Parliament to be accorded the necessary powers to enable it make a greater contribution to the regional integration process. He explained that the proposed resolution would enhance the capacity of the Parliament in various ways such as its involvement in regional peace, democracy and good governance, the exercise of financial autonomy, powers of staff recruitment and an extension of its consultative powers. In addition, the Speaker made a case for fixing a terminal date of the transitional period in order to permit the election of Members by direct universal suffrage.

147. After this presentation, Council recommended that the matter should be referred to the Committee set up to harmonise the basic tests and procedures of the Community Institutions.

Item 12: Demonstration on West African Power Pool and Telecommunications Database Network

148. As part of its policy of enlightening the ECOWAS authorities on the priority programmes of the Community, the Secretariat proceeded to demonstrate the following points:

i) The West African Power Pool system;

ii) The Telecommunications Database Network.

Item 13: Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the Twenty-sixth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

149. Council adopted the attached draft agenda of the Twenty-sixth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

Item 14: Other Matters

150. No issues were raised under this item.

Item 15: Adoption of Report

151. The report of the meeting was adopted.

Item 16: Closing Session

152. The Chairman of Council, Honourable Cheikh Tidiane Gadio expressed his gratitude to his colleagues for the diligence with which they deliberated on all of the many issues that were presented to Council. The

Chairman drew attention in his closing remarks to some of the major decisions that had been made during the session and, particularly, the recommendations that were being forwarded to the Authority for consideration. He observed that the Community had reached a critical stage in the integration process and urged all Member States to redouble their efforts at the implementation of Community acts and decisions.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS.....DAY OF JANUARY 2003

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

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FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Dakar, 26 - 28 January 2003

REGULATION C/REG.1/01/03 RELATING TO THE PARTIAL ALLOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY LEVY TO THE PAID-UP CAPITAL OF ECOWAS BANK FOR INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/7/96 of 27 July 1996 relating to the conditions governing the application of the Community Levy namely article 11 (d) authorizing any other uses as may be decided by the Authority or the Council including any increases to the capital of the ECOWAS Fund;

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 ECOWAS FUND ;

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.13/12/01 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government declaring the first tranche of the called-up capital of ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development as due;

CONSIDERING the Report of the 22nd Meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND ;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the President of ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)

ENACTS

Article 1

Member States are hereby authorized to use part of their Community Levy for the payment of the shares they have subscribed in the capital of ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).

Article 2

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. It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the aforementioned period.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH JANUARY 2003

HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

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FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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REGULATION C/REG.2/01/03 APPROVING THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL (WAPP) CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING PROGRAMME

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;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 establishing the WAPP;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.7/12/99 relating to the adoption of a Master Plan to develop means of energy production and interconnection of electricity networks of the ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING the need for an acceleration of the WAPP implementation process in order to bring electricity to all the people of West Africa as quickly as possible ;

AWARE that practical implementation of the WAPP initiative could potentially be slowed down by constraints, system differences, and weaknesses existing in the national electric power systems ;

DESIRING to strengthening the skills of the personnel in national power systems and supporting agencies in order to support the expanding WAPP interconnected infrastructure and increasing power exchanges between Member States;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Meeting of the WAPP Steering Committee held in Conakry on 18th October 2002;

ENACTS

Article 1

A West African Power Pool (WAPP) Capacity Building and Training Programme on Energy is hereby approved for the Member States, the Electricity Companies and the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS.

Article 2

The Capacity Building and Training Programme is attached as an annex to 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 its signature by the Chairman of the Council. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN
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REGULATION C/REG.3/01/03 RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION ON THE REGULATION ON TRANSHUMANCE BETWEEN THE ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 25 of the Treaty on cooperation between the Member States as a means for achieving agricultural development and food security;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/10/98 on the regulation of transhumance between the ECOWAS Member States;

CONVINCED that the sustained development of livestock production is an integral part of any food security or poverty reduction policy;

CONSIDERING that given the resources presently available to the ECOWAS Member States, traditional pastoral farming systems such as transhumance, subsist and contribute to socio-economic development and the growth of livestock production;

AWARE that the random movement of livestock and transhumance can trigger numerous health, social, legal, environmental, economic and political problems;

DESIROUS of improving the conditions for livestock production in the Member States, and, for that purpose, to induce a gradual evolution of the traditional farming systems towards intensive breeding methods, and to introduce transhumance regulations in the ECOWAS sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers responsible for livestock production, held in Ouagadougou, on 9 and 10 October 2002;

ENACTS

The measures hereunder shall be taken by all the States of the ECOWAS sub-region.

Article 1: At the Level of the Member States

a) Organisation of information, communication, enlightenment, training and education campaigns and programmes directed at transhumant herdsmen and the different actors involved in transhumance in the departure, transit and host zones of transhumant herds;

b) Establishment and/or re-energising of pastoral organisations at the national level, and especially, of breeders' associations, in order to encourage them to contribute to the improved management of transhumance, and the prevention and management of transhumance-related conflicts;

c) Establishment of national committees, networks or other bodies, to manage, monitor and appraise transhumance;

d) Strict compliance, by the livestock breeding States, transhumants, farmers and other sections of the rural society:

- with the decision of the Heads of State and Government regulating transhumance between the Member States, and with the provisions of the ECOWAS Protocols, Conventions and Decisions relating thereto, and particularly, to those on the free movement of persons, goods and services, and to the mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution, peace-keeping and security;

- with the laws and regulations in force in the Member States, and to bilateral and multilateral commitments, especially those concerning the conservation and sustained management of natural resources and the environment;

- with the abrogation by Benin, of the measure suspending transhumance.

Article 2: At the Level of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat

a. Technical and financial support shall be given by ECOWAS, which shall also source funds from donors for the following:

i. to finance information, training and enlightenment programmes for transhumant herdsmen and the local communities affected by cross-border transhumance;

ii. to print and circulate the ECOWAS international transhumance certificate;

iii. to organise annual meetings to appraise and programme transhumance between neighbouring States, and biennial meetings on transhumance in the West African sub-region, jointly sponsored by ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS and other organisations with stakes in transhumance;

iv. to conduct up-dated studies on transhumance routes and itineraries, in collaboration with UEMOA, CILSS and other organisations with stakes in transhumance;

v. to formulate and implement sub-regional programmes for the development of grazing lands, or the creation of cross-border infrastructures to facilitate transhumance;

vi. to set up pilot cross-border projects with a view to developing new joint management methods for the transumance routes and host zones;

vii. to conduct a study projecting the future of livestock production, particularly in West and Central Africa.

b. Other intergovernmental organisations in West and Central Africa shall be officially briefed, in order to coordinate initiatives and interventions relating to transhumance in West and Central Africa.

c. OAU/IBAR shall be officially briefed in order to ensure the inclusion of transhumance in the Pan African Programme for the Control of Epizootic Diseases (PACE) in view of the serious implications of animal movements for animal health.

d. A high-level emergency meeting of the countries concerned shall be convened, with a view to finding a lasting solution to the presence of alien livestock entering the territory of the host country illegally.

Article 3: At the Level of the Member States and ECOWAS

i. Coverage of all the transhumance routes within the sub-region;

ii. Creation of an information and communications network for transhumance and the monitoring of animal diseases;

iii. Involvement of herdsmen, associations of professionals and other stakeholders in the implementation of the decision of the Heads of State;

iv. Formulation and implementation, within each Member State, of a pastoral development programme involving the preparation of maps of grazing areas, transhumance zones and watering points;

v. Creation of a Ministerial monitoring committee on transhumance;

vi. Creation of a regional transhumance observatory to monitor compliance with ECOWAS measures;

vii. Formulation of a regional pastoral resources strategy within the framework of the sub-regional action plan (SRAP) for desertification control adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government, and of initiatives taken within the West African sector of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD);

viii. Inclusion of pastoral and agro-economic programmes in the curriculums of West African training institutions specialising in livestock production;

ix. Promotion of dialogue and collaboration between Member States on transhumance-related issues;

x. Dissemination of information on animal health among the veterinary services of the Member States.

Article 4: Entry into Force

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 in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES

COMMUNAUTÉ ÉCONOMIQUE DES
ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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REGULATION C/REG.4/01/03 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;

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;

CONSIDERING the high demand for residential accommodation in Abuja resulting in an astronomical increase in the Real Estate rents in the Abuja metropolis;

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

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 18 to 25 November 2002;

ENACTS

Article 1

The sum of N281,100,000 **(Two hundred and eighty-one million, one hundred thousand Naira) (UA 1,079,403.05)** is hereby approved for the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS to cover renewal and contracting of new leases for 2003.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall prepare estimates of the overall financial implications of leases to cover all the posts approved by the sixth extra-ordinary session of the Council of Ministers. Such estimates shall be submitted to the Administration and Finance commission for consideration.

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 be published in the national gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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Dakar, 26 - 28 January 2003

REGULATION C/REG.5/01/03 APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 2001 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 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 and Dièye as external auditors of the Institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING the Contract Agreement between ECOWAS and Coopers Lybrand and Dieye 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 2001 Financial Year;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty eighth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 18 to 25 November 2002.

E N A C T S

Article 1

The Audited Financial Statements of the Executive Secretariat attached hereto for the 2001 financial year is 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, 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
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REGULATION C/REG.6/01/03 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION FOR THE 2003 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-Eighth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 18 to 25 November 2002;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the West African Health Organisation for the 2003 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of Four million, nine hundred and sixty seven thousand, seven hundred and fourteen Units of Accounts (4,967,714 UA) is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

An amount of **One million Units of Accounts (UA 1,000,000)** 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 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. SHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN

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REGULATION C/REG.7/01/03 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT FOR THE 2003 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 composition, functions, powers and organisations of the Community Parliament;

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-Eighth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 18 - 25 November 2002;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Community Parliament for the 2003 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of **Six million five hundred and forty-four thousand three hundred and forty six Units of Accounts (UA 6,544,346)** is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

An amount of **Four million five hundred and forty-four thousand three hundred and forty Units of Accounts (UA 4,544,346)** 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 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
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REGULATION C/REG.8/01/03 REGULARISING THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT AND GRANTING THE STATUS OF STATUTORY APPOINTEE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

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/P2/8/94 defining the status, composition, functions and other issues relating to the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.19/12/01 relating to the headquarters of the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of the Rules of Procedure of the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of the regulations adopting the budgets of the Community Parliament for 2001 and 2002;

CONSIDERING the need to grant to officers of the Community Parliament, a status commensurate with the importance of the institution;

CONSIDERING that for the take-off of its activities and its smooth operation, the Community Parliament has engaged the services of highly qualified and competent staff, whose performance is deemed satisfactory by the Head of the institution;

DESIROUS of preserving the rights thus acquired by the afore-mentioned staff of the Community Parliament;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The appointments of Mrs. Halima Ahmed and Mr. Mohamed Diakite as Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament with the status of statutory appointees, are hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

Mrs. Halima Ahmed and Mr. Mohamed Diakite are appointed for a period of four (4) years, renewable for another period of four (4) years.

ARTICLE 3

Mrs. Halima Ahmed and Mr. Mohamed Diakite shall retain the rights enjoyed since their appointment, in respect of remunerations and other privileges.

ARTICLE 4

The appointment of the thirty-one (31) other members of staff recruited by the Community Parliament is hereby endorsed.

ARTICLE 5

The members of staff mentioned in Article 3 above shall retain the rights enjoyed since their appointment, in respect of remunerations and other privileges.

Article 6

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 in the National Gazette by each Member State within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
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REGULATION C/REG.9/01/03 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2003 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-Eighth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 18 to 25 November 2002;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Community Court of Justice for the 2003 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of **Three million and forty-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven Units of Accounts (3,042,987 UA)** is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 2

The amount of **Two million eight hundred and seventeen thousand two hundred and ninety-six Units of Accounts (2,817,296 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 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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REGULATION C/REG.10/01/03 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 2003 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-Eighth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 18th to 25th November 2002;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the 2003 Financial Year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of **Twenty-two million seventy-two thousand and seven hundred Units of Accounts (22,072,700 UA)** is hereby approved.

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ARTICLE 2

An amount of **Eighteen million nine hundred and two thousand and two hundred Units of Accounts (18,902,200 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 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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REGULATION C.REG.11/01/03 APPROVING THE COMPENSATION BUDGETS FOR LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY ECOWAS MEMBER STATES IN 2000, 2001 AND 2002 AS A RESULT OF THE LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-ECOWAS TRADE.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10 11 and 12 of the revised 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 applications for compensation of loss of revenue submitted by Benin and Togo for the importation of approved industrial products in 2000, 2001 and 2002;

CONSIDERING the Report of the forty fourth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission held Abuja from 15 to 16 November 2002;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-eight meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 18 to 25 November 2002

ENACTS

Article 1

The compensation budget for loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade are hereby approved, in the amount of two billion one hundred and fifty million nine hundred and seventy four thousand two hundred and six CFA francs (2,150,974,206 FCFA), which breaks down as follows:

a) Nine million, three hundred and forty thousand, and thirty two francs CFA (9 340 321) for 2000;

b) One billion, four hundred and twenty four million , three hundred and ninety seven thousand, two hundred and fifty tree francs CFA (1 424 397 253) for 2001

c) Seven hundred and seventeen million, two hundred and thirty six thousand, six hundred and and thirty two francs CFA (717 236 632) for 2002.

Tables I and II 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 payment to the Member States having suffered loss of revenue, of the amounts recorded in the compensation budgets for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Article 3

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 in the National Gazette by each Member State within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2003

Hon. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

TABLEAU I: PERTE DE RECETTES DU BENIN

(en francs CFA)

ETATS MEMBRES	MONTANT DES CONTRIBUTIONS	
	Année 2001	1er Semestre 2002
Ghana	470 874 168	194 720 084
Nigeria	137 026 059	29 214 475
Togo	642 101 303	415 139 629
Sénégal	3 066 718	
TOTAUX	1 253 068 248	639 074 84

TABLEAU II: PERTE DE RECETTES DU TOGO

(en francs CFA)

ETATS MEMBRES	MONTANT DES CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Année 2000	Année 2001	Année 2002
Ghana	9 340 321	165 412 296	64 183 776
Nigeria	-	5 916 709	13 978 672
TOTAUX	9 340 321	171 329 005	78 162 448

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REGULATION C/REG.12/01/03 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 5th November 1976 defining the concept of products originating from Member States of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 dated 29th 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;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.3/4/02 dated 23rd April 2002 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial enterprises and products under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the forty-fourth of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission held in Abuja from 15th to 16th November 2002;

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ENACTS

Article 1

The Industrial enterprises and products fulfilling the ECOWAS rules of origin listed in the attached annex are approved for approval for the benefit of preferential treatment under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall give each enterprise concerned, an appoval 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

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

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS DAY OF 28TH JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO

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REGULATION C/REG.13/01/03 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 2003 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 2003 Financial Year proposed by the Twenty-eighth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 18 to 25 November 2002;

E N A C T S

ARTICLE 1

The Work Programme attached hereto, is hereby approved and shall be executed by the Executive Secretariat during the 2003 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 ABUJA, THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN
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REGULATION C/REG.14/01/03 APPROVING THE REVISED ORGANOGRAM OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF ECOWAS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE FORTY-NINE (49) NEWLY CREATED POSTS

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;

MINDFUL of Article 17 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing an Executive Secretariat of the Community;

CONSIDERING the need to restructure the Executive Secretariat in order to eliminate all short comings and defects identified in the structure and introduce thereon fundamental innovations that would strengthen the institution and enable it respond more effectively to the challenges of globalisation.

RECALLING Reg.C/Reg.9/12/99 approving the Restructuring of the Executive Secretariat in accordance with an approved 1999 Organogram;

AWARE of the new responsibilities that fall on the Executive Secretariat as a result of Decision A/Dec.2/5/02 adopted in Yamoussoukro on 17th May, 2002 which appoints ECOWAS as the Coordinating and Monitoring organ for the Implementation of NEPAD

DESIRING to enhance the capacity of the Executive Secretariat in terms of personnel to enable it discharge its functions more efficiently.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifth meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on Re-structuring held in Abuja from 1 - 2 August 2002.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The Revised organogram of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS accommodating forty-nine (49) newly created posts is hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat should immediately commence the process of recruitment of staff in order to fill the vacancies in the approved organogram.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community not later than thirty (30) days after it is signed 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 DAY OF 28TH JANUARY 2003.

HON. CHEIKH TIDIANE GADIO
CHAIRMAN

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
WEST AFRICAN STATES

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

FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Dakar, 26 - 28 January 2003

REGULATION C/REG.15/01/03 ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE HARMONISATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE TEXTS 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;

CONSIDERING that many protocols relating to the institutions of the Community, by virtue of their prior existence to the revised ECOWAS Treaty, contain provisions in contradiction to the Treaty;

NOTING that the continued existence of this situation may infirm the decisions of the Community and hinder the smooth functioning of the institutions;

ANXIOUS to endow the Community with coherent, well-adapted and readily applicable texts, and to this end to up-date existing texts;

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

There is hereby established an ad hoc Ministerial Committee to harmonise the legislative texts of the Community.

ARTICLE 2

1. The Committee shall undertake a critical review of the revised ECOWAS Treaty, Protocols and Conventions with a view to endowing the Community with modern legal instruments whose implementation shall contribute to the acceleration of the integration process.

2. The Committee shall identify and examine the deficiencies of the texts and formulate proposals for their amendment.

3. The Committee shall, in the execution of this task, make such recommendations as shall be liable to remove all legal and institutional obstacles to the realisation of the integration objectives of the Community.

ARTICLE 3

1. The following Member States shall be members of the Ad hoc Committee:

   i. Republic of Cape Verde
   ii. Republic of The Gambia
   iii. Republic of Ghana
   iv. Republic of Guinea
   v. Republic of Mali
   vi. Federal Republic of Nigeria
   vii. Republic of Senegal
   viii. Republic of Sierra Leone

2. The Executive Secretariat shall equally be a member of the Committee.

ARTICLE 4

The ad hoc Committee shall submit a progress report at the next ordinary session of the Council of Ministers.

ARTICLE 5

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 in the National Gazette by each Member State within the same time-frame.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 26 – 28 JANUARY, 2003

REGULATION C/REG.16/01/03 RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE ECOWAS BANK FOR INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (EBID) FOR THE YEAR 2003

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of 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 of the Authority relating to the transformation of the ECOWAS FUND into a Regional Holding Company;

CONSIDERING the Report of the Twenty-second Meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The budget of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) for the year 2003 is approved as follows:

   - operating expenses: UA 407.170
   - expenses on equipment: UA 9.750

   amounting to a total of UA 416.920.

2. The amount shall be drawn from the capital resources of the ECOWAS FUND and treated as part of start-up costs.

Article 2

The President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development shall be responsible for 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 in the National Gazette of each Member State within the aforementioned period.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH JANUARY 2003

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 26 – 28 JANUARY, 2003

REGULATION C/REG.17/01/03 RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE ECOWAS REGIONAL INVESTMENT BANK (ERIB) FOR THE YEAR 2003

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of 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 ECOWAS FUND;

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

CONSIDERING the Report of the Twenty-second Meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND ;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND ;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The budget of the ECOWAS Regional Investment Bank (ERIB) for the year 2003 amounting to UA 259,500 and covering its operating expenditure is hereby approved.

2. The amount shall be drawn from the capital resources of the ECOWAS FUND and treated as part of start-up costs.

Article 2

The Managing Director of ECOWAS Regional Investment Bank shall be responsible for 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 in the National Gazette of each Member State within the aforementioned period.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH JANUARY 2003

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DAKAR, 26 – 28 JANUARY, 2003

REGULATION C/REG.18/01/03 RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE ECOWAS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF) FOR THE YEAR 2003

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of 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 ECOWAS FUND;

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

CONSIDERING the Report of the Twenty-second Meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the FUND ;

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ENACTS

Article 1

1. The budget of the ECOWAS Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for the year 2003 is approved as follows:

   - operating expenses: UA 260,190
   - expenses on equipment: UA 5,550

   amounting to a total of UA 265,740.

2. The amount shall be drawn from the capital resources of the ECOWAS FUND and treated as part of start-up costs.

Article 2

The Managing Director of the ECOWAS Regional Development Fund shall be responsible for 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 in the National Gazette of each Member State within the aforementioned period.

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FORTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dakar, 26 – 28 January 2003

VOTE OF THANKS

The participants at the forty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers, held in Dakar from 26 to 28 January 2003 wish to express their profound gratitude to the President of the Republic of Senegal, **His Excellency, Maitre Abdoulaye Wade,** and to the government and people of Senegal, for the warm and brotherly welcome accorded them, and the excellent facilities placed at their disposal during their stay in Senegal.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2003

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