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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Ouagadougou, 4 - 5 June 2007

FINAL REPORT

ECOWAS Commission,
Ouagadougou, June 2007

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The fifty-eighth ordinary session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held at the Ouaga 2000 Conference Centre in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 4 and 5 June 2007.

2. The following Member States were represented:

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

3. The following Institutions and specialised agencies of the Community were also represented at the session:

- The ECOWAS Parliament
- The Community Court of Justice
- The ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- The West African Health Organisation (WAHO)
- Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)

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

II. OPENING SESSION

5. In his welcome address, Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, President of the ECOWAS Commission, expressed appreciation to the President, the Government and people of Burkina Faso for their hospitality. He also praised the Chairman of Council for the able leadership he had provided since assuming office.

6. He recalled that following his election in January 2007, the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government and President of Burkina Faso, H. E. Blaise Compaoré, had set a medium term priority agenda for ECOWAS. This included poverty reduction, infrastructure development and EPA/trade negotiations capacity enhancement.

7. The President of the Commission explained that a number of strategies had been adopted to meet these challenges. These included the finalization of a strategic vision document, preparation of a medium-term action plan and the preparation of a capacity-building strategic framework for the Commission.

8. The Honourable Jean Baptiste Compaoré, Minister of Finance of Burkina Faso, standing in for the Chairman of Council, welcomed delegates to the fifty-eighth Ordinary session of Council and recalled the difficulties of African Integration in the West African sub-region. He further highlighted a number of other challenges facing the sub-region. In order to achieve the objective of development of the Community, all Member States must implement the projects undertaken by ECOWAS to improve welfare of the people, eradicate poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. This can be done by mobilizing quantitative human resources available in the Community in the area of economy, peace, infrastructure, politics, harmonization of taxes, agriculture and environmental policies in the sub-region

9. He concluded by wishing the delegates fruitful deliberations. The full texts of the speeches are annexed to this report.

Swearing-In Ceremony of ECOWAS Commissioners

10. Following their presentation by the President of the ECOWAS Commission, the President of the Community Court of Justice administered the oath of office on the Vice President and six (6) Commissioners of the ECOWAS Commission. They are:

- Mr. Jean de Dieu Somda - Vice President ;

- Dr. (Mrs.) Adaoha C. Okwuosa - Commissioner for Administration and Finance
- Mr. Mohammed B. Daramy - Commissioner for Trade, Customs, Industry, Mines and Free Movement of Persons and Goods
- Mr. Ousseïni Salifou - Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources
- Dr. Comla Kadjé - Commissioner for Infrastructure
- Prof. Lambert N'galadjo Bamba - Commissioner for Macro-economic Policies
- Col. Mahamane Toure - Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security

11. Council congratulated the Vice-president and the Commissioners and urged them to perform their duties with utmost diligence and integrity.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

12. The following bureau was elected:

- a. Chair - Burkina Faso
- b. Rapporteurs - Cape Verde
- The Gambia

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

13. The following agenda was adopted after amendment.

INTRODUCTION

Opening Ceremony

- Welcome address by the President of the Commission
- Opening speech by the Chairman of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers
- Swearing-In Ceremony for ECOWAS Commissioners
- Coffee break and group photograph

Work session

- Election of Bureau
- Adoption of Agenda

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- I. Consideration of the Interim Report of the President of the Commission

- II. Implementation status of tasks assigned to ECOWAS Institutions
- III. Consideration of the Report of the First meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee.
- IV. Consideration of the Memorandum on the Responsibility of Member States Hosting ECOWAS Institutions
- V. Consideration of Memoranda on Administrative issues relating to the ECOWAS Parliament
- VI. Consideration of the Memorandum on the allocation of the posts of Director General and Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organization (WAHO) to Member States
- VII. Consideration of the draft agenda of the thirty second ordinary Summit of Heads of States and Government.

B. ITEMS FOR OPINION

NIL

C. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Consideration of the Memorandum on the inauguration of the second Legislature of the ECOWAS Parliament

D. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

E. CLOSING CEREMONY.

V) **OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS**

A. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

Item 1: Consideration of the 2007 ECOWAS Interim Report

14. The President presented the Interim Report of the Commission for 2007 fiscal year. The Report is a synopsis of the achievements recorded by the Community and the challenges it faced in the course of promoting regional integration. He noted that the West African economic situation in 2006 and the first quarter of 2007 was as robust as in the previous few years. In 2006, the real GDP was estimated at \$105 billion. Using a harmonized framework for computing ECOWAS GDP, the West African region experienced a growth rate of 6.1 percent in 2006 compared to 5.5 percent in 2005.

15. The high growth rate was as a result of improved macroeconomic management in many countries, and increased demand for key export commodities of the Community, especially by China and India, resulting in high export prices especially for crude oil, metals and minerals. However, the growth rate of the regional economy, though high, is still below the minimum economic growth rate of 7 percent required for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

16. In addition, he remarked that the Community made progress in all the programme activities relating to the effective implementation of the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme, establishment of a customs union and a monetary union. Progress was also made in programme activities on infrastructure development and regional approach to poverty reduction as well as the consolidation of peace, political stability and democracy in the region.

17. A major problem confronting the region is the failure of ECOWAS Member States to translate effectively the regional approach into an appropriate national policy framework. In the Member States, there is still not much evidence of regional integration being seen as a real national priority. The integration process has not had much significant impact on the development of Member States; this is principally because of the low level of implementation of Community Acts and Decisions.

18. Another problem is the region's slow progress in achieving the MDGs. The issue is not that progress is not being made; it is that the rate of progress is slow. With just about eight years left to 2015 and so much to do, it has become imperative that the West African region must speedily scale up its efforts in achieving the MDGs by the target date.

19. He concluded that the task of development remains the primary responsibility of the Community and its Member States. In essence, the challenge of ensuring a sound and sustainable economic environment requires the leadership in each Member State to pursue more vigorously the regional approach.

20. At the end of the deliberations, Council commended the quality of the report, and the promptness with which the new Commission settled down to work. Council also concluded that the ECOWAS Strategic Vision presented a clear way forward for the integration and development of West Africa, while making the following observations and recommendations:

- The Commission was advised to attach a time-frame, based on annual reporting, for the implementation of the various activities in the strategic vision documents to facilitate effective monitoring for desired and timely outcomes;
- Council noted the low level of implementation of the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme and directed that the Commission should explore new approaches and methods beyond sensitization campaigns. This could involve collaboration with development partners and the private sector. Council noted with satisfaction the pledge made by the World Bank during the recently concluded Joint Ministerial Retreat of ECOWAS, to commission a study that will help facilitate the removal of obstacles to the free movement of goods and persons in the sub-region;
- On the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Council requested the Commission to formulate a regional industrial policy based on the comparative advantages of each Member State and intended to support the development aspect of the EPA;
- Council also recommended the creation of a multidisciplinary team within the Commission, to meet with the donor agencies and find ways and means of overcoming the difficulties relating to the convergence criteria. Council noted the pledge by the Member States to ensure a speedy domestication of the legal texts on the WAMZ in order to realise the objectives of the second monetary zone by the deadline of December, 2009.

Item 2: Implementation status of tasks assigned to ECOWAS Institutions

21. The status report on the implementation of tasks assigned to Community Institutions presented by the ECOWAS Commission, related to the 2006 Annual Report, the Common Policy on Migration, NEPAD implementation and EPA negotiations. Other matters covered by the report included the new organogram of the Commission, new Financial Regulations for Community Institutions and certain concerns of the Community Parliament.

22. Following consideration of the report, Council made the following observations and recommendations:

- The problem of migration should be addressed in its broad perspective giving particular regard to the development aspect. In that regard, Council directed the Commission to involve Ministers responsible for development issues in the up-coming Ministerial meeting on migration scheduled to hold in Abuja;
- Noting that the organogram presented by the Commission was a harmonized version of the Nlamey organogram which Council had decided should be the basis, Council approved the implementation of the organogram;
- The Commission was directed to undertake a study to ascertain the level of preparedness of Member States to accede to the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) in order to help promote adherence to the mechanism.

Item 3: Consideration of the Report of the First Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee

23. The report of the First meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, presented by its Chairman, addressed among others, the following issues:

- Conditions of Service of the Commissioners;

- New rates of subsistence allowance for Members of Council and Technical Committees, as well as staff of the Community on Official missions;
- Granting of a compensatory allowance to Commissioners not provided with accommodation;
- Financial support to Member States holding the Chairmanship of the Authority of Heads of State and Government and/or hosting the Summit;
- Status of the negotiations of the West Africa-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement; and
- Schedule of Statutory meetings.

24. Following consideration of the report, Council approved the report of the Committee and took the following specific decisions:

- i. Council agreed on the need to improve the conditions of service of the Commissioners and other Statutory staff. In this regard, Council requested the Commission to undertake a study that takes into account the Community's financial resources and its administrative/programmes budget ratio, in order to facilitate Council decision. Council decided that in the meantime, responsibility allowance should be paid to the Commissioners according to the following rates:

a. President of the Commission	=	10 % of basic salary
b. Vice President and Heads of other Community Institutions	=	8 % of basic salary
c. Commissioners and other Statutory appointees of Community Institutions	=	5 % of basic salary
- ii. Council also took note of the fact that as an administrative measure, future decision by Council on appropriate remuneration could be given retroactivity if deemed necessary.
- iii. On the concern by Nigeria over the advertisement of the post of Chief Registrar by the Community Court of Justice without running the same advertisement in the host country, Council took note of the explanation of the President of the Commission that the matter would be referred to the Management Succession Committee comprising Heads of Institutions, in order to remedy the situation.

Item 4: Consideration of the Memorandum on the responsibility of Member States Hosting ECOWAS Institutions

25. Against the background of the recent experience of the difficulties some Community Institutions have had in implementing their Headquarters Agreements, the ECOWAS Commission presented a memorandum on the responsibility of Member States hosting ECOWAS Institutions. The proposals contained in the memorandum, which are aimed at facilitating the process of selection of host Member States as well as harmonizing the rights and privileges provided in the different locations, are designed to supplement the provisions of the 1978 ECOWAS General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities which also address the subject.

26. The memorandum therefore articulated for the approval of Council a set of criteria for hosting Community Institutions and Agencies, a selection process to guide the Authority and the establishment of a standard Headquarters Agreement that contains the suggested criteria. Among the requirements is the provision of fully furnished office accommodation for the Institution and residential accommodation for the head as a minimum. Other conditions to be met include due application of the Community Levy and adherence to the ECOWAS General Convention on Privileges and Immunities as well as the Vienna Convention on the same subject.

27. In view of the importance of the issue, Council decided to reflect further on it. It directed the Commission to carry out a more in-depth analysis in order to come up with more precise criteria taking into account considerations such as political environment, equity and balance in the distribution of Community Institutions and agencies.

Item 5: Consideration of Memoranda on administrative Issues relating to the ECOWAS Parliament

28. The ECOWAS Parliament presented three (3) memoranda on the following issues:

- Increase in the number of Standing Committees at the Community Parliament;

- Provision of Personal Staff for the Honourable Speaker of Parliament;
- Payment of Severance allowance to the former Speaker of Parliament.

29. Council recognized the importance of the issues raised in the memoranda and decided that the issues required prior consideration by the Administration and Finance Committee which has the technical competence to advise it appropriately.

30. Council therefore decided that the Parliament should resubmit the memoranda to the AFC for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Item 6: Consideration of the memorandum on the allocation of the posts of Director-General and Deputy Director-General of West African Health Organization (WAHO) to Member States

31. Council was informed that the tenure of Dr. Kabba T. Joiner, Director-General of West African Health Organisation (WAHO) and that of Professor Moussa Adama Maïga, Deputy Director-General, whose four-year appointments were renewed by Council in July 2004, were due to expire on 24 February 2008 and 01 March, 2008 respectively.

32. The Commission therefore recommended that the machinery for the filling of these two positions be set in motion with their allocation to two Member States. In this vein, the attention of Council was drawn to the fact that four Member States, namely, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Liberia, currently hold no statutory positions in the Community. Other guiding principle pointed out is due compliance with the Community Levy. Council was also informed that three more statutory positions will become vacant with the expiration of the tenures of three judges at the Community Court of Justice in December, 2008.

33. On the allocation of the posts of Director General and Deputy Director General to become vacant at WAHO, Council decided that the President of the Commission should incorporate relevant proposals within the framework of a Community-wide rotation scheme for further action by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of States and Government.

34. In order to improve the monitoring of specialized agencies of ECOWAS, Council decided that the Chairmen of Ministerial bodies over-seeing the specialized agencies of ECOWAS should be regularly invited by Council to report on the

performance of those agencies, to serve as an objective basis for Council to assess their performance.

35. Furthermore, on the basis of the Council Regulation C/REG.5/06/06 allocating the post of Secretary General of Parliament to the Republic of Guinea, Council decided that in compliance with the decision of the Authority of Heads of States and Government, the post of the Secretary General would be filled immediately by the candidate presented by the Republic of Guinea for a non-renewable mandate of four (4) years as an exceptional case. At the end of his tenure, the post shall be declared vacant and advertised in all Member States as a career professional position.

Item 7: Consideration of the draft agenda of the thirty-second ordinary summit of Heads of State and Government

36. Council considered the draft agenda submitted by the Commission and recommended its adoption to the Authority.

B. ITEMS FOR OPINION

37. No issues were submitted for consideration.

C. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Item 8: Consideration of the memorandum on the inauguration of the second legislature of the ECOWAS Parliament

38. The memorandum of the Commission explained that based on concerns brought to the attention of the 57th Session of Council held in Ouagadougou in December, 2006 by the ECOWAS Parliament, the Commission was instructed to present a memorandum to Council on the inauguration on the Second Legislature and on the recommendations of the first Session. The concerns related to the creation of four positions of Deputy Speaker through the amendment of the Protocol on the Community Parliament, the organisation of standing Committees to cover the areas of jurisdiction of the Technical Committees established by the Revised Treaty and the need to request Burkina Faso and Senegal to select women for the positions of Deputy Speaker.

39. The memorandum reported that the Second Session of the Legislature was inaugurated at its first sitting held in Abuja from 13 – 20 November 2006, with Honourable Mahamane Ousman elected as the Speaker. Among the other resolutions of the Parliament was the increment of its Standing Committees from 10 to 13 and the recruitment of two officers (one Personal Assistant and a Protocol Officer) for the office of Speaker.

40. The memorandum stated further that at an extra ordinary session subsequently held from 15 – 22 January 2007, it adopted its Rules of Procedure and set up 10 Standing Committees and 3 Special Committees. This session also approved the distribution of posts within the Bureaux of the Committees.

41. Besides listing the members elected into the Bureau comprising four Deputy Speakers, the memorandum reported that the Republic of Benin was requested to include a female Parliamentarian in its new delegation to fill the post reserved for that country in the Bureau.

42. Council took note of the information contained in the memorandum. It, however, requested the Parliament to comply with the restructuring-related texts and to first refer any draft resolution thereon to the Administration and Finance Committee.

D. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

43. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the Sierra Leonean and Togolese victims of the helicopter crash that took place in Freetown (Sierra Leone) on 3rd June 2007. Council also sent messages of condolence to the governments and people of the two countries.

44. Council reiterated its earlier directive to the Commission to continue efforts at ensuring that documents for statutory meetings are distributed early enough to all the Member States.

45. Council also directed Community Institutions to take into account meetings of other organizations, within the framework of rationalizing the scheduling of meetings to

avoid overlaps and also ensure maximum participation by Member States and relevant stakeholders.

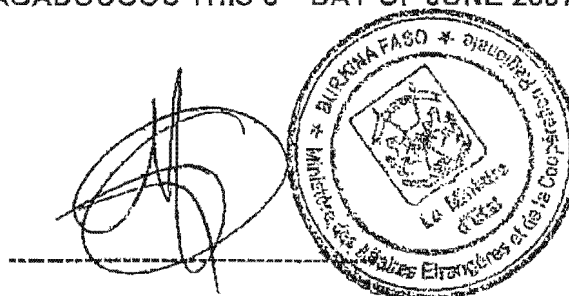
Item 9: Adoption of Report

46. The report was adopted after amendments.

E. CLOSING SESSION

47. The Chairman of Council commended the members for their positive contributions to the deliberations and for the spirit of consensus displayed during the session. He expressed delight that the meeting was able to cover all the issues that underlie our new drive for concrete steps that will impact positively on our populations. Before declaring the meeting closed, he wished the members safe journey to their various destinations.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned to the left of a circular official seal. The seal features the national emblem of Burkina Faso in the center, surrounded by the text "BURKINA FASO" at the top and "Ministère des Affaires Étrangères" at the bottom. The seal is slightly tilted to the right.

Honourable Youssouf OUEDRAOGO

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

VOTE OF THANKS

The participants at the Fifty-eighth ordinary session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers held in Ouagadougou from 4th to 5th June, 2007, expressed their profound gratitude to His Excellency, Blaise Compaoré, President of Faso, and to the Government and people of Burkina Faso for the warm African hospitality extended to them during their stay in Ouagadougou and for the facilities placed at their disposal to ensure the success of their meeting.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007

THE MEETING



FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Ouagadougou, 4 – 5 June 2007

REGULATION C/REG.1/06/07 GRANTING RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE TO THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION AND TO OTHER STATUTORY APPOINTEES OF THE COMMUNITY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the directive contained in the Final Communiqué of the twenty-eighth ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government that the Management of the ECOWAS Secretariat should be restructured to adapt it to the international environment and to make it more effective in the discharge of its sub-regional integration mission;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.16/01/06 transforming the Executive Secretariat into a Commission;

MINDFUL of the responsibility of the Council with regard to the functioning and development of the Institutions of the Community, as provided for in the ECOWAS Treaty;

CONSIDERING the fact that there is no text regulating the conditions of service for Commissioners of the ECOWAS Commission;

CONSIDERING the need to grant ECOWAS Statutory Appointees remunerations and other allowances capable of not only serving as compensation for their competence and efficiency, but also encouraging and motivating them with a view to ensuring the achievement of the objectives of the Community;

CONVINCED however, of the need to carry out a study to facilitate the taking of appropriate decisions that factor in overall available resources, respect for the ratios between resources allocated to the funding of projects and programmes and those allocated to operating costs, as well as the experiences of other similar regional integration organisations;

DESIRING to grant to the President, the Vice President and Commissioners, and other Statutory Appointees, a responsibility allowance pending the conduct of the afore-said study;

AFTER CONSIDERATION of the report of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. Pending the conduct of a study and the taking of an appropriate decision thereon, concerning the conditions of service of ECOWAS Statutory Appointees, the following responsibility allowances are hereby granted to the President, the Vice President and Commissioners of the ECOWAS Commission and to other Statutory Appointees of the Community:

- i) President of the Commission 10% of basic salary

- ii) Vice President and
Heads of other Institutions 8% of basic salary
 - iii) Commissioners and other
Statutory Appointees of
The Community 5% of basic salary
2. The allowance mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article shall be payable monthly to the concerned officers of the Community.


Article 2


With respect to the Commissioners, the conditions of service to be adopted shall take effect from the date of assumption of office.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Commission 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 Official Gazette within the same time frame.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007


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H.E. YOUSSEUF OUEDRAOGO
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL





**FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Ouagadougou, 4 – 5 June 2007

**REGULATION C/REG 2/06/07 ADOPTING REVISED RATES OF DAILY
SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (PER DIEM) PAYABLE TO MINISTERS,
PARLIAMENTARIANS, STAFF OF ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS, AND EXPERTS
OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, DURING OFFICIAL MISSIONS
UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/7/91 adopting per diem rates applicable in the Institutions of the Community;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.15/01/05 relating to the revision of the rates of daily subsistence allowance (per diem) for staff of ECOWAS Institutions and for other representatives on official mission on behalf of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the current per diem rates are inadequate due to inflation and exchange rate fluctuations;

AWARE of the need to grant staff of ECOWAS Institutions and personalities on missions for the Community, allowances that enable them to effectively meet their essential needs during such missions;

AWARE also that as a result of efforts made towards the organisation and preparation of ECOWAS meetings that are held in their country, the Ministers and experts concerned incur substantial financial expenses;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007.

ENACTS

Article 1

The rates of daily subsistence allowance applicable to staff of ECOWAS Institutions and to other representatives on official mission for the Institutions of the Community are revised as follows:

REVISED RATES OF DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

Beneficiaries Zones	West Africa Latin America (US\$)	Other Parts of Africa and Middle East (US\$)	Japan South Korea Asia (US\$)	Europe North America (US\$)
Ministers Parliamentarians Heads of Institutions (including organising countries)	374	410	701	593
Other Statutory Appointees	340	380	650	551
Directors Experts of technical Committees (including organising countries)	314	351	601	508
Professional Staff Consultants	262	293	500	423
G category staff	223	249	425	360
M category staff	146	205	360	306

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Commission 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 within the same time frame in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007

HON. **YOUSSEF OUEDRAGO**

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL



**FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Ouagadougou, 4 – 5 June 2007

**REGULATION C/REG.3/06/07 ON SPONSORSHIP OF COST OF
TRANSPORT AND PAYMENT OF SITTING ALLOWANCE TO
MEMBERS OF THE ECOWAS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of new Articles 8 and 10, paragraph 2 of the ECOWAS Treaty, as amended by Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/06 and relating to the sessions and chairmanship of the Community, and to the composition of the Council of Ministers;

CONSIDERING that the frequency of the statutory sessions of the Council of Ministers and their organisation in the Member States on a rotational basis, involve huge financial costs for the Member States;

DESIRING to improve participation in the sessions of Council, guarantee the effective and regular attendance of its members and consequently adopt appropriate measures;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007.

ENACTS

Article 1

When members of the Council of Ministers participate in the sessions of the Council, the Community shall bear the cost of their transportation(return trip) in business class from the capital city of their country to the venue of the meeting.

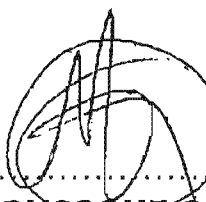

Article 2

1. The lump sum of one thousand three hundred and nineteen Units of Account (UA1, 319) shall be allocated to each member of the Council per each session of Council.
2. The allowance referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be paid to the members of Council that effectively participate at the sessions.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Commission 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 within the same time frame in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007


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HON YOUSSEUF OUEDRAOGO

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL



**FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Ouagadougou, 4 – 5 June 2007

**REGULATION C/REG.4/06/07 FIXING THE MILEAGE RATE
PAYABLE DURING OFFICIAL MISSIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 52, paragraphs (a), e – (1) and (2), of the Staff Regulations relating to the conditions and modalities for travel by road;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.2/06/07 adopting revised rates of daily subsistence allowance (Per Diem) payable to Ministers, Parliamentarians, staff of ECOWAS Institutions and experts of technical Committees, during official missions undertaken on behalf of the Community;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.3/06/07 on sponsorship of cost of transport and payment of sitting allowances to members of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers;

CONSIDERING that participants at meetings and on missions of the Institutions of the Community often use vehicles either belonging to them or rented, for which they incur expenses;

CONSIDERING that travels undertaken in this manner are undertaken in the interest of the Community, and that consequently, the Community should bear the costs thereof, provided that the itinerary followed shall be the most direct and the most economical;

DESIRING to fix a mileage rate payable to facilitate the reimbursement of the expenses incurred in respect of transportation of the afore-mentioned persons;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007.

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The mileage rate of four hundred CFA Francs (400 Fr CFA) per kilometer is hereby fixed for persons who travel in their own vehicles or in rented vehicles in order to participate in meetings or to undertake missions for Institutions of the Community;
2. The allowance referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be calculated and applied to the distance (return trip) separating the capital city of the country of residence of the person concerned from the venue of the meeting or mission.

Article 2

Where several persons travel in the same private vehicle or rented vehicle, the mileage rate shall be payable to the owner of the vehicle or to the manager of the car rental agency.

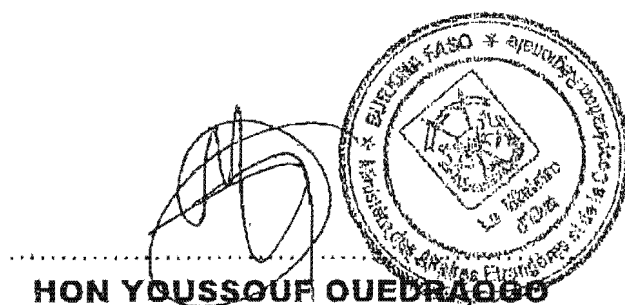
Article 3

The Community shall not be responsible for the use of the private vehicle or of the rented vehicle in respect of any accident, damage to the vehicle, or claims emanating from a third party.

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Commission 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 within the same time in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007

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**FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF
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Ouagadougou, 4-5 June 2007

**REGULATION C/REG.5/06/07 GRANTING A COMPENSATORY
ALLOWANCE TO THREE (3) COMMISSIONERS NOT PROVIDED
WITH FREE ACCOMMODATION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the directive contained in the Final Communiqué issued at the Twenty-eighth Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government that the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat should be transformed to adapt it to the international environment and to render it more effective in the discharge of its regional integration mission;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.16/01/06 transforming the Executive Secretariat into a Commission;

MINDFUL of Council's responsibility with regard to the functioning and development of the Community Institutions, as provided in the ECOWAS Treaty;

CONSIDERING that Statutory Appointees are entitled to free furnished accommodation under Article 28 of the Staff Regulations of the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING that three (3) Commissioners have not been provided with free accommodation by the Government of the State hosting the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Commission;

CONSIDERING the need for the Community to avoid incurring high costs as a result of a prolonged accommodation of the Commissioners at the hotels and to put an immediate end to the uncomfortable conditions under which the concerned Commissioners and their families are living;

CONSIDERING that, if the three (3) Commissioners concerned are not granted free, furnished accommodation, the Community is expected to provide a compensatory rent allowance to each of them to cover their rents, furniture, equipment and electricity and communication expenses;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. A compensatory rent allowance in the amount of two hundred and one thousand and eighteen Units of Account (UA 201 018) is hereby granted to three (3) Commissioners not granted free accommodation.
2. The allowance referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be used for paying two (2) year's rent, and for the acquisition of their furniture and equipment as well as their electricity and communication expenses.

Article 2

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

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007



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FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Ouagadougou, 4-5 June 2007

REGULATION C/REG.6/06/07 GRANTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE MEMBER STATE ORGANIZING A SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.12/8/97 relating to the frequency and venues of ECOWAS meetings;

CONSIDERING the need to review Decision A/DEC.28/01/06 fixing amounts to be granted to support the activities of the country holding the chairmanship of ECOWAS;

RECALLING that, under Decision A/DEC.12/8/97 referred to above, the Authority meets in ordinary session twice (2) a year, one at the ECOWAS Headquarters, and the other in one of the other Member States on a rotational basis;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the organization of the sessions of the Authority entails high financial costs for the countries where they are held;

CONSIDERING the need for the Community to demonstrate its solidarity with Member States organizing sessions of the Authority and, therefore, assist in alleviating the financial burden of such States;

DESIROUS, therefore, of granting financial support to any Member State organizing sessions of the Authority;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. A financial support amounting to sixty six thousand six hundred units of account (UA 66,600) is hereby granted to any Member State organizing a session of the Authority.
2. The support referred to in paragraph 1 of this article is granted for the organization of each session.

Article 2

When the session of the Authority is organized by the Member State holding the chairmanship of the Authority, the State concerned shall be entitled to both the amounts granted to support its activities as current Chairman and the financial package provided under this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the ECOWAS Commission within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

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DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007



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**FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OUAGADOUGOU, 4 – 5 JUNE 2007**

**REGULATION C/REG.7/06/07 APPROVING THE ORGANISATIONAL
STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.16/01/06 transforming the Executive Secretariat into a Commission;

BEARING IN MIND the directive contained in the Final Communiqué issued at the twenty-eighth session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, that the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat should be transformed with a view to adapting it to the international environment and to making it more effective in the accomplishment of its regional integration assignment;

CONVINCED that the Commission's productivity and efficiency will benefit from a clear definition of the technical areas that will be under the management of its members;

AWARE of the need to endow the Commission with functional structures that will allow for clear division of technical assignments and a definition of working relations with a view to avoid conflicts of interest and strengthen the Community spirit.

DETERMINED to adopt all necessary measures for the purpose of attaining the aforementioned objectives;

HAVING CONSIDERED THE PROPOSALS of the extraordinary meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission (AFC), held in Abuja from 20 to 22 March 2006;

RECALLING that based on the above-stated proposal by the AFC, Council adopted an organogram for the ECOWAS Commission under REG.C/REG.1/06/06 in June 2006;

ALSO RECALLING that Council, at its fifty seventh Session in December 2006 at Ouagadougou, set up an ad hoc committee which was tasked with the responsibility of correcting errors identified in the organogram referred to in the preceding paragraph;

HAVING considered the report from the Adhoc Committee on the tasks assigned to it as well as a finalized organogram for the ECOWAS Commission;

DESIROUS therefore of formally adopting the finalized organogram for the continued and efficient functioning of the Commission.

ENACTS

ARTICLE 1

The provisions of this Regulation abrogate and render null & void the provisions contained under Article 5 of Regulation C/REG.1/06/06 relating to the organizational structure of the ECOWAS Commission as well as the organogram attached to the said Regulation C/REG.1/06/06.

ARTICLE 2

The organogram of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States, as attached hereto, is hereby approved.

ARTICLE 3

1. The Commissioners shall be under the authority of the President of the Commission and shall report to the President through the Vice-president.
2. In addition to their other responsibilities as provided by the relevant provisions of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, the President and the Vice-president shall oversee the following departments, offices and units:
 - a) The President
 - i. Office of the Director of Cabinet
 - ii. Department of Legal Affairs
 - iii. Department of Communications
 - iv. Department of External Relations

- b) The Vice President
 - i. Community Computer Centre
 - ii. Strategic Planning Unit
 - iii. Monitoring and Evaluation Unit
 - iv. Relations with other ECOWAS Institutions Unit
- 3. Other Commissioners shall be responsible for the following technical areas and also oversee the following departments and structures.
 - a) Commissioner for Administration and Finance:
 - i. Department of General Administration
 - ii. Department of Human Resources
 - iii. Department of Conference
 - iv. Department of Finance
 - b) Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources:
 - i. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
 - ii. Department of Environment and Water Resources
 - iii. The Water Resources Integrated Management Unit in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
 - c) Commissioner for Human Development and Gender.
 - i. Department of Education, Culture, Science and Technology
 - ii. Department of Gender Development, Sports, Civil Society, Employment and Drug control
 - iii. Department of Humanitarian and Social Affairs.
 - iv. ECOWAS Gender Development Centre in Dakar, Senegal
 - v. Youth and Sports Development Centre in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
 - d) Commissioner for Infrastructure:
 - i. Department of Transport and Télécommunications
 - ii. Department of Energy;
 - e) Commissioner for Macroeconomic Policies:
 - i. Department of Multilateral Surveillance
 - ii. Department of Research and Statistics.
 - iii. Private Sector Department

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 - iii. Private Sector Department

- f) Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security:
 - i. Department of Political Affairs
 - ii. Early Warning Department
 - iii. Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Regional Security
- g) Commissioner for Trade, Customs, Industry, Free Movement of persons and Goods:
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 - ii. Department of Free Movement of Persons and Goods
 - iii. Department of Industry and Mines

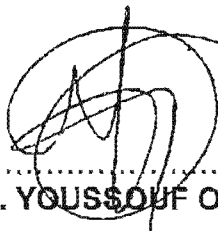

ARTICLE 4

The President of the Commission shall put in place the structure of the Commission as approved by this Regulation. However, the President may recommend to Council for approval, a reorganisation of the departments referred to in Article 3 above, or the creation of new ones, when this is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 5

This Regulation shall be published by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007



HON. YOUSSEUF OUEDRAOGO
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FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Ouagadougou, 4-5 June 2007

REGULATION C/REG.8/06/07 RELATING TO MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING REGULATION C/REG.5/06/06 ALLOCATING THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

RECALLING that, at its fifty-sixth session, held in Abuja on 12 and 13 June 2006, the Council had agreed to allocate the post of Secretary-General of the ECOWAS Parliament to the Republic of Guinea, and that this Decision as contained in the report of the aforementioned session had been endorsed by the thirtieth session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, also held in Abuja on 14 June 2006;

RECALLING also that the need to ensure continuity and the institutional memory of the Parliament, informed the decision of Council to allocate the post of Secretary-General to the Republic of Guinea;

NOTING that, to date, no Guinean national has been appointed to the Parliament to fill the post of Secretary-General of the Parliament;

AWARE of the need to depart from the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 6, of Regulation C/REG.3/06/06 relating to the operations, structure, administrative and financial management of the ECOWAS Parliament, which stipulates that the

grade of the Secretary-General as professional officer D2 shall take effect at the expiration of the tenure of the incumbent;

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to set modalities to facilitate and accelerate the implementation of Regulation C/REG.5/06/06 referred to above;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The post of Secretary-General of the ECOWAS Parliament is hereby allocated to the candidate presented by the Republic of Guinea
2. The Guinean candidate referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be appointed and classified under the statutory staff category, as an exceptional case, for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.

Article 2

At the expiration of the tenure of the Guinean candidate appointed as Secretary-General of the ECOWAS Parliament, the post shall be classified under the professional staff category D2. The vacant post shall be published in all Member States;

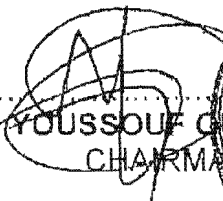
Article 3


The President of the Commission shall notify the Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament of this Regulation for its diligent implementation.

Article 4

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DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007-06-05


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HON. YOUSSEUF OUEDRAOGO
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**FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF
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Ouagadougou, 4-5 June 2007

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC.1/06/07 RELATING TO THE
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 1 OF DECISION A/DEC.28/01/06 FIXING
AMOUNTS TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF ECOWAS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of new Article 8 of the said Treaty under which the chairmanship is
held each year by a Member State designated by the Authority according to a
rotational system;

MINDFUL of Article 72 of the Treaty establishing the Community Levy for
funding Community activities;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/7/96 on conditions governing the application of the
Community Levy;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 12/8/97 relating to the frequency and venues of
ECOWAS meetings;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 10/11/03 postponing the date of entry into force of the substantive regime of the Community Levy to 1 July 2003;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG. 4/12/95 fixing the rate of the Community Levy;

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES. 1/8/97 relating to the application of the Community Levy as a matter of urgency;

CONSIDERING that the implementation of ECOWAS programmes and the preservation of a peaceful and secure environment necessary for the development of Member States and accelerated integration, place on the current Chairman, numerous responsibilities which attract huge expenses;

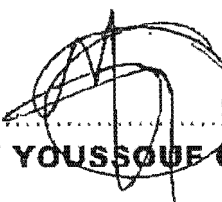
AWARE of the need to grant to the State elected to the Chairmanship of the Community, adequate support to enable it effectively discharge its responsibilities and also aware of the need to accurately determine the amount of the proceeds that should be allocated to it;

DESIROUS, therefore, of amending Article 1 of Decision A/DEC. 28/01/06 of 12 January 2006 fixing amounts to be used to support the activities of the current Chairman of ECOWAS;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the first meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, held in Abuja from 21 to 25 May 2007;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft Supplementary Act attached hereto amending Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.28/01/06 fixing amounts to be used to support the activities of the current Chairman of ECOWAS.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2007


HON YOUSSEUF OUEDRAOGO
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL



**THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abuja, 15 June 2007

Draft

**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA..../06/07 AMENDING DECISION
A/DEC. 28/01/06 FIXING AMOUNTS TO BE USED TO SUPPORT
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF ECOWAS**

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty, as amended,
establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of new Article 8 of the said Treaty under which the chairmanship is
held each year by a Member State designated by the Authority according to a
rotational system;

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MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES. 1/8/97 relating to the application of the Community Levy as a matter of urgency;

CONSIDERING that the implementation of ECOWAS programmes and the preservation of a peaceful and secure environment necessary for the development of Member States and accelerated integration places on the current Chairman, numerous responsibilities which attracts huge expenses;

AWARE of the need to grant to the State elected to the Chairmanship of the Community, adequate support to enable it effectively discharge its responsibilities and also aware of the need to accurately determine the amount of the proceeds that should be allocated to it;

DESIROUS, therefore, of amending Article 1 of Decision A/DEC. 28/01/06 of 12 January 2006 fixing amounts to be used to support the activities of the current Chairman of ECOWAS;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers, held in Ouagadougou on 4 and 5 June 2007;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.28/01/06 is hereby amended as follows:

New Article 1

An amount equivalent to 0.5% of the proceeds of the Community Levy payable by the Member State holding the Chairmanship of the Authority is hereby granted to the President of that State, to finance activities related to his/her assignment.

Article 2

Member States shall promptly implement the texts on the Community Levy to facilitate effective implementation of the provisions of Article 1 of this Supplementary Act.

Article 3

This Supplementary Act shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission within thirty (30) days of its signature.

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

Article 4

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon publication. Consequently, signatory Member States and the ECOWAS Institutions undertake to start its provisions.
2. This Supplementary Act is attached as an Annex to the ECOWAS Treaty of which it is an integral part.

Article 5

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission which shall transmit certified true copies to all Member States and register it with the African Union, the United Nations Organization and such other organizations as Council may determine.

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2007.

IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE
LANGUAGES, ALL THE THREE (3) TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

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