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### **The Council for Ministers,**

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

MINDFUL of the Protocol A/P/12/99 relating to the Mechanism for conflict Prevention, Management, Peacekeeping and Security which relates to the maintenance of security and the control of trans-border crime within the Community;

RECALLING the Declaration A/DCL.2/12/01 on the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons which was issued at the twenty-fifth Summit of the Authority in Dakar, December 2001, unequivocally condemning the offence of trafficking in persons and asserting the unacceptability of trade in human beings;

RECALLING the Initial Plan of Action on the fight against trafficking adopted for the sub region in 2002, that remained valid up till 2007 and which contained measures that address the deplorable phenomenon of trafficking in persons;

ALSO RECALLING the Resolution on the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons issued by the relevant Ministers of ECOWAS/ECCAS Member States on the 6th of July 2007, proclaiming their strong commitment to the eradication of trafficking in persons, especially women and children in West and Central Africa;

FURTHER RECALLING the Multilateral Cooperation Agreement to Combat Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, aimed at strengthening the collaboration between West and Central Africa on the fight against trafficking in persons;

RECOGNISING the ECOWAS/ECCAS Joint Plan of Action as an effective tool for bi-regional cooperation and for the enhancement of Member States individual and collective capacities to fight the offence of trafficking in human beings and establish protective measures against that offence;

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the trafficking flow between West and Central Africa and the increase in incidence of trafficking between West and Central Africa; encouraged by the establishment of a Joint Permanent Regional Monitoring Commission for ECOWAS and ECCAS set up to coordinate and monitor efforts by Member States of the two Regions in the fight against the traffic of human beings.

DESIRING to allocate positions on the ECOWAS/ECCAS Joint Permanent Regional Monitoring Commission on the fight against trafficking in persons to Member States of ECOWAS.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Mediation and Security Council held in Ouagadougou on 13th of November 2007.

### **ENACTS**

## Article 1

ECOWAS membership within the ECOWAS/ECCAS Joint Permanent Regional Monitoring Commission on the fight against trafficking in persons shall be allocated to the following Member States:- Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria

## Article 2

- i The tenure of the Joint Permanent Regional Monitoring Commission shall be as stipulated in Article 23 of the ECOWAS/ECCAS Multilateral Agreement. Its tenure shall be for a period of two (2) years.
- ii In accordance with the provisions of the Multilateral Cooperation Agreement, the Joint Permanent Regional Monitoring Commission shall be responsible for the following:-
  - Following up and evaluating the activities conducted by the Contracting Parties within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on the basis of annual reports,
  - Proposing approaches to the solutions of problems with which State Agencies in charge of child trafficking control may be confronted,
  - Exchanging experiences regarding the care and reintegration as well as information on the identity of victims, traffickers and their accomplices, the measures taken against them, current repatriation sites and operations,
  - Receiving and reviewing applications for being a party to the present Agreement,
  - Convening bi-annual inter-regional conference of all the stakeholders of the State parties on trafficking in persons on rotational basis,
  - Formulating views and recommendations.

## Article 3

At the end of the expiration of the tenure of the said States mentioned under Article 1, the Commission shall initiate processes for the selection of the next representative States on the Joint Permanent Regional Monitoring Commission.

## Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published in the official *Gazette* of each Member State within the same time frame.

Done at Ouagadougou, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007

H.E. Mrs. Minata Samaté Cessouma

Chairperson for Council