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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;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC 3/5/82 dated 29 May, 1982 establishing the ECOWAS energy policy;

CONSIDERING that, notwithstanding the sub-region's abundant energy potential, the energy sector in West Africa is among the least developed in the world;

NOTING that this energy potential is unevenly distributed among the Member States;

CONCERNED at the continuing energy crisis in the sub-region;

DESIRING to take joint action to develop energy resources in the Member States in order to be better able to meet their development needs;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Energy held in Accra on 5 November, 1999.

ENACTS

Article 1

The master plan for the development of energy production facilities and the interconnection of the electricity grids of Member States is hereby adopted as hereto attached.

Article 2

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its 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 timeframe.

2.4. Elements of the Master Plan

The Master Plan will be divided into 2 sections:

- development of power production plants;
- interconnection of electricity grids.

2.5. Power Generation.

For hydropower generation, the following sites have been selected: Bui (Ghana), Fomi, Fello Song and Sambangalou (Guinea), Salthino (Guinea-Bissau) Bumbuna (Sierra Leone), Manantali (Mali). The total installed capacity of the sites is 1010MW. The development of the sites will require about 1.7 billion US dollars. The proposed implementation period is 1998-2001.

Concerning thermal power generation, the existing power plants (particularly in Nigeria) need to be rehabilitated and new thermal combined cycle plants installed. These will use natural gas available in Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire. However, the development of other resources existing in the region will be taken into account.

The proposed implementation schedules are 1998-2001 for rehabilitation of existing plants and 2002-2015 for new gas power generation plants. The estimated total installed capacity is 8879MW at an estimated cost of 8.3 billion US dollars.

Done at Lome, this 7th day of December, 1999.

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