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DECISION A/DEC.1/7/95 RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE CFA FRANC ON THE ARREARS OWED BY MEMBER STATES IN RESPECT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the Resolution C/RES. 1/12/95 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its thirty-sixth session held in Lome on 15th to 17th December, 1994;

DECIDES

Article 1

Arrears owed by Member States in respect of the construction of the headquarters buildings shall be expressed in Units of Account.

Article 2

The ECOWAS Fund shall take all necessary measures for the implementation of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

DECISION A/DEC. 2/7/95 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES TO MONITOR THE INTER-STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the current status of the West African PANAFTEL network;

CONSIDERING that with the dis-solution of the PANAFTEL Coordination Bureau, ECOWAS is now exclusively responsible for coordinating and monitoring the network;

CONSIDERING that these functions cannot be carried out effectively without the close collaboration of National Telecommunications Administrations;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 2/12/94 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its thirty-sixth meeting held in Lome from 15th to 17th December, 1994;

DECIDES

Article 1

The principle of establishing a technical committee to monitor the inter-State telecommunications network within each national telecommunications administration is hereby adopted.

Article 2

Each national technical committee shall comprise, at least the following:

- the head of the international telephone exchange (ITE);
- head of transmission;
- head of commercial section.

Article 3

The national technical committee shall work towards the definitive and lasting removal of all bottlenecks on the inter-State networks.

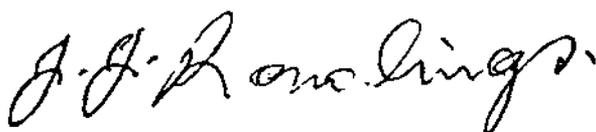
Article 4

1. Member States shall take all necessary legal and administrative measures to establish these national technical committees and shall communicate all relevant statutory texts to the Executive Secretariat.
2. The Executive Secretariat shall coordinate the activities of the national technical committees through quarterly reports to be submitted to it on the technical and commercial performance of the inter-State networks.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION A/DEC. 3/7/95 GRANTING THE
STATUS OF OBSERVER TO THE WEST AFRICAN
JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION (WAJA)**

**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT,**

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 9/8/94 dated 6th August, 1994, establishing Regulations for the granting to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) the status of observer within the Institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING the important role that media organisations and practitioners can play to consolidate a West African community spirit and to ensure an increased public awareness of the ideals of ECOWAS;

ANXIOUS to promote an organic relationship between the Institutions of the Community and West African media organisations and practitioners;

NOTING that the West African Journalists Association (WAJA) is a regional organisation of media practitioners which is committed to work for the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Community as enshrined in the ECOWAS Treaty.

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 6/12/94 adopted by the thirty-sixth session of the Council of Ministers meeting held in Lome from 15th to 17th December, 1994;

DECIDES

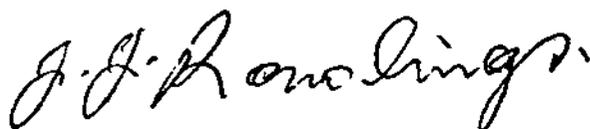
Article 1

The West African Journalists Association (WAJA) is hereby granted the status of observer in category 'A' within the Institutions of the Community of West African States.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION A/DEC. 4/7/95 ON THE RATIFICATION
OF THE ECOWAS REVISED TREATY,
PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS**

**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT,**

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

RE-AFFIRMING the collective desire of the sixteen Member States of ECOWAS to work towards the achievement of full and functional integration in West Africa for the effective development of their national economies and improvement of the welfare of their citizens;

CONSIDERING that the implementation of all Community acts is a prerequisite for the attainment of the above objectives;

CONSIDERING that, in order to be implemented, acts such as the ECOWAS Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions must be ratified as a matter of urgency;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 1/7/95 adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers, held in Accra from 24th to 27th July, 1995;

DECIDES

Article 1

Member States which have not yet ratified the Revised ECOWAS Treaty must do so by 31st December, 1995.

Article 2

All ECOWAS Protocols and Conventions must be ratified by all Member States not later than 30th June, 1996.

Article 3

Member State which ratify the ECOWAS Revised Treaty as well as the Protocols and Conventions within the period prescribed in Articles 1 and 2 above shall deposit the instruments of ratification with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat not later than 31st January, 1996 for the Revised Treaty, and by 31st July, 1996 for the Protocols and Conventions.

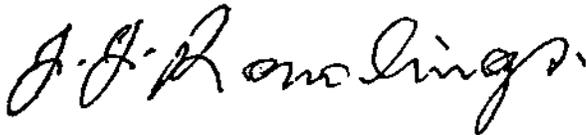
Article 4

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for monitoring the ratification by Member States of the Community Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION A/DEC. 5/7/95 RELATING TO
MEASURES APPLICABLE TO MEMBER STATES
IN ARREARS OF VARIOUS FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY
INSTITUTIONS**

**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT.**

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Protocol relating

to contributions of Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States Article 3 of which stipulates that contributions due from Member States to the budget of the Community shall be paid within the first three months of the budget year for which they are due;

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES. 1/5/90 on measures applicable to Member States in arrears of contributions;

BEARING IN MIND Resolution A/RES. 1/8/94 relating to the modalities for the settlement of financial obligations of Member States to the Institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING that, having amassed arrears of contributions, most Member States currently owe vast amounts to the Community Institutions, which, if not paid within a reasonable time frame, may bring these institutions to a halt and jeopardise the very existence of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the above Resolution A/RES. 1/5/90 provides for the application of sanctions only in cases of non-payment of contributions to the 1990 budget of the Community Institutions and for non-payment of subscriptions to the first and second tranches of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund as at 31st December, 1992;

CONSIDERING the need for Member States to make available promptly to the Community Institutions adequate financial resources with which to execute Community programmes and ensure the functioning of the Community;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 2/7/95 adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24th to 27th July, 1995;

DECIDES

Article 1

No new statutory or professional post within the Community Institutions shall be allocated to Member States which are in arrears of contribution and which:

- a) have not agreed a payment schedule with

the Executive Secretariat or the Fund by 31st December, 1995;

- b) having signed an agreement with the Executive Secretariat or the Fund, have defaulted in the settlement of two consecutive instalments; or
- c) fail to meet their financial commitments to the Institutions for the current budget year, and as a result, incur fresh arrears by 31st December, of each year.

Nationals of Member States in arrears of contributions and to which any of the above situations apply may not be appointed to a statutory or professional post within the Institutions of the Community.

Article 2

In addition to the sanctions set out in Article 1, Member States against which the provisions of that Article are applicable shall be divested of their voting rights.

Article 3

The Community Institutions shall not initiate any studies or undertake any project evaluation in defaulting Member States which have arrears of contributions and to which paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Article 1 above applies. All loan disbursements to such countries are to be suspended.

Article 4

Member States in arrears of contributions and which have not signed a payment agreement with the Executive Secretariat or the Fund by 30th June, 1996 and Member States which, having concluded on a payment agreement with the Community Institutions, have defaulted in the payment of more than two consecutive repayments shall be suspended from taking part in the activities of the Community.

Article 5

Settlement of their arrears shall not preclude the

Member States from complying with the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol on the contributions of Member States to ECOWAS budgets with regard to the budgets for the current year.

Payment of their arrears shall not obviate the need for Member States to honour their financial obligations deriving from the application of the Protocol on the Community Levy.

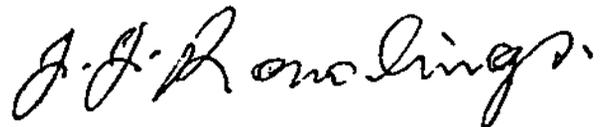
Article 6

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Fund shall, each in his own capacity, oversee implementation of this Decision.

Article 7

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

DECISION A/DEC. 6/7/95 ON THE EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF STATUTORY APPOINTEES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 3/7/91 relating to the selection and evaluation of the performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

DESIROUS of carrying out an objective evaluation of the performance of the said Community officers;

CONSIDERING the inadequacies of the system in force and the need to improve on it;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Resolution C/RES. 3/7/95 adopted by the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24th to 27th July, 1995;

DECIDES

Article 1

1. The Executive Secretariat shall make the following documents and information available to each Member State on the Ministerial Sub-Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees:

- (a) the curriculum vitae of the statutory appointee;
- (b) the schedule of duties of each Statutory Appointee;
- (c) list of directives given to each officers by the decision making bodies of the Community;
- (d) a report by each officer stating how far he has implemented programmes and directives assigned to him;

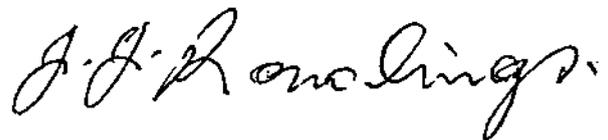
- (e) a summary of the duration, objectives and outcome of missions undertaken by him; and
- (f) any other information and documents as may be requested by the Ministerial sub-committee.

2. The Chairman of the Ministerial sub-committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Performance of Statutory officers shall, one month before a statutory meeting, send a report to the Members of the sub-committee on the level of performance expected of the officers concerned. In this regard, the Chairman shall send a team to the Executive Secretariat and the Fund to gather all necessary information.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION A/RES. 1/7/95 ON SPECIAL REDUCED RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ON ECOWAS DAY (28 MAY)

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the contribution of ECOWAS Institutions to the financing, coordination and maintenance of the inter-State telecommunications network since the first priority programme was launched in 1979;

CONSIDERING the clear success achieved by the programme and its positive impact on the performance of the inter-State network;

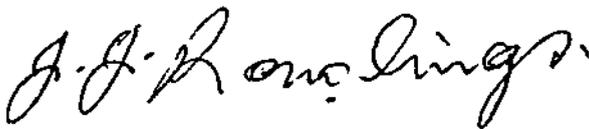
DESIROUS of celebrating the success annually;

CONSIDERING ALSO that the 28th day of May of each year has been declared as ECOWAS Day to commemorate the establishment of ECOWAS and to promote all Community programmes and activities;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 4/12/94 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its thirty-sixth session held in Lome from 15th to 17th December, 1994;

REQUESTS Member States to reduce intra-Community telecommunications rates by 50% on ECOWAS Day (28 May) each year.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION A/RES. 2/7/95 RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF ACCOUNTS AND SETTLEMENT OF DEBIT BALANCES BETWEEN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS OF MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the increasing imbalance noted in traffic flow between ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING the worldwide practice of exchanging accounts between telecommunications administrations;

AWARE that non-exchange of accounts penalises some ECOWAS Member States Administrations with regard to the handling of both terminal and transit traffic;

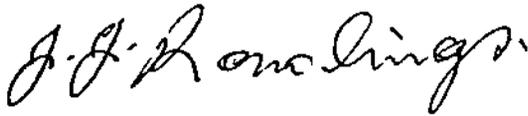
RECOGNISING that the non-settlement of accounts constitutes a substantial impediment to the promotion of intra-community telecommunications traffic;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 4/12/94 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its thirty-sixth session held in Lome from 15th to 17th December, 1994;

REQUEST Member States to:

- exchange, on a regular basis accounts pertaining to both terminal and transit telecommunications traffic;
- settle without delay balances resulting from such exchange of accounts.

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THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
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CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

session held in Lome from 15th to 17th December, 1994;

REQUESTS Member States to fix maximum tariffs for intra-Community telephone services as follows:

- 5 gold francs for immediate neighbourhood service involving adjacent networks with direct terrestrial links;
- 7 gold francs for simple neighbourhood service in which direct link is possible, using transit facilities provided by another national administration in the sub-region;
- 8 gold francs for distant services (direct or transit);

REQUESTS FURTHER, that Member States agree to lower tariffs in bilateral arrangements between them.

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THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**

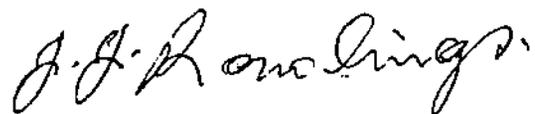
**RESOLUTION A/RES. 3/7/95 RELATING TO THE
FIXING OF MAXIMUM TARIFFS FOR INTRA-
COMMUNITY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT,**

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

RECOGNISING the need for ECOWAS to adopt a uniform tariff structure for telecommunications services between Member States;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 5/12/94 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its thirty-sixth



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION A/RES. 4/7/95 ON FOOD SECURITY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

RECALLING the close cooperation existing between the Member States of ECOWAS and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the fields of food and agriculture;

CONSIDERING the importance of food security for sustainable socio-economic development and for peace and stability at global and regional level, as well as its particular importance for Africa;

RECOGNISING the importance of the new orientation given to FAO's policies and programmes, which re-inforce the priorities attributed to food security and put a particular emphasis in assisting food deficit countries;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the initiative of the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit aimed at raising awareness and political will at the highest level, as well as in the domain of public opinion, of the unacceptability of continued food insecurity in a world with growing population, and of the need to redress this situation;

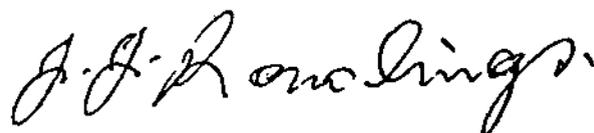
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the proposal of the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit was fully endorsed by the thirtieth and thirty-first Summits of the Organization of African Unity held in Tunis, from 6th to 11th June, 1994, and Addis Ababa, from 26th to 28th June, 1995 respectively, as well as by the eighteenth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa, held in Gaborone from 24th to 28th October, 1994;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the FAO Council, at its 108th session held in Rome, from 5th to 14th June, 1995, recommended that the FAO Conference approve the convening of a World Food Summit in November, 1996;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the Resolution C/RES. 4/7/95 adopted at the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24th to 26th July, 1995;

1. **EXTENDS** the support of ECOWAS Member States to the proposal made by the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit in 1996, and call upon Member Governments to lend their cooperation to FAO in this endeavour and to play an active role in both the preparatory process in the Summit itself;
2. **EXPRESSES** the appreciation and full support of ECOWAS Member States to FAO in the implementation of its new programmes and policies, in particular those aimed at the improvement of food security in food deficit countries;
3. **INVITES** all financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to lend their support to FAO programmes and policies.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY
FLT-LT JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION A/RES. 5/7/95 RELATING TO SUPPORT BY ECOWAS MEMBER STATES FOR THE AFRICAN PLATFORM OF ACTION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN ADOPTED IN PREPARATION FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN BEIJING, CHINA FROM 4TH TO 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1995

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 3/7/95 granting the status of ECOWAS specialised institution to the West African Women's Association (WAWA);

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 4/7/95 approving the statutes of the West African Women's Association;

BEARING IN MIND the avowed commitment of all to promote women's organisations as well as professional associations in order to ensure grassroot involvement in the activities of the Community;

BEARING IN MIND ALSO ECOWAS efforts to create a framework for improving the conditions of women in the sub-region, particularly by granting the status of ECOWAS specialised institution to the West African Women's Association (WAWA);

CONSIDERING the declaration of the fifth African regional Women's Conference held in Dakar from 16th to 23rd November, 1994 to study and adopt an African Platform of Action as part of preparatory measures for the fourth world Conference on Women;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the thirty-seventh session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra from 24th to 27th July, 1995;

CALLS upon all Member States of ECOWAS:

- to prepare, harmonise and implement

policies and programmes designed to promote integration of West African women in the process of economic and social development.

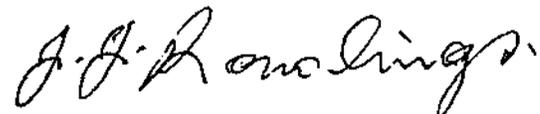
DIRECTS the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat:

- to pursue and diversify its actions in support of WAWA and to assist the Organisation in the effective mobilisation of women to ensure their economic and social progress;
- to grant technical assistance to the West African Women's Association (WAWA) in the preparation of studies and evaluation of development projects;
- to assist in the realisation of Community activities undertaken by WAWA.

ENJOINS WAWA:

- to continue the organisation, training, education and advancement of women in the sub-region, in the spirit of the African platform of action adopted as part of preparations for the fourth Conference on Women scheduled to take place in Beijing from 4th to 15th September, 1995.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY
FLT-LT JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION A/RES. 6/7/95 CALLING ON THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENCE IN AND SUPPORT TO LIBERIA

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

TAKING NOTE of Resolution 1001 (1995) of 29th June, 1995 by which the United Nations Security Council has decided to extend the mandate of UNOMIL to 15th September, 1995 subject to the installation of the Council of State, re-establishment of a global and effective ceasefire, creation of an agreed timetable and schedule for the implementation of all aspects of the accords, particularly the disarmament process;

CONSIDERING that, under Chapter 8 of the United Nations Charter, primary responsibility for the maintenance of world peace and security devolves upon the United Nations;

CONSIDERING that, by participating through ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in the search for a peaceful settlement of the Liberian crisis and making considerable efforts for the purpose, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was merely assisting the United Nations;

CONSIDERING that, because the Economic Community of West African States has, on several occasions, solicited assistance from the international community in its efforts to bring the warring factions to accept a ceasefire to provide appropriate incentives for their troops once disarmed;

CONSIDERING that, in view of the inability of ECOWAS to obtain the assistance it was entitled to, the prospect of peace returning to Liberia has become more elusive;

CONSIDERING that the signing of the Akosombo and Accra Agreements have infused new life into

the process and injected a spirit of compromise into the warring factions;

CONSIDERING that, although the factions' new attitude is expected to accelerate the peace process, the 15th September, 1995 deadline set by the Security Council is too short to permit successful execution of the tasks assigned;

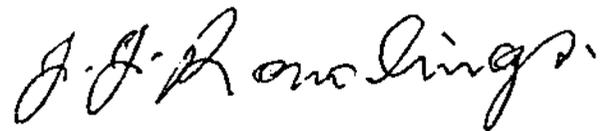
CONVINCED that withdrawal of the United Nations military observer mission (UNOMIL) from Liberia at this stage would irreparably compromise all the efforts made so far by ECOMOG and would be catastrophic for all Member States of the sub-region;

APPEALS to the United Nations Security Council to reconsider the situation in Liberia, taking into account recent initiatives and ongoing actions;

CALLS on the Security Council to review its Decision 1001 (1995) dated 29th June, 1995, irrespective of the stage the Liberian peace process has reached by 15th September, 1995;

RENEWS its appeal to the international Community to provide adequate financial resources to ECOWAS and logistic support to ECOMOG for the restoration of peace to Liberia.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**HIS EXCELLENCY,
FLT-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION C/DEC. 1/7/95 RELATING TO THE
ENHANCEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL
RESOURCES OF ECOWAS FUND**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC. 2/6/88 and A/DEC. 10/6/89 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Study on Enhancing the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund;

CONSIDERING the report of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Resources of the Fund;

DECIDES

Article 1

The budget for the enhancement of the financial resources of the ECOWAS Fund amounting to Six hundred and ninety eight thousand and fifty-seven Units of Account (UA 698 057) is hereby approved.

Article 2

The ECOWAS Fund shall negotiate and, if satisfied, sign a Re-structuring Study Agreement with the firm of Maxwell Stamp Plc. London, United Kingdom.

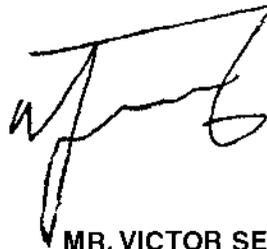
Article 3

The Re-structuring Study shall be undertaken in accordance with the schedule attached to this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

**DECISION C/DEC. 2/7/95 RELATING TO CLAIMS
BY CONSORTIUM D'ENTREPRISES (CDE) IN
RESPECT OF THE ECOWAS FUND
HEADQUARTER'S BUILDING**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the thirty-third session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Accra, Ghana, from 18th to 20th July, 1995;

DECIDES

Article 1

1. The claims of Consortium d'Entreprises and

the counter claim of the ECOWAS Fund in respect of the Fund's Headquarters building is hereby settled.

2. The Management of ECOWAS Fund is authorised to pay Consortium d'Entreprises (CDE) an amount of FCFA 120,000,000 in total and final settlement of the original claim of FCFA 675,653,302.

Article 2

This Decision abrogates all previous decisions and settlements taken on this matter.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

DECISION C/DEC. 3/7/95 ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE FUND

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING that the report of the thirty-third session of the Board of Directors held in Accra, from 21st to 23rd July, 1995 indicates that colossal sums of money have been lost through certain investments by the ECOWAS Fund in the capital of ECOBANK (ETI), and as a result, Community funds got frozen at the BCCI and the Meridien International Bank Limited (MIBL);

CONSIDERING that, in order to guard against future re-occurrence of such losses, the root causes must be identified and responsibilities determined;

DECIDES

Article 1

There is hereby established a commission of inquiry into the investments of the ECOWAS Fund in the share capital of ECOBANK (ETI) and the funds frozen at the BCCI and the Meridien International Bank Limited (MIBL).

Article 2

The commission shall be composed of Governors of Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and the Bank of Ghana.

The Commission may invite assistance from any source it considers useful to it in the accomplishment of its mission.

Article 3

The Commission shall make a report on the outcome of its investigations to the thirty-eight session of the Council of Ministers.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member States.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

**DECISION C/DEC. 4/7/95 RELATING TO THE
MERGER OF ORGANISATION DE
COORDINATION POUR LA LUTTE CONTRE LES
GRANDES ENDEMIES (OCCGE) AND THE WEST
AFRICAN HEALTH COMMUNITY (WAHC) TO
FORM THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH
ORGANISATION (WAHO).**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the protocol on the establishment of a West African Health Organisation signed in Abuja on the 9th day of July, 1987;

AWARE that the merger of the OCCGE and WAHC to form a single Inter-governmental organisation with the status of a specialised institution of ECOWAS will address the health problems of the entire West African region;

RE-AFFIRMING its desire to create a single West African Health Organisation under the auspices of ECOWAS by merging the two existing organisations - OCCGE & WAHC;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Second meeting of Ministers of Health held in Cotonou on 6th to 7th July, 1995;

DECIDES**Article 1**

Member States hereby re-affirm their resolve to create a single Health organisation under the auspices of ECOWAS by the merger of the Organisation de Coordination et de Cooperation pour la Lutte contre les Grandes Endémies (OCCGE) and the West African Health Community (WAHC).

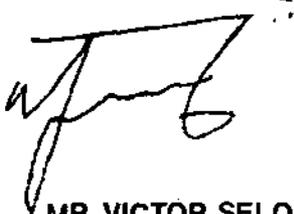
Article 2

The Executive secretariat shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision and shall in the 1996 financial year, make adequate financial appropriation for the activities of the merger process.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

**DECISION C/DEC. 5/7/95 ON THE LIST OF
INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS
ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECOWAS
TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States and of the subsequent Acts and Decisions amending the said Protocol;

MINDFUL of Decisions C/DEC.3/6/88 dated 21st June, 1988 and C/DEC. 4/7/92 dated 25th July, 1992 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial products and enterprises to benefit from the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 6/7/92 dated 29th July, 1992 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and implementation of a single Trade Liberalisation Scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of the Community;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission held in Lagos from 12th to 14th June, 1995;

DECIDES

Article 1

The industrial enterprises and products which satisfy the ECOWAS origin criteria, a list of which is attached as an annex to this Decision, are hereby approved to benefit from the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall allocate to each of the enterprises concerned an approval number which must feature on the ECOWAS Certificate of Origin and Customs Declaration Form, and inform Member States accordingly.

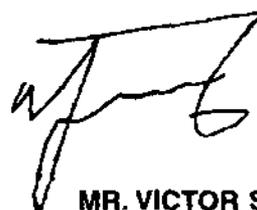
Article 3

The Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures for the implementation of this decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

LIST OF PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISES PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL
LISTE DES PRODUITS ET ENTREPRISES INDUSTRIELS PROPOSES A L'AGREMENT

Identity of enterprises by Member States <i>Identité des entreprises par Etat Membre</i>	Customs nomenclature No <i>No. nomenclature douanière</i>	Products <i>Produits</i>
<p>1. BENIN</p> <p>1. SOBEPEC BP. 466 Cotonou</p>	<p>Ex 3209.10</p> <p>Ex 3209.10</p> <p>EX 3208.90</p> <p>Ex 3208.90</p> <p>Ex 3212.90</p> <p>Ex 3214.10</p> <p>Ex 3814.00</p>	<p>— Varnishes <i>Vernis</i></p> <p>— Emulsion paint <i>Peinture à l'eau</i></p> <p>— Paint in containers of more than 5 litres. <i>Autres peintures en récipients d'une contenance de plus de 5 litres</i></p> <p>— Paint in containers not exceeding 5 litres. <i>Autres peintures en récipients d'une contenance de moins de 5 litres</i></p> <p>— Dyes <i>Colorants</i></p> <p>— Mastics <i>Mastic</i></p> <p>— Thinners <i>Diluants</i></p>
<p>II. GHANA</p> <p>1. ALUMINIUM ENTERPRISES LIMITED (AEL) Tema, Accra</p>	<p>Ex 7602.00</p> <p>Ex 7615.10</p>	<p>— Aluminium dross and scraps (ingots). <i>Déchets et débris d'aluminium (lingots)</i></p> <p>— Aluminium household and cooking utensils. <i>Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestique</i></p>

Identity of enterprises by Member States <i>Identité des entreprises par Etat Membre</i>	Customs nomenclature No No. <i>nomenclature douanière</i>	Products <i>Produits</i>
<p>2. ALLIED METALS LIMITED P.O. Box 3688, Accra</p> <p>3. MODERN ALUMINIUM INDUSTRIES LIMITED P.O. Box 3688, Accra</p> <p>4. APPIAH MENKA COMPLEX LTD.</p> <p>5. TEMA STEEL COMPANY LTD</p>	<p>Ex 7606.11</p> <p>Ex 7317.00</p> <p>Ex 7615.10</p> <p>Ex 3401.19</p> <p>Ex 7202.19</p> <p>Ex 7227.90</p> <p>Ex 7213.39</p>	<p>— Aluminium Corrugated sheet <i>Tôles en aluminium</i></p> <p>— Wire nails <i>Pointes et clous en fonte, fer ou acier</i></p> <p>— Aluminium household and cooking utensils. <i>Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestique</i></p> <p>— Soap <i>Savons</i></p> <p>— Billets <i>Steel billets</i></p> <p>— High tensile rods <i>fil machine en autres aciers alliés.</i></p> <p>— Mild Steel rods <i>fil machine en aciers non alliés.</i></p>
<p>III. NIGERIA</p> <p>1. FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG PLC</p>	<p>Ex 7606.12</p> <p>Ex 7221.00</p> <p>Ex 7616.10</p> <p>Ex 7608.10</p>	<p>— Aluminium coil (mill finished and coated). <i>Tôles et bandes en Aluminium</i></p> <p>— Steel coil coated <i>Fil machine en acier</i></p> <p>— Aluminium circles <i>Autres ouvrages en aluminium (Rondelles)</i></p> <p>— Aluminium collapsible tubes. <i>Tubes et tuyaux en aluminium</i></p>

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2. PEUGEOT AUTOMOBILE NIG. LTD 3. LINO LABORATORIES LTD P.O. Box 1547, Lagos 4. TOWER ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC 5. ORGANIC CHEMICAL IND. LTD	Ex 7610.90	— Aluminium partitioning and ceiling tiles. <i>Construction et parties de construction... en aluminium, etc; tôles, barres, profiles en vue de leur utilisation dans la construction</i>
	Ex 8708.29	— Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs). <i>Autres parties et accessoires de carrosseries (y compris les cabines)</i>
	Ex 2009.30	— Jus of any other single citrus fruit. <i>Jus de tout autre agrume</i>
	Ex 2009.60	— Black currant drink <i>Jus de raisin</i>
	Ex 7606.11	— Aluminium coils and circles. <i>Tôles et bandes en aluminium</i>
	Ex 7604.10	— Extruded aluminium profiles. <i>Barres et profiles en aluminium</i>
	Ex 7606.92	— Aluminium roofing sheets. <i>Autres tôles en aluminium</i>
	Ex 7615.10	— Kitchen and other household articles. <i>Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestiques</i>
	Ex 8207.20	— Dies. <i>Filières pour l'étirage ou le filage des métaux</i>
	Ex 3909.10	— Urea formaldehyde glue.. <i>Résines uréiques</i>
Ex 3907.50	— Alkyol resins <i>Résines alxydes</i>	

Identity of enterprises by Member States <i>Identité des entreprises par Etat Membre</i>	Customs nomenclature No. <i>nomenclature douanière</i>	Products <i>Produits</i>
	Ex 3505.10	— <i>Dextrins and other modified starches.</i> <i>Dextrine et autres amidons et féculés modifiés</i>
	Ex 3905.19	— <i>Polyvinyl acetate emulsions.</i> <i>Autres polymères d'acetate de vinyle</i>
6. ROKANA INDUSTRIES	Ex 3307.49	— <i>Rooms deodorant</i> <i>Désodorisant de locaux</i>
7. AFPRINT NIGERIA PLC P. O. Box 3623, Lagos	Ex 5208.51	— <i>Woven fabrics of cotton (printed); plain weave, weighing not more than 100g/m².</i> <i>Tissues de coton, imprimés à armure toile d'un poids n'excédant pas 100g/m²</i>
	Ex 5208.52	— <i>Woven fabrics of cotton (printed); plain weave, weighing more than 100g/m².</i> <i>Tissues de coton, imprimés à armure toile d'un poids excédant 100g/m²</i>
8. DEVON INDUSTRIES LTD.	Ex 1511.90	— <i>Palm oil</i> <i>Huile de palme</i>
9. INTERNATIONAL CARPETS INDUSTRIES LTD.	Ex 5703.30	— <i>Carpets of other man-made textile materials.</i> <i>Tapis en autres matières textiles synthétiques</i>
	Ex 5702.42	— <i>Other textile floor coverings, woven.</i> <i>Revêtements de sol à velours, confectionnés de matières textiles synthétiques</i>
10. IVY PRODUCTS NIG. LTD.	Ex 3923.10	— <i>Plastic containers.</i> <i>Articles de transport et d'emballage en matière plastique</i>

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3. BRASSERIES BB LOME S.A. BR 896, Lomé	Ex1517.90 Ex 2306.10 Ex 2203.00	— Preparation of vegetable oil (Karité butter). <i>Beurre de karité</i> — Cotton <i>Tourteaux de coton</i> — Beer made from malt <i>Bières de malt</i> — in containers of 0,5 litres to 1 litre. <i>en récipients d'une contenance de 0,5 litre à 1 litre</i> — in containers holding of 0,5 litres or less. <i>en récipients d'une contenance de 0,5 litres ou moins</i>
4. SIPAT BP. 3913 Lomé, Togo	Ex 2202.10 Ex 4820.20 Ex 4820.30 Ex 4823.59	— Waters including... aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening <i>Eaux, v compris... et les eaux gazéifiées, additionnées de sucre ou d'autres édulcorants ou aromatisées</i> — Exercise books <i>Cahiers</i> — Binder folders & file-covers. <i>Ciaseurs, reliures, chemises & couvertures à dossiers</i> — Other paper and paperboard, of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic. <i>Autres papiers & cartons découpés à format en vue d'un usage déterminé (pour machine à écrire, pour écriture, pour écriture d'impression).</i>

DECISION C/DEC. 6/7/95 ON THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE MEETING OF ECOWAS LEGAL EXPERTS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the necessity for the Legal Experts of Member States to meet regularly and with the Executive Secretariat to discuss and elaborate on matters of interest to the Community;

DECIDES

Article 1

1. The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts is hereby institutionalised and shall be held at least once a year.
2. The meeting of ECOWAS Legal experts shall first consider all proposals before they are submitted to either the meeting of Ministers of Justice and the Council of Ministers.

Article 2

The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts shall assist the Executive Secretariat to:

- (i) define strategies for and elaborate draft texts for the harmonisation of domestic laws of Member States;
- (ii) consider various draft texts prepared by the Executive Secretariat;
- (iii) monitor and assess the implementation of ECOWAS texts that have entered into force;
- (vi) exchange information and propose modalities for the creation in the Executive Secretariat, of a legal library and data bank on legal and judicial matters;

- (v) prepare action plans, define projects and elaborate programmes and time tables;
- (vi) identify sources of extra-budgetary finding for projects and programmes;
- (vii) carry out all other functions as may be assigned to it by the Ministers of Justice meeting and the Council of Ministers.

Article 3

The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts shall be composed of seasoned professionals chosen by Member States from among officers with the right qualifications and experience to discuss the issues on the Agenda.

Article 4

The meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts shall be convened by the Executive Secretariat, either on its own initiative, on the directives of the Authority or Council or, at the request of a Member State.

Article 5

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision which shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

DECISION C/DEC. 7/7/95 RELATING TO THE HARMONISATION OF COMMERCIAL LAWS OF MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

AWARE of the divergent legal traditions and systems, and the differences in legal and judicial procedures and practices in the sub-region;

RECOGNISING the need for, and the desirability of harmonising the commercial laws of Member States, in order to rationalise and improve the legal and judicial framework for enterprises and commercial operators;

INSPIRED by the initiatives taken by the member countries of the Organisation pour L'Harmonisation du Droit des Affaires en Afrique (OHADA) to harmonise the commercial law in the franc zone;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the sixth meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts held in Lagos from 25th to 28th April, 1995;

DECIDES

Article 1

Member States hereby undertake to harmonise their commercial laws.

Article 2

Pending such a time that the Commission on Political, Judicial and Legal Affairs, Regional Security and Immigration established by Article 22 of the Revised Treaty becomes operational, the Executive Secretariat shall constitute a Committee of three eminent personalities, each of whom should represent one of the three linguistic areas of the Community.

Article 3

The Committee shall work with highly qualified

specialists in commercial laws of the region and shall:

- (i) collect and collate all texts on commercial laws in member States;
- (ii) advise on the appropriate structures to be established for the harmonisation exercise;
- (iii) gather all available information from relevant resource persons on procedures and practices relating to Commercial laws in Member States;
- (iv) identify and prioritise those areas of commercial laws to be harmonised;
- (v) Assist the Executive Secretariat, in seeking funding from appropriate organisations and institutions for the harmonisation exercise.

Article 4

The Executive Secretary shall report to the decision-making organs of the Community on this issue as early as practicable.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27 DAY OF JULY, 1995.**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION C/RES. 1/7/95 ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE ECOWAS TREATY, PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 1/7/93 on the ratification of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty;

REAFFIRMING the collective desire of the sixteen Member States of ECOWAS to work towards the achievement of full and functional integration of West Africa for the effective development of their national economies and improvement of the welfare of their citizens;

CONSIDERING that implementation of all Community Acts is a prerequisite for the attainment of the above objective;

CONSIDERING that in order to be implemented, the acts such as the Revised ECOWAS Treaty, must be ratified as a matter of urgency;

RECOMMENDS that the Authority of Heads of State and Government adopts the attached Decision on the ratification of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty, Protocols and Conventions.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995.**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION C/RES. 2/7/95 RELATING TO MEASURES APPLICABLE TO MEMBER STATES IN ARREARS OF VARIOUS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocol relating to contributions of Member States to the budget of the Economic Community of West African States which stipulates that contributions due from Member States shall be paid to the budgets of the Community within the first three months of the budget year for which they are due;

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES. 1/5/90 on measures applicable to Member States in arrears of contributions;

CONSIDERING that, having amassed arrears of contributions, most Member States currently owe the Community Institutions substantial amount of money, which, if not paid within a reasonable time frame, may bring these Institutions to a halt and jeopardise the very existence of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the above Resolution A/RES. 1/5/90 provides for application of sanctions only in cases of non-payment of contributions to the 1990 budget of the Community institutions and for non-payment of subscriptions to the first and second tranches of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund as at 31st December, 1992;

CONSIDERING the need for Member States to make available promptly to the Community Institutions, adequate financial resources with which to execute Community programmes and ensure the functioning of the Community;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Decision on measures applicable to Member States in arrears of various financial contributions to the Community Institutions.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**

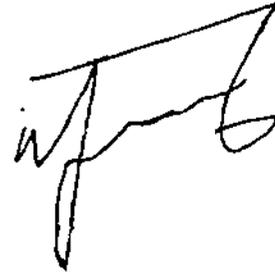


**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the meeting of the Ministerial Sub-committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Accra on 26th July, 1995;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Decision on the Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 3/7/95 ON THE
EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF
STATUTORY APPOINTEES**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 3/7/91 relating to the selection and Evaluation of the performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

DESIROUS of carrying out an objective evaluation of the performance of the said Community officers;

CONSIDERING the inadequacies of the system in force and the need to improve on it;

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 4/7/95 ON FOOD
SECURITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

RECALLING the close cooperation existing

between the Member States of ECOWAS and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the fields of food and agriculture;

CONSIDERING the importance of food security for sustainable socio-economic development and for peace and stability at global and regional level, as well as its particular importance for Africa;

RECOGNISING the importance of the new orientation given to FAO's policies and programmes, which reinforce the priorities attributed to food security and put a particular emphasis in assisting food deficit countries;

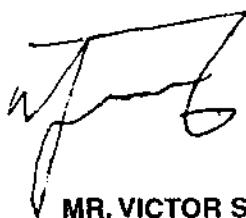
NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the initiative of the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit aimed at raising awareness and political will at the highest level, as well as in the domain of public opinion, of the unacceptability of continued food insecurity in a world with growing population, and of the need to redress this situation;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the proposal of the Director-General of FAO to convene a World Food Summit was fully endorsed by the thirtieth and thirty-first Summits of the Organization of African Unity held in Tunis, from 6th to 11th June, 1994; and Addis Ababa, from 26 to 28th June, 1995 respectively), as well as by the eighteenth session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa, held in Gaborone from 24th to 28th October, 1994;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the FAO Council, at its 108th session (held in Rome, from 5th to 14th June, 1995), recommended that the FAO Conference approve the convening of a World Food Summit in November, 1996;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Resolution on food security.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**



**MR. VICTOR SELORMEY
FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ACCRA, 28 - 29 JULY, 1995

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

1. The Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), was held in Accra, Republic of Ghana, on 28th and 29th July, 1995 under the Chairmanship of His Excellency Flight-Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana.
2. Present at the session were the following Heads of State and Government or their duly accredited representatives:
 - His Excellency, Nicéphore Dieudonné SOGLO, President of the Republic of BENIN;
 - His Excellency, Henri Konan BEDIE, President of the Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE;
 - His Excellency, Flt. Lt. Jerry John RAWLINGS, President of the Republic of GHANA;
 - His Excellency, General Lansana CONTE, President of the Republic of GUINEA;
 - His Excellency, David KPOMAKPOR, Chairman of the LIBERIA National Transitional Government;
 - His Excellency, Mahamane OUSMANE, President of the Republic of NIGER;
 - Honourable Carlos Alberto Wahanon de Carvalho VEIGA, Prime Minister and Head of Government of the Republic of CAPE VERDE;
 - Honourable Manuel Saturnino COSTA, Prime Minister and Head of Government of the Republic of GUINEA BISSAU;
 - Honourable Hermann YAMEOGO, Senior Minister, Minister of Integration and African Solidarity representing the President of BURKINA FASO;
 - Captain Edward David SINGHATEY, Vice-Chairman of the Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council and Minister of Defence of the Republic of The Gambia, representing the President of the Republic of THE GAMBIA;
 - Honourable Traoré DIONCOUNDA, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malians Resident Abroad and of African Integration, representing the President of the Republic of MALI;
 - Honourable Ahmed Ould MINIH, Minister, Secretary-General, Office of the President, representing the President of the Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA;
 - Lieutenant-General Oladipo DIYA, Chief of General Staff, Office of the President, representing the Head of State of the Federal Republic of NIGERIA;
 - Honourable Moustapha NIASSE, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and of Senegalese Resident Abroad, representing the President of the Republic of SENEGAL;
 - Honourable Dr. Alusine FOFANAH, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, representing the President of the Republic of SIERRA LEONE;
 - Honourable Elom K. DADZIE, Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance, representing the President of the TOGOLESE Republic;
3. Attending the Session as Observers were:

- The Executive Secretary of the West African Clearing House (WACH);
- The President of the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce (FWACC);
- The Secretary-General of the West African Women's Association (WAWA);
- The Executive Director of the West African Health Community (WAHC);
- The representative of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- The United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative on Liberia;
- The Governor of the BCEAO and Chairman of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks in West Africa;
- The representative of the African Development Bank (ADB);
- The representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO);
- The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO);
- The representative of the United Nations Fund for Women in Development (UNIFEM);
- The representative of the Pan-African News Agency (PANA);
- The representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- The representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO);
- The representative of the West African Development Bank (BOAD);
- The representative of ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated;
- and a large number of High Commissioners and Ambassadors accredited to the Republic of Ghana.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY

4. The eighteenth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the Economic Community of West African States. The Authority paid glowing tribute to the Founding Fathers of the Community for their foresight and strong belief in West African integration. It was recalled that ECOWAS had provided an invaluable bridge for crossing the linguistic barrier inherited from the colonial era, and over the past twenty years, Member States had endeavoured to keep alive that initial spirit of regional solidarity and sought to deepen the integration process. Particular reference was made, in this regard, to the adoption of not only integration programmes in the key socioeconomic sectors such as free movement of persons, trade liberalisation, monetary integration, regional infrastructural development and harmonisation of the production base of the regional economy. It was also noted that ECOWAS had provided the basis for cooperation in the field of regional peace and security.
5. Heads of State and Government re-affirmed their belief in regional integration, particularly in view of the evidence in past years of limitations of the development in isolation of national economies. The Authority also felt inspired to pursue the regional approach to economic development by the enthusiasm with which

countries in both the developed and developing regions of the world had been embracing regional cooperation and integration. The Authority, therefore, urged all the governments and their various public agencies, the West African business community and all the other segments of the population in the region to play their respective roles in the regional integration process, to ensure that West Africa could face successfully the challenges of the 21st century.

6. While recognising the limited real impact that ECOWAS had made on the economies of Member States, the Authority reflected on the factors which had held back regional cooperation and integration. The Heads of State and Government reviewed the various effects of the economic crisis on regional integration and focused considerable attention on the chronic problems of implementation of Community Acts and Decisions, arrears of contributions to the Institutions of the Community and the multiplicity of inter-governmental organisations (IGOs) in West Africa. The Authority noted, however, that appropriate measures had already been initiated to resolve most of these problems.
7. Heads of State and Government decided that, in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary and to immortalise the Community ideal, a principal street in each national capital should be named "**ECOWAS Street**".

REVIEW OF THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMY

8. The Heads of State and Government, in a review of the economic performance of West Africa, noted that the estimated 1.8% growth recorded in 1994 was lower than in the previous year. The Authority expressed particular concern at the declining economic growth, since it was well within the means of Member States to control some of the factors responsible for the poor performance. It was recalled that, with a population growth of about 3%, the West African economy ought to be expanding at a much faster rate in order to arrest the

falling standard of living.

9. The Authority focused its discussion on appropriate strategies for overcoming the socio-economic difficulties facing Member States. There was a review of measures initiated at national, regional and international levels to enhance the development of the West African economy. The Authority noted that over the past twelve months, there were fresh initiatives to improve upon national economic management policies. The Heads of State and Government expressed satisfaction at the concerted effort that continued to be made by Member States to coordinate and harmonise national economic policies. The hope was expressed that this regional initiative would facilitate the integration process and the continued pursuit of economic development in Member States, and would also lay the needed foundation for the creation of an integrated regional economy.

MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (MAFA)

10. In recognition of the need to focus the attention and energies of the Community and Member States on selected priority areas of integration, the Authority emphasised its determination to continue with the execution of a series of annual minimum agenda for action. It was recalled that this programme was initiated by the Authority to encourage Member States to raise the level of implementation of some key Community programmes. The Authority, therefore, invited all Member States to ensure the effective application of the measures under the current MAFA which is exclusively devoted to promoting the free movement of persons, and enhancing the impact of regional integration on the ordinary Community citizen.

REDUCING OF THE DEBT BURDEN OF MEMBER STATES

11. Heads of State and Government noted with concern and dis-satisfaction the continued expansion of the debt stock of Member States. The Authority noted that this was in

spite of the efforts made by Member States to keep up with their debt service obligations and the initiatives at the international level to accord debt relief to developing countries. It was noted that even though the "Naples" terms for debt restructuring introduced during the year was an improvement on previous debt relief initiatives, much greater magnanimity needed to be shown by the principal creditors of Member States.

12. Given the growing size of the West African debt owed to multilateral creditors, the Authority called for fresh initiatives in the treatment of this type of debt. Heads of State and Government, however, urged Member States to continue to pursue sound economic management policies in order to generate the necessary level of credibility to attract favourable attention from the international capital market.

MONETARY INTEGRATION PROGRAMME

13. The Authority expressed satisfaction with the general progress made, under the different national structural adjustment programme, towards the liberalisation of the monetary sector. This trend had led to the emergence of realistic exchange rates and, even in a few instances, conditions close to free convertibility of the national currency. Heads of State and Government were further encouraged by the progress recorded in the discussion of the ECOWAS consultative Forum towards the harmonisation of macro-economic and financial policies of Member States. It was stressed that continued regional coordination of policies would give all Member States the same orientation and facilitate the attainment of the goal of a single monetary zone. For this reason, the Authority requested that action should be expedited towards the adoption of an appropriate regional framework for the harmonisation and multilateral surveillance of economic and financial policies.
14. In a review of the implementation of the specific activities under the monetary integration programme, Heads of State and Government endorsed the decision of the Council that efforts in the West African

Clearing House should be cleared by May 1996. The Authority called for concrete proposals from the ECOWAS Committee of Governors of Central Banks on the modalities for the creation of a credit and guarantee facility and the introduction of the West African travellers cheque within the Clearing House to improve the regional payments arrangements. All Member States were called upon to continue with the pursuit of sound monetary policies and ensure the early elimination of non-tariff barriers of a monetary nature.

FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

15. Heads of State and Government lamented the poor financial situation which continued to plague the institutions of the Community. The Authority noted that the slowness in the integration process was due in part to the inadequacy of resources available to the institutions, a situation which had hampered their operations. It was recalled that the functioning of the Community depended principally on contributions from Member States. An urgent appeal was therefore made to all the Member States concerned to honour the terms of the negotiated schedule of payment of arrears, and avoid the unpleasant necessity of applying the statutory sanctions envisaged under the Revised Treaty.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITY

16. Heads of State and Government once more expressed the need to present a common stand on development issues. In this regard, they recommended that representation on the Executive Council of the Global Environmental Facility should be rotated among ECOWAS Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE REVISED TREATY

17. Heads of State and Government noted with satisfaction the entry into force of the Revised Treaty following its ratification by the required number of Member States. The Authority requested the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps to ensure the

application of the novel provisions, such as the encouragement of private sector participation in the integration process.

REGIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

18. Heads of State and Government expressed their disappointment that, in spite of the high hopes entertained over the signing of the Cotonou Accord, the Liberian parties failed to abide by its provisions. The Authority lauded the persistence of its Chairman with respect to the efforts he made during the year to secure a workable agreement among the parties to the Liberian conflict. It was noted, in particular, that both the Akosombo and Accra Accords were within the framework of the Cotonou Accord and should have facilitated the implementation of the ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia.
19. Heads of State and Government observed that, due to the general lack of cooperation from the warring factions, very little progress has been made with respect to the vital issues of encampment, disarmament, demobilisation and rehabilitation. It was regretted that, instead of getting less, the problem of armed conflict had grown more intractable with the emergence of new warring factions and dissensions within the old ones. The Authority noted that the continued fighting had aggravated the problem of refugees and displaced persons.
20. The Authority praised the selfless sacrifice being made by the troop-contributing Member States in their continued support of the ECOMOG peace-keeping mission. Particular mention was made of the peace havens that ECOMOG forces had managed to create in five of the thirteen counties of Liberia and exhorted the ECOMOG Field Commander and his forces to persevere in their humanitarian mission. The Authority noted with regret the withdrawal of the troops from Tanzania and Uganda for lack of support from the international community. In this regard, a strong appeal was once more made by the Heads of State and Government for substantial support of the ECOWAS peace initiative in Liberia. A special appeal was made to the United

Nations not to withdraw its Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL), since it was playing a very vital role in the Liberia peace process.

21. Heads of State and Government noted with concern that dissensions within the warring factions had hampered the functioning of the Liberia National Transitional Government (LNTG) and retarded the peace process. It was also observed that the current impasse that was being faced related to the formation of a new interim government. The Authority made a strong appeal to the Liberian leaders to rise above their personal interests and show the statesmanship needed to reach a workable compromise, particularly as the issues over which there were disagreements did not appear to be vital. Indeed, Heads of State and Government warned the Liberian leadership that the patience of the outside world was wearing out, and the persistent intransigence was destroying the very foundation of that nation.
22. The Authority requested its Chairman to continue to mediate in the Liberian crisis. All Member States were called upon to see the civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone as problems of regional peace and security, and to facilitate the ECOWAS search for lasting solutions.
23. Concerning the merchant ship, MV Sea Rose, in the custody of ECOMOG, the Authority directed the Executive Secretary to study the issues involved and make appropriate proposals on its disposal. In the meantime, it was decided that the ship should remain in ECOMOG custody.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

24. Heads of State and Government unanimously elected the Republic of Ghana as Chairman of the Community for 1995/1996.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SUMMIT

25. At the invitation of the President of the Republic of Ghana, the Authority decided to hold its Nineteenth Session in Accra, at a date to be determined later.

VOTE OF THANKS

26. Heads of State and Government paid glowing tribute to His Excellency, Flight-Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana, for the diligence and dedication with which he directed the affairs of the Community during the past twelve months. The Authority was particularly appreciative of the untiring efforts of its Chairman to secure peace in Liberia. Heads of State and Government further expressed gratitude to President Rawlings, his government and the people of Ghana for the genuine fraternal welcome extended to all delegations and for the excellent facilities made available to ensure the success of the 1995 Annual Statutory Meetings of the Community.

**DONE AT ACCRA,
THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1995**

THE CONFERENCE