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### **The Council of Ministers;**

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

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.23/12/01 establishing the seat of the ECOWAS Court of Justice in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria;

**MINDFUL** of Article 25a of the Staff Regulations of the ECOWAS institutions under which ECOWAS provides accommodation to the professional staff against a deduction of five per cent (5%) of their gross annual salary;

**CONSIDERING** that leasing of residential accommodation for professional staff is becoming increasingly difficult as a result of the extremely high rents in Abuja;

**CONSIDERING** that, with the expansion of the ECOWAS institutions and the subsequent recruitment of permanent professional staff, the continued leasing of residential accommodation will impose a huge financial cost on the Community;

**AWARE** that leasing is only a temporary response to the obligation to provide residential accommodation for professional staff;

**DESIROUS** of finding a permanent solution to the professional staff housing problem and constructing residential accommodation for this category of staff of the ECOWAS institutions with their headquarters in Abuja;

**ACTING** on a request by the President of the Community Court of Justice for approval to construct residential accommodation for the staff of the Court in Abuja;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the thirtieth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Accra from 8 to 15 December 2003;

### **ENACTS**

#### **Article 1**

The Community shall construct accommodation for the professional staff of its institutions whose headquarters are in Abuja.

#### **Article 2**

The construction of the accommodation referred to in Article 1 of this regulation shall be overseen by the *ad hoc* Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Institutions, set up by Decision A/DEC.17/5/82, which comprises the following Member States: Benin, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

### Article 3

1. The Executive Secretariat shall be the main contractor for the construction of the residential accommodation of the professional staff of the ECOWAS institutions with their headquarters in Abuja.
2. The Executive Secretariat shall, in collaboration with the other ECOWAS institutions with their headquarters in Abuja, harmonise the types of houses to which the different categories of staff are entitled.

### Article 4

1. A budgetary allocation of one hundred and fifty thousand units of account (DA 150, 000) is hereby granted to the Executive Secretariat to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive feasibility study on the projects referred to in Articles 1 and 2 above.
2. The findings of the study shall be submitted, through the *ad hoc* Ministerial Committee referred to in Article 2 of this regulation, to the session of the Council of Ministers scheduled for June 2004, for consideration.

### Article 5

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days upon signature by the current Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

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

Done at Accra, this 18th day of December, 2003.

Hon. (Dr) Kofi Konaku Apraku

Chairman for Council