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### **The High Contracting Parties,**

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 19 (3c) of the said Treaty under which sectoral meetings shall be convened by the President of the Commission with a view to examining sectoral issues which promote the achievement of the objectives of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security, adopted in Lomé on 10 December 1999;

MINDFUL of Articles 15 and 20 of the said Protocol relating, on the one hand, to the functions of the President of the Commission, and on the other, to the composition and mandate of the Council of Elders;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 26/01/06 approving the appointment of new members of the Council of Elders;

CONCERNED about the various conflicts that still affect a number of States of the sub-region;

CONSIDERING that the conciliation, mediation and facilitation roles of the Council members call for proven experience, wisdom and talent on the part of such members;

CONSIDERING that the aforementioned qualities are not necessarily reflected in the concept used in the English version of the 1999 Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention;

CONSIDERING the satisfactory manner in which the appointed mediators accomplish their mission;

NOTING, however, that the brevity of the tenure of the Council of Elders, which is one year, makes it impossible for the Council members to carry through their activities, notwithstanding their satisfactory performances;

CONVINCED that a longer tenure will ensure effective accomplishment of their missions;

WISHING to adopt a more appropriate title for the Council of Elders in the English version of the 1999 Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention and to extend its tenure to three (3) years;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Mediation and Security Council, held in Ouagadougou on 20th December 2006;

**AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

## **Article 1**

In the English version of the 1999 Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, the ECOWAS Council of Elders shall henceforth assume the title "Council of the Wise."

## **Article 2**

The tenure of the ECOWAS Council of the Wise is hereby extended from one (1) to three (3) years.

## **Article 3**

This Supplementary Act 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 Authority.

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

## **Article 3**

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

## **Article 4**

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

IN FAITH WHEREOF, WE, the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), have signed this Supplementary Act.

Done at Ouagadougou, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007

In single original in the English, French and Portuguese languages, all three (3) texts being equally authentic.