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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;

CONSIDERING that dismissal of an officer of the Community is an administrative affair and that the procedure and appeals are provided for in the Staff Rules and Regulations of the institutions of the Community;

NOTING that the memorandum of the staff representatives is very critical of the former Director of Administration;

RECALLING, however, the willingness of Council to give a human face to the resolution of the issue relating to the dismissal of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade, and noting the initiatives already taken in this direction by the ECOWAS Executive Secretary;

CONSIDERING the need to put an end to the issue relating to the dismissal of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade, which has dragged on for three (3) years;

DESIROUS of providing the Institutions of the Community with highly qualified, competent staff, committed to the duties and obligations as prescribed by the Staff Regulations of the Institutions of the Community;

REAFFIRMING its commitment to abolish the quota system with regard to the appointment of professional staff;

DESIROUS however of maintaining the current equitable geographical distribution of professional staff posts among all the Member States;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The Executive Secretary is hereby authorised to terminate the appointment of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade, former Director of Administration of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.
2. The afore-mentioned officer shall be paid the benefits due her.

Article 2

As an exceptional measure, the recruitment of a Nigerian national is hereby authorised to fill the vacancy created by the dismissal of Mrs. Tokunbo Lijadu-Oyemade.

Article 3

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. Aichatou Mindaoudou,
Chairperson, for the Council.