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The Council of Ministers,

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

OBSERVING that Ministers have had to be represented at meetings of the Council of Ministers by persons below the rank of Minister;

NOTING that such persons representing their Ministers often have no mandate to do so;

ANXIOUS to avert the difficulties that this might cause during the implementation of Council decisions;

CONSIDERING the need to raise the level of representation by Member States at sessions of the Council;

DESIRING to define, to this end, modalities for representation of Council members at meetings of the institution;

ON RECOMMENDATION of the fourth meeting of the Ministers of Justice held in Abuja on 25th and 26th October, 1999;

ENACTS

Article 1

The Council of Ministers shall comprise the Minister in charge of ECOWAS Affairs and any other Minister of each Member State.

Article 2

1. A Council member may be represented at meetings of the institution by the Minister who assumes his ministerial functions in an acting capacity, or a person having equivalent rank;
2. Any person other than the Minister who assumes the latter's functions as a Member of Council in an acting capacity shall be duly accredited.

Article 3

Accreditation shall consist in the Head of Government or the authority thus empowered:

- designating and authorising a Minister who assumes the functions of the Council member in an acting capacity, or any other person of the rank of Minister, to attend Council meetings;
- conferring the necessary powers on the Minister or the duly accredited person of the rank of Minister.

Article 4

This regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days upon signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published in the National *Gazette* of each Member State within the same time frame.

Done at Lomé, this 7th day of December 1999

Abdoul Hamid S.B. Tidjani-Dourodjaye

Chairman for Council