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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 States and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/5/2000 adopting the ECOWAS Anthem;

MINDFUL of the recommendation of the 55th Session of the Council of Ministers held in Niamey in January 2005 requesting the Executive Secretariat (Commission) to harmonize the French & English lyrics of the ECOWAS Anthem;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the meetings of the Panel of Experts in literature, Music, and linguistics, which took place in Dakar and Abuja from 2nd to 5th August 2006 and 31st September to 1st October, 2006 respectively, relating to the harmonization of the English and French Lyrics of the ECOWAS anthem.

ALSO ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Council of Ministers held in Ouagadougou 18 and 19 December, 2006.

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The amended version of the ECOWAS anthem is hereby adopted. The musical scores are attached as annex 1 to this Supplementary Act.

Article 2

The harmonized French and English lyrics of the anthem are also hereby adopted and attached as annex 2 to this Supplementary Act.

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

Article 4

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon its publication. Consequently, signatory Member States and the Institutions of ECOWAS undertake to commence the implementation of its provisions on its entry into force.
2. This Supplementary Act is annexed 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 thereof to all Member States and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations and such other organizations as Council may determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States, have signed this Supplementary Act

Done at Ouagadougou, this 19th day of January 2007

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