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The Council of Ministers,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONVINCED of the importance of statistical information in the development and integration of the West African region;

AWARE of the inadequacies of the national statistical systems with regard to the production of accurate and up-to-date energy statistics on Member States;

DESIROUS of putting in place a regional mechanism for the harmonious development of energy statistics in the region which would ensure the efficient collection, analysis, compilation and dissemination of energy data at both national and regional levels;

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the experts group meeting on energy statistics held in Abuja from 7 to 9 August 2006;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Commission on Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments, held in Abuja on 13 and 14 November 2006.

ENACTS

Article 1

The framework for strengthening capacity in the development and institutionalization of energy statistics in the ECOWAS region is hereby adopted and attached as an annex which is an integral part of this Regulation.

Article 2

The objective of the framework is to strengthen the capacity to develop and institutionalize the production of energy statistics at the regional level and in the national statistical systems of the Member States, within the context of the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), in order to build a sound base of energy statistics.

Article 3

The Regional Committee on energy and environment statistics shall amongst other duties, monitor the development of energy statistics at both the national and regional levels.

Article 4

The Commission shall take appropriate measures to implement the framework, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

Article 5

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission within thirty (30) days of its signature by the 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 Ouagadougou, this 19th day of December, 2006

Hon. Aïchatou Mindaoudou,
Chairperson, for the Council.