



EIGHTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 20 June 2025

DECISION C/DEC.1/6/25 SETTING AGE LIMITS FOR EXTERNAL APPLICANTS TO VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES AND OFFICES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.29/12/21 on the adoption of the new Staff Regulations and Principles of Staff Employment;

MINDFUL of the Staff Regulations of ECOWAS Institutions, in particular Article 9.2(d), which sets the minimum and maximum ages for recruitment into professional posts;

CONSIDERING the report of the Audit Committee presented at the Ninety-Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja, particularly on the worrisome situation of the staff population, characterised by a rapidly ageing workforce;

CONSIDERING ALSO the need to implement the recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General, in strict compliance with existing regulatory provisions;

DESIRING to set the age limits for external applicants to various vacant positions within the ECOWAS institutions, agencies and offices;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Committee on Administration and Finance held in Abuja from 15 to 17 June 2025;

DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1: SETTING THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

This Decision C/DEC.1/6/25 sets the maximum age for external applicants to vacant positions in ECOWAS Institutions, Agencies and Offices, according to the following thresholds:

1. Thirty-five (35) years for candidates to positions in the General Services or Support Staff category (G1 to G7);
2. Forty-five (45) years for candidates to positions in the Professional category (P1 to P7);
3. Fifty (50) years for applicants to positions in the Director category (D1- D2).

ARTICLE 2: EXEMPTION FOR INTERNAL APPLICANTS

The age limit does not apply to internal applicants.

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ARTICLE 3: PUBLICATION

1. This Decision C/DEC.1/6/25 shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the ECOWAS Commission within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall also be published within the same timeframe by each State in its Official Journal after notification by the Commission.

ARTICLE 4: ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Decision C/DEC.1/6/25 shall enter into force upon its publication.

DONE IN ABUJA, THIS 20TH OF JUNE 2025.

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AMB. YUSUF MAITAMA TUGGAR (OON)

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL



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**FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SECURITY AND MEDIATION COUNCIL
AT THE LEVEL OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abuja, 14 December 2025

**DECISION MSC/A/DEC.5/6/25 ON THE EXTENSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE MANDATE OF
THE ECOWAS MISSION IN THE GAMBIA (ECOMIG)**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on Regional Security;

MINDFUL of Articles 4 (a), 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12 of the 1999 ECOWAS Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Peacekeeping and Security, signed in Lomé on December 10, 1999, and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles adopted on July 6, 1991, in Abuja;

RECALLING the decision of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the deployment of the ECOWAS Mission in The Gambia (ECOMIG) in response to the political crisis arising from the presidential elections held in The Gambia in December 2016;

RECALLING ALSO the successive renewals of the ECOMIG mandate as well as the decision of the Authority at its Extraordinary Session held on February 3, 2022, in Accra, to maintain the ECOWAS Mission in The Gambia (ECOMIG) in its police and military components;

RECALLING FURTHER Decision A/DEC.2/12/24 extending the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in The Gambia (ECOMIG) from January 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025;

NOTING the impactful support of the Mission to the Defence and Security Forces in The Gambia to curb security challenges;

NOTING the expiration of the ECOMIG mandate on July 31, 2025;

DESIROUS of extending the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in The Gambia (ECOMIG) for a period of one (1) year from the general elections holding in December 2026;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Security and Mediation Council at the ministerial level held in Abuja on June 18, 2025.

DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1: EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE

1. The mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in The Gambia is extended for a period of one (1) year from the general elections holding in December 2026.
2. This is the final extension of the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in the Gambia.



ARTICLE 2: ADJUSTMENT OF THE MISSION MANDATE

1. ECOMIG's mandate is to support the National Defence and Security Forces in the stabilisation of the Republic of The Gambia.
2. To this end, the Mission shall:
 - a. support the defence forces to ensure a secure environment in the country;
 - b. support the protection of vital State institutions;
 - c. ensure the security of the civilian population and support the Defence and Security Forces in their effort to improve security conditions in accordance with International Humanitarian Law;
 - d. contribute to the strengthening of trust between the population and the Defence and Security Forces.
3. The mandate shall include any other assignment that the Authority may decide to entrust to the Mission.

ARTICLE 3: DRAW-DOWN AND LIQUIDATION OF THE MISSION

1. The Commission shall take steps to develop an exit strategy and draw-down and liquidation plan for the mission.
2. Liquidation of the mission shall commence immediately after the final extension of the mission as provided in Article 1 (1) of this Decision.

ARTICLE 4: PUBLICATION

1. This **DECISION A/DEC.5/6/25** shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.
2. It shall also be published within the same period by each of the Member States in its Official Journal following notification by the ECOWAS Commission.

ARTICLE 5: ENTRY INTO FORCE

This **DECISION A/DEC.5/6/25** shall enter into force upon publication.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

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H.E. JULIUS MAADA BIO
FOR THE AUTHORITY
THE CHAIRPERSON



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**FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SECURITY AND MEDIATION COUNCIL
AT THE LEVEL OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abuja, December 14, 2025

**DECISION MSC/A/DEC.7/6/25 ON THE EXTENSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE MANDATE OF
THE ECOWAS STABILIZATION SUPPORT MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU
(MSSGB)**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on Regional Security;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles;

MINDFUL of Articles 4 (a), 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 of the 1999 Protocol on the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government as the Mediation and Security Council and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/SP.1/12/01 on Democracy and Good Governance;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.10/03/22 on the deployment of a Stabilization Support Mission in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (MSSGB), with a view to stabilizing that Member State and ensuring the security of its institutions and authorities, for a period of twelve months from 10 March 2023;

CONSIDERING that the mandate of the MSSGB has been extended for a period of twelve (12) months from June 30, 2024, to June 29, 2025;

DESIRING to extend and adjust the mandate of the Stabilization Support Mission in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau for a period of one year, after the general elections of 23 November 2025, in order to consolidate peace and stability in the Member State;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Fifty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Security and Mediation Council at the ministerial level held in Abuja on June 18, 2025.

DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1: EXTENSION OF MANDATE

1. The mandate of the Stabilization Support Mission in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau is extended for a one (1) year period from the date of the general elections holding on November 23, 2025.
2. This is the final extension of the mandate of the ECOWAS Mission in Guinea-Bissau.

**ARTICLE 2: ADJUSTMENT OF THE MISSION MANDATE**

1. MSSGB's mandate is to support the National Defence and Security Forces in the stabilisation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.
2. To this end, the Mission shall:
 - a. support the defence and security forces to ensure a secure environment in the country;
 - b. support the protection of vital State institutions;
 - c. ensure the security of the civilian population and support the defence and security forces in their effort to improve security conditions in accordance with International Humanitarian Law;
 - d. contribute to the strengthening of trust between the population and the defence and security forces.
3. The mandate shall include any other assignment that the Authority may decide to entrust to the Mission.

ARTICLE 3: DRAW-DOWN AND LIQUIDATION OF THE MISSION

1. The Commission shall take steps to develop an exit strategy and draw-down and liquidation plan for the mission.
2. Liquidation of the mission shall commence immediately after the final extension of the mission as provided in Article 1 (1) of this Decision.

ARTICLE 4: PUBLICATION

1. This **Decision MSC/A/DEC.7/6/25** shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the ECOWAS Commission within thirty (30) days of its signature by the current President of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.
2. It shall also be published within the same period by each Member State in its Official Journal after notification by the President of the ECOWAS Commission.

ARTICLE 5: ENTRY INTO FORCE

This **Decision MSC/A/DEC.7/6/25** shall enter into force upon its publication.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

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H.E. JULIUS MAADA BIO

**CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**



ECOWAS COMMISSION
COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO
COMISSÃO DA CEDEAO



NINETY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 20 June 2025

REGULATION C/REG.1/6/25 ADOPTING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FOR THE 2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 75 of the said Treaty on the appointment of the External Auditors of the ECOWAS Institutions;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.33/12/21 adopting the New Financial Regulations of ECOWAS Institutions;

MINDFUL of the Contract between ECOWAS and the firm, « Ernst and Young Chartered Accountants (Ghana) » relating to the conditions under which the services of the External Auditors of the Community Institutions shall be provided;

CONSIDERING the report of the firm, « Ernst and Young Chartered Accountants (Ghana) » on the 2024 financial statements of the Institutions and Specialized Agencies;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-ninth meeting of the Audit Committee, held in Lome from 9 – 13 June 2025.

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ENACTS:

ARTICLE 1

The audited financial statements of the ECOWAS Institutions and Specialized Agencies for the 2024 financial year attached as an annex is hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 2:

1. This **REGULATION C/REG.1/6/25** shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of its signature by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal within the same time frame.

ARTICLE 3:

This **REGULATION C/REG.1/6/25** shall enter into force upon its publication.

DONE IN ABUJA, THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.



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AMB. YUSUF MAITAMA TUGGAR (OON)

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL



ECOWAS COMMISSION
COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO
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NINETY-FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 20 JUNE, 2025

REGULATION C/REG.2/6/25 ADOPTING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY LEVY ACCOUNT FOR THE 2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 75 of the said Treaty on the appointment of the External Auditors of the ECOWAS Institutions;

MINDFUL of Article 72 of the said Treaty, which establishes a Community Levy account with the objective of generating resources to finance the activities of the Community;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/7/96 on the conditions for the application and use of the Community levy;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.33/12/21 adopting the New Financial Regulations of ECOWAS Institutions;

MINDFUL of the Contract between ECOWAS and the firm, «Ernst and Young Chartered Accountants (Ghana) » relating to the conditions under which the services of the External Auditors of the Community Institutions shall be provided;

CONSIDERING the report of the firm, «Ernst and Young Chartered Accountants (Ghana)» on the 2024 financial statements of Community Levy account;

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ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-ninth meeting of the Audit Committee, held in Lome from 9 – 13 June 2025.

ENACTS:

ARTICLE 1:

The audited financial statements of the ECOWAS Community Levy account for the 2024 financial year attached as an annex is hereby adopted.

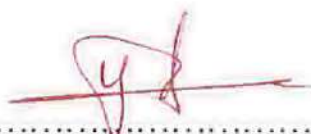
ARTICLE 2:

1. This **REGULATION C/REG.2/6/25** shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of its signature by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal within the same time frame.

ARTICLE 3:

This **REGULATION C/REG.2/6/25** shall enter into force upon its publication.

DONE IN ABUJA, THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.



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H.E. YUSUF MAITAMA TUGGAR

**CHAIRPERSON
FOR THE COUNCIL**