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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 poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals Indicators in Member States;

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

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the experts group meeting on ECOWAS Poverty Profile held in Abuja on 10 and 11 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

A Regional Committee is hereby established to monitor the development of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals indicators.

Article 2

The objective of the Committee is to strengthen the capacity to develop and institutionalize the production of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals indicators 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 poverty statistics.

Article 3

The Commission shall take appropriate measures to ensure the effective functioning of the Committee, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

Article 4

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.