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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 25 of the Treaty relating to Agricultural Development and Food Security;

MINDFUL of Decision /DEC. 11/01/05 adopting the ECOWAS Agricultural Policy;

MINDFUL of the recommendations made at international and regional meetings on bird flu, particularly those of Nairobi of September 2005, Geneva of November 2005, Brazzaville, Beijing and Bamako of January 2006 and Ouagadougou of February 2006;

APPRECIATING the initiatives and support of development partners to the efforts being made by Member States to map out and implement concerted and coordinated strategies with a view to effectively eradicating and controlling bird flu;

TAKING into account the Dakar Declaration adopted at the ministerial meeting on bird flu eradication and control, held in Dakar (Senegal) on 22 and 23 February 2006;

UPON THE PROPOSAL of the meeting of Ministers in charge of Animal Husbandry, Health and Integration from ECOWAS Member States, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Cameroon and Chad, held in Abuja on 12 May 2006, and

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers, held in Ouagadougou on 18 and 19 December 2006;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

A sub-regional mechanism for coordinating bird flu eradication and control in ECOWAS Member States is hereby established.

The objectives, the organization, the tasks, the financing and operating modalities of the mechanism are outlined in the annexes attached to this Supplementary Act.

Article 2

The ECOWAS Commission shall ensure the effective implementation of this Supplementary Act and in particular provide support for the establishment of the mechanism's organs, namely, the Ministerial Steering Committee and the Technical Secretariat.

Article 3

Member States shall support and facilitate solidarity and partnership activities undertaken within the framework of the sub-regional mechanism.

Article 4

1. The Commission shall undertake necessary cooperation missions to the relevant authorities of ECOWAS border countries, with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the sub-regional mechanism referred to in Article 1 of this Supplementary Act.
2. The Commission shall, in conjunction with donor agencies, on the one hand, take necessary measures with a view to establishing, as a matter of urgency, a fund to facilitate effective control of bird flu, and, with development partners, on the other, in order to secure their support for the implementation of the Sub-regional Mechanism for Coordination of Bird Flu Eradication and Control.

Article 5

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 6

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

Article 7

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission, which shall transmit certified true copies of this Act to all Member States and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations Organization and any organization that the Council of Ministers 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 Ougadougou, this 19th day of January 2007.

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