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THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 1/7/96 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government authorising the completion of the ECOWAS Fund Headquarters building in Lome and stipulating that the works should be financed from the payments or arrears made in respect of arrears of contributions towards the construction of the ECOWAS Fund Headquarters building;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions at its meeting held on 19th November, 1996 in Lome;

ENACTS

Article 1

Following the opening and examination of tenders, the cost of works is fixed at FCFA 826,017,737 (Eight hundred and twenty-six million, seventeen thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven francs (CFA) broken down as follows:

Contractor	:	FCFA 687,000,000
Architect	:	FCFA 68,700,000
Project Management Consultant (2.28%)	:	FCFA 15,663,600
Technical Control Bureau (1.15%)	:	FCFA 7,900,500
Contingency (5%)	:	FCFA 38,963,205

Ad hoc Sub-Committee Meeting : **FCFA 7,790,432**

Total : **FCFA 826,017,737**

Article 2

The Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund is authorised to sign with Entreprise Nouvelle Togolaise des Travaux Publics (ENTTP), the contract for the completion of the Fund Headquarters in Lome at a total cost of FCFA 687,000,000 (Six hundred and eighty-seven million francs CFA).

Article 3

The Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund is authorised to sign the following additional contracts with the various firms involved in the execution of the project.

- Additional contract with the Architect, Cabinet Goudiaby Atepa for a total contract price representing 10% (ten per cent) of the total cost of works;
- Additional contract with the Project Management Consultant, Associated Consultants, for a total contract price representing 2.28% (two point twenty-eight per cent) of the total cost of works;
- Second additional contract for the technical control with Société de Contrôle Technique (SOCOTEC) for a total contract price representing 1.15% (one point fifteen per cent) of the total cost of works.

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 and shall enter into force within sixty (60) days of the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the Community.

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THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL**

**REGULATION C/REG. 2/11/96 ON THE LIST OF
INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS
APPROVED TO BENEFIT FROM THE ECOWAS
TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol dated 5th November, 1976 defining the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States and its subsequent amendment Acts;

MINDFUL of Decisions C/DEC. 3/6/88 and C/DEC. 4/7/92 dated 21st June, 1988 and 25th July, 1992

respectively of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial enterprises and products under 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 of ECOWAS on the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for products originating from Member States of the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 4/7/96 dated 22nd July, 1996 on the cancellation of the criterion relating to the level of participation of Community nationals in the equity capital of enterprises wishing to benefit from the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, held in Lagos from 16th to 18th October, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

Industrial enterprises and products fulfilling the ECOWAS rules of origin and approved as being eligible for preferential treatment under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme are those contained in the list attached as an annex to this Regulation

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall give each enterprise concerned, an approval number which must feature on the certificate of origin and on the ECOWAS customs declaration form and inform Member States accordingly.

Article 3

Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Regulation.

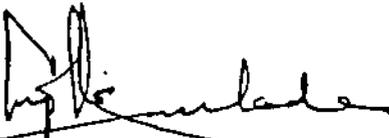
Article 4

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**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
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LIST OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISES PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL LISTE DES PRODUITS ET ENTREPRISES INDUSTRIELS PROPOSES A L'AGREMENT						
Identity of enterprises by Member State <i>Identité des entreprises par Etat Membre</i>	Tarif N° <i>Position tarifaire</i>	Products <i>Produits</i>	Approval Number <i>N° d'agrément</i>			
			Country Code <i>Code Pays</i>	Enterp. N° <i>N° Entrep</i>	Product N° <i>N° Produit</i>	Year <i>Année</i>
I. CABO VERDE						
I. CERIS BP. 320 PRAIA	2203.00	Beer <i>Bière</i>	132	001	01	96
II. GHANA						
1. TROPICAL GLASS CO.	7010.90	Bottles <i>Bouteilles</i>	288	001	01	96
2. FAN MILK LTD. BP. 6460 Accra	0403.10	Yogurt <i>Yoghourt</i>	288	002	01	96
	2105.00	Ice cream <i>Glaces de consommation contenant du cacao</i>	288	002	02	96
III MAURITANIE						
1. SAFA (Société Arabe de fer et del'Acier) BP 114 Nouadhibou	7215.90	Reinforcing bars <i>Fer à béton</i>	478	003	01	96
IV. NIGERIA						
1. NIGERITE LTD.	6811.10	Fibre cement roofing sheets <i>Plaques ondulées</i>	566	022	01	96
	6811.20	Fibre cement	566	022	02	96

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			Country Code <i>Code Pays</i>	Enterp. N° <i>N° Entrep</i>	Product N° <i>N° Produit</i>	Year <i>Année</i>
2. PURECHEM INDUSTRY		cement ceiling sheets <i>Autres plaques, tuiles et articles similaires</i>				
	3918.10	Floor tiles <i>Revêtements de sols (PVC)</i>	566	022	03	96
	3506.10	Glues <i>Colles</i>	566	033	01	96
	3506.99	Other prepared adhesives <i>Autres adhésives Préparés</i>	566	003	02	96
3. LAKHI TEXTILE INDUSTRY LTD.	3501.10	Casein glues <i>Caseines</i>	566	033	03	96
	5704.10	Carpets <i>Revêtements de sol</i>	566	001	01	96
4. VITAMALT PLC.	2202.90	Vitamalt <i>Autres boissons sucrées</i>	566	005	01	96
	2203.00	Beer (Lager) <i>Bières de malt</i>	566	005	02	96
5. PRESTREST	6810.91	Concrete prefabricated structural components (poles bridge beams (deckings))	566	006	01	96

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			Country Code <i>Code Pays</i>	Enterp. N° <i>N° Entrep</i>	Product N° <i>N° Produit</i>	Year <i>Année</i>
6. EMILY M.COSMETICS INDUSTRIES	3304.99	<i>Ouvrages Préfabriqués pour le bâtiment ou le génie civil (poteaux, poutres, plaques)</i> Settin lotion, gel <i>Produits de beauté pour les soins de la peau</i>	566	007	01	96
	3305.10	Shampoos <i>Shampooings</i>	566	007	02	96
	3305.90	Other preparations for use on the hair. <i>Autres préparations capillaires</i>	566	077	03	96
7. NIGERIA DISTILLERIES	2208.30	Whiskies	566	008	01	96
	2208.50	Gin	566	008	02	96
8. NIGERIA DISTELLERIES (suite)	2208.90	Schnaps, brandy bachus wine <i>Autres boissons alcooliques</i>	566	008	03	96

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			Country Code <i>Code Pays</i>	Enterp. N° <i>N° Entrep</i>	Product N° <i>N° Produit</i>	Year <i>Année</i>
V. TOGO						
1. SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE DES MOULINS DU TOGO (S.G.M.T.)	1101.00	wheat or meslin flour <i>Farine de blé</i>	768	002	01	96
	2302.30	brand of wheat <i>Son de froment (blé).</i>	768	002	02	96

REGULATION C/REG. 3/11/96 APPROVING THE 1997 COMPENSATION BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR PROJECTED LOSS OF CUSTOMS REVENUE BY MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

ENACTS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (**ECOWAS**) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision **A/DEC. 8/5/79** dated 29th May, 1979 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the consolidation of import duties and equivalent taxes and non-tariff barriers;

MINDFUL of Decision **A/DEC. 19/5/80** dated 28th May, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the application of the compensation procedures for loss of revenue suffered by Member States as a result of the trade liberalisation programme;

MINDFUL of Decision **A/DEC. 1/5/83** dated 30th May, 1983 as amended by Decision **A/DEC. 6/6/89** dated 30th June, 1989 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;

MINDFUL of Regulation **C/REG. 4/7/96** dated 25th July, 1996 on the list of industrial enterprises and products approved to benefit from ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 37th meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, held in Lagos, from 16th to 18th October, 1996;

ON THE ADVICE of the nineteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Lome from 11th to 19th November, 1996;

Article 1

An amount of ten million, nine hundred and thirty-three thousand, six hundred Units of Account (**UA 10 933,600**) is hereby approved as the 1997 compensation budget for projected loss of revenue from the trade liberalisation scheme.

Article 2

Each Member State shall pay its contribution into the special fund being managed by the **ECOWAS Fund** which constitutes the permanent resource exclusively for the payment of loss of revenue incurred by Member States as a result of the implementation of the trade liberalisation scheme.

Article 3

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the **ECOWAS Fund** shall be responsible, in their respective capacities, for the implementation of this Regulation.

Article 4

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Participation of Member States in the intra-Community approved product exchange in 1997 and their contribution to the compensation budget (for 28 new approved products)

Participation des Etats Membres aux échanges intra-communautaires des produits agréés pour 1997 et leur contribution au budget de compensation (pour 28 nouveaux produits)

Member States	Value Exports (millions UA)	Percentage of exports per Member States	Amount of contributions (millions UA)	Remarks
<i>Etat membres</i>	<i>Valeur des exportations (millions UC)</i>	<i>Pourcentage des exportations par Etat membre</i>	<i>Montant des contributions (millions UC)</i>	Observation
CABO VERDE	0,0096	0,02	0,0022	
GHANA	0,2272	0,49	0,0536	
MAURITANIE	16,9349	36,67	4,0094	
NIGERIA	18,3959	39,84	4,3559	
TOGO	10,6121	22,98	2,5125	
TOTAL	46,1797	100	10,9336	

**REGULATION C/REG. 4/11/96 ADOPTING THE
ECOWAS CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONVINCED that the integration of cultural factors in development strategies of the Community will ensure a well-balanced development of all the peoples of the ECOWAS region;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/7/87 on the Cultural Framework Agreement for ECOWAS adopted in Abuja on 9th July, 1987;

ANXIOUS of effectively implementing the said Protocol with a view to strengthening understanding amongst the people of the region as well as facilitating information circulation and development exchanges in all areas;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the eight meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 24th to 27th September, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

The ECOWAS Cultural Development Programme annexed to this Regulation is hereby adopted.

Article 2

1. An Ad Hoc Committee of the Human Resources, Information, Social and Cultural Affairs Commission (the Commission) comprising the Republics of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Mali, the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Senegal is hereby established.
2. The Ad Hoc Committee shall monitor implementation of the Cultural Programme and formulate strategies and programmes

to accelerate implementation of the programme by all Member States.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee shall submit its reports and recommendations to the Commission.
4. The Executive Secretariat shall co-ordinate the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Article 3

1. All Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall individually and collectively take all necessary measures to implement all the activities and events set out in the Cultural Programme.

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority.

It shall also be published within the same time-frame by each Member State in its National Gazette.

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**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

ECOWAS CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

I. INTRODUCTION

Culture can facilitate the *integration process* in the following ways:

- By building up the awareness and conviction that integration is one of the most credible means of achieving an economic breakthrough in West Africa;
- By disseminating key ideas such as: solidarity, unity, progress, strength through collaborative effort, through books, skills, magazine articles and teaching;
- By developing cultural tourism for the youths, school children and university students, the working population and the elderly;
- By promoting and initiating Community activities;
- By organising colloquium, seminars and conferences on ways of speeding up the *integration process*, encouraging public participation, involving the private sector, publicising the specific goals and objectives of the *integration process*, and the results achieved.

Obstacles to Cooperation for Development, Solidarity and concerted Action

The most frequently quoted obstacles to be eliminated are discriminations on the grounds of ethnicity, regionalism, sex, age, philosophical and religious belief, language and loss of cultural roots.

Opening up Mental Horizons

Integration for development implies a far-reaching change in thought patterns as a means of reforming economic and social structures and adjusting more effectively to the influences of the outside world in order to be able to respond to the

needs of our peoples. This would be facilitated through:

- extending the scope of culture through education and by dissemination;
- introducing cultural programmes in training institutions, schools of journalism and administration, etc.

II. CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The ECOWAS cultural programme shall include the following projects:

- establishment of a common methodology for the promotion of cultural industries;
- organisation of ECOWAS festivals in the various areas of culture; music, dance, folklore, literature, the plastic arts, cinema...;
- full participation in the major Panafrican festivals held in Member States (FESPACO, Biennial de Dakar - a biennial Dakar Arts festival, SIAO, the international West African Exhibition);
- establishment of common training institutions in these areas of culture;
- establishment of sub-regional associations;
- encouragement of exchanges between youths, women's and worker's associations.

III. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Seminar on the role and place of culture in the ECOWAS integration process (Côte d'Ivoire);
- ECOWAS Arts Week: Paintings, sculpture, cinema, fashion designing (Nigeria/WAWA) etc.);
- Cultural Industry Fair (Senegal 1988);

- Meeting of Association with observer status in ECOWAS (Nigeria);
- Artistic Trends in ECOWAS (Nigeria).

IV. CULTURAL EXCHANGES

- Ministerial conference on piracy and copyrights (Côte d'Ivoire, October 1996);
- Yearly tour of the sub-region by dance troops (the "Compagnie Nationale de Danse de Côte d'Ivoire" 28th October to 17th November, 1996);
- African Fashion Designers Exhibition (Abidjan 1977);
- World Festival of Afro-Music (Abidjan 1998);
- Dak'Art 1998 Contemporary African Arts (Dakar 1998);
- National Festival of Arts and Culture (Senegal 1997);
- The Annual Roots Home-Coming Festival (The Gambia 1997).

V. HANDICRAFTS

- Seminar on production and marketing of African crafts (establishment of networks, data banks on handicrafts in ECOWAS and worldwide distribution) (Nigeria 1998);
- Upgrading of training centres, promotion of local craftsmanship, improvement of traditional handicraft techniques and the rehabilitation of CIEPAT at Abomey in the Republic of Benin.

VI. BOOK INDUSTRY

- ECOWAS/UNESCO colloquium on obstacles to the development of the book industry and reading in West Africa (Senegal 1997);

- Initially, articles sent in by Member States shall be published in the ECOWAS Magazine. The ECOWAS cultural magazine shall be launched at a more propitious time.

VII. AUDIO VISUAL

Consultations on the following cultural projects:

- FREDIC, MULTIPROD;
- Cultural Magazine (ECOWAS Magazine).

VIII. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Festival of Youth and Culture;
- Cultural Tourism, Youth exchange programme;
- Colloquium: Youth and Integration (Participation of WAYO, WAYA, WAWA, OTUWA) (The Gambia);
- Seminar on "job creation and the spirit of enterprise" (Nigeria and WAWA).

IX. EDUCATION-TRAINING

- a) Member States shall establish evaluation committees in their States where these have not been established.
- b) Training institutions shall ensure a regular exchange of documentation between themselves.
- c) All Member States shall reserve quotas for ECOWAS nationals in educational institutions.
- d) All Member States shall allow language students to spend one year, as part of their course, in their States where the language being studied by the student is used as the official language.
- e) Member States shall send to the Executive Secretariat, a list of

educational institutions in their States, and the certificates awarded by them. The entry requirements as well as the duration of the courses leading to the award of these certificates should be stated.

- f) The Executive Secretariat shall conduct a study on areas of training that could give rise to joint institutions (creation of new establishments or merging of existing ones) and centres of excellence.
- g) The Executive Secretariat shall carry out a study on the harmonisation of certain school courses as a means of reducing the cost of textbooks.
- h) The Republic of Togo shall rehabilitate and re-open the Regional Centre for Cultural Action in Lomé (Togo).
- i) Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall encourage cooperation between English and French-speaking Member States, as exemplified by the Togo/Nigeria language cooperation programme.

X. THE ECOWAS PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE

In a bid to encourage research and creativity, the Authority of Heads of State and Government adopted Decision A/DEC. 14/5/82 establishing the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence. The Prize is to be awarded to any person who may distinguish themselves in the areas of science, technology and culture, agriculture, African pharmacopoeia, appropriate technologies, literature and any other areas which may enhance the image of the Community.

The Council of Ministers adopted the Rules and Regulations for the ECOWAS Prize for Excellence and voted a budgetary allocation for the organisation of the competition.

The Executive Secretariat in cooperation with Member States shall organise a second competition on the theme of African pharmacopoeia.

For the organisation of the competition:

- Member States shall be more stringent in the pre-selection exercise;
- The Executive Secretariat shall define guidelines and finance the screening of entries at the national level;
- Reports of meetings of national Juries shall be sent to the Secretariat by Member States;
- The criteria used for grading candidates by the first meeting of the international Jury shall be widely disseminated to research workers by the Executive Secretariat;
- The deadline for receiving entries for the award of the ECOWAS Prize for Pharmacopoeia shall be extended till the end of February 1997. As a result, the international Jury shall sit in March 1997.

XL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

It is necessary to solidify cooperation links with NGOs and the different associations, in order to inform and educate public opinion, and thus ensure the effective participation of the public in the integration process.

In addition to those regional association which have been granted observer status in ECOWAS, the association of Women is able to contribute to the realisation of ECOWAS objectives.

The following programmes of action for public involvement shall be undertaken at both Community and State levels:

- Launching of an information campaign on the issue;
- Establishment of ECOWAS clubs. Prominent persons at the local and national levels shall be invited to lead such clubs which should work towards integration;

- ECOWAS Day shall be celebrated every year by each Member State to commemorate the founding of the Community on 28th May, 1975;
 - Accordingly, socio-cultural events (handicraft exhibitions, book fairs, music festivals) sporting events (cup championships in different sporting disciplines) to mark ECOWAS Day shall be organised. The occasion shall be used to highlight the commitment of Member States to ECOWAS, as exemplified by:
 - a) announcing the status of ratification and effective implementation of ECOWAS protocols and decisions;
 - b) the gradual elimination of customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect levied on imports, particularly imports of cultural products originating from Member States (books, handicrafts, art works, records films, etc...);
 - c) payment of contributions;
 - d) efforts be made to introduce integration into the educational syllabus (inclusion in school text books and university programmes...);
 - e) efforts be made to disseminate information on important events and characters, the indigenous culture, wealth and potential of Member States as well as the life styles of their peoples;
 - f) activity reports shall be submitted to the Executive Secretariat through the ECOWAS National Units.
 - give to certain thoroughfares, names evocative of the integration process;
 - name an ECOWAS square in each capital;
 - celebrate ECOWAS Day annually;
 - organise an ECOWAS Week in each Member States, to be celebrated successively. Côte d'Ivoire has volunteered to host the first ECOWAS Week. Nigeria will follow.
- Activities during ECOWAS Week shall include:
- a) the award of a prize for culture and a cup for sports;
 - b) organisation of a colloquium on the state of ECOWAS, and ways in which to enhance its performance.

XIII. FUNDING

The financial resources shall be considerably widened through:

- ECOWAS budget allocation;
- Allocations or grants from the ADB, AFREXIM BANK;
- Philanthropists: wealthy patrons, NGOs, indigenous companies, multinationals, Member States;
- International institutions (UNESCO, UNDP, ISESCO...); socio-cultural foundations (the L.S. Senghor, F. Houphouet-Boigny, G. Eyadema, A.T. Touré and Sani Abacha foundations).

Sourcing of Funds

- Financial partnerships;
- Funding or sponsorship of selected projects.

XII. COMMEMORATIVE ACTIONS

In order to publicise, ECOWAS Member States shall:

REGULATION C/REG. 5/11/96 ESTABLISHING A FORUM OF ASSOCIATIONS RECOGNIZED BY ECOWAS (FARE)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 61 of the Revised Treaty in which Member States undertake to cooperate with a view to mobilising the various sections of the population in order to ensure their effective integration and involvement in the social development of the region;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 9/8/94 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing Regulations for the Granting to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) the status of observer within the Institutions of ECOWAS;

NOTING that a large number of NGO's have been granted observer status within ECOWAS;

DESIRING to create a body that would coordinate all activities of the NGO's as well as provide a liaison between the Associations and the Executive Secretariat;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the first meeting of Associations granted observer status within ECOWAS, held in Lagos from 11th to 13th June, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

Establishment and Function

1. A Forum of Associations recognised by ECOWAS is hereby established.
2. The forum shall comprise all Associations that have been granted observer status.
3. The Forum shall have the following functions:

- a) act as a link between the recognised associations;
- b) provide a framework for a regular exchange of viewpoints and experiences relating to the problems impeding the integration process;
- c) provide a focal point for the formulation of collective recommendations and points of view on prospective actions for submission to the Council of Ministers through the Executive Secretariat;
- d) any other functions as may be decided by the Council of Ministers.

Article 2

Meeting the Forum

1. The Forum shall meet twice a year while the bureau shall meet as often as possible.
2. Meetings of the Forum shall be rotated between the Executive Secretariat, and Member States.
3. The Executive Secretariat shall provide logistics support for all meetings of the Forum.
4. The Forum shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 3

The Bureau

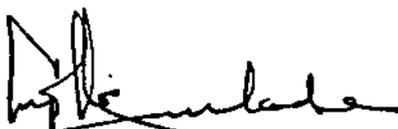
1. The Forum shall have a Bureau to coordinate its activities. The officers of the Bureau shall be elected by the Forum for a specific term.
2. All members of the Forum shall maintain a steady flow of information with the Bureau.
3. The Bureau in cooperation with the Executive Secretariat shall compile a list of all members of the Forum which shall include all necessary information to facilitate the exchange of information.

Article 4**Publication**

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 by each Member State in its National Gazette.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

**REGULATION C/REG. 6/11/96 INSTITUTING
THE ECOWAS PRESS CARD**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions:

MINDFUL of Articles 65 and 66 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty relating to cooperation in the area of information;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC. 9/12/94 of the Council of Ministers adopting an ECOWAS Priority Programme of Action and Information which provides for the institution of an ECOWAS Press Card;

DESIRING to facilitate frequent interaction of West African media practitioners and to enable them obtain better access to information about Member States and Community activities;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Seventh Meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 31st January to 2nd February, 1996;

ENACTS**Article 1****Establishment**

An ECOWAS Press Card is hereby established

Article 2**Objectives**

The primary objectives of the Press Card is to facilitates frequent interaction between West African media practitioners in order to:

- (a) enable them obtain better access to information about Member States and Community activities; and
- b) enhance their output in the promotion of Community objectives.

Article 3

Privileges to be accorded to the Holders of the Press Card

The holder of the Press Card shall be accorded the following privileges:

- (a) he/she shall have priority and better

access to all information on integration at both national or community levels;

- (b) he/she shall be automatically accredited to cover all meetings and other events dealing with integration matters within the ECOWAS region;
- (c) he/she shall, while on official assignment, be entitled to rebate on air fares, hotel bills and telecommunications charges.

These concessions shall be negotiated by the Executive Secretariat with the national authorities and agencies concerned and shall be communicated to all card holders.

Article 4

Issuance, Renewal and Withdrawal

1. The press Card shall only be issued to a Community citizen.
2. The Press Card shall be issued to a recognised practising journalist who specialises in reporting regional integration matters upon;
 - (a) his written application; or
 - (b) his nomination by a media organ or association in the Member State.
3. The application or nomination shall be considered by a Select Committee comprising representatives of the Ministry of Information, National Press Association, West African Journalists' Association, the media organ for which the applicant works or the sponsoring media organ and ECOWAS National Unit in the Member State concerned.
4. The Select Committee shall determine the criteria for eligibility for all applicants. Emphasis should, however, be made on the applicants commitment to contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Community.

5. The Select Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.
6. The Press Card shall be valid for two years and renewable every two years.
7. All applications for renewal shall be supported with the evidence of activities carried out in promoting and reporting of West African integration issues.
8. The Select Committee shall have the right, after due investigation, to withdraw the Press Card on the following grounds:
 - (a) the holder has been found guilty of professional misconduct the nature of which is likely to bring the Community into disrepute;
 - (b) the holder has ceased to practise as a journalist;
 - (c) any other reasons that may be deemed acceptable by the Select Committee.

Article 5

Design of the Press Card

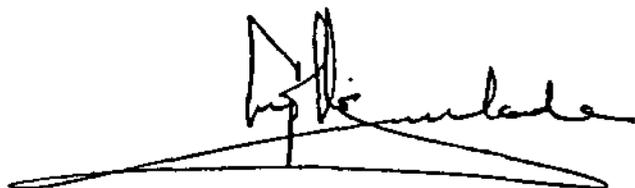
The Executive Secretariat shall design the Press Card and shall make it available to the Select Committee through the ECOWAS National Unit of each Member State.

Article 6

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It shall also be published within the same time-frame by each Member State in its National Gazette.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL**

**REGULATION C/REG. 7/11/96 ESTABLISHING
AN ECOWAS REGIONAL MEDIA TRUST FUND**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 65 and 66 of the Revised Treaty relating to cooperation in the area of information;

MINDFUL of the provisions of the ECOWAS Priority Programme of Action on Information adopted by Decision C/DEC. 9/12/94 dated 17th December, 1994 of the Council of Ministers which, inter alia, mandates the Executive Secretariat to establish a Regional Media Trust Fund to encourage reporting

and broadcasting of regional integration matters within the Community;

CONSIDERING the need to keep Community citizens constantly informed of the major decisions taken on their rights and obligations within the Community;

CONSIDERING also the fact that a Regional Media Trust Fund will strengthen the role of press organs and media practitioners in the promotion of ECOWAS ideals and objectives;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Seventh Meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission held in Lagos from 31st January to 2nd February, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The Regional Media Trust Fund is hereby established at the Executive Secretariat.
2. The Trust Fund shall be placed in a special account to be operated by the Executive Secretariat in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Community Institutions.

Article 2

The Trust Fund shall be financed through voluntary contributions by Member States and from:

- (a) interests from bank deposits;
- (b) external donor agencies and organisations;
- (c) private individuals within the sub-region; and
- (d) any other source as may be determined by Council.

Article 3

The Fund shall be used to finance the following activities:

- (a) conduct seminars, workshops and study tours;

- (b) attachment of media practitioners to commensurate media outfits in order to broaden their experience and sharpen their professional skills;
- (c) co-production and programme exchange schemes;
- (d) exchange of information on technical matters;
- (e) media awards for journalists who have distinguished themselves in reporting regional integration activities;
- (f) any other activity as may be determined by Council.

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 by each Member State in its National Gazette.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL**

REGULATION C/REG. 8/11/96 APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1995 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of paragraph 3(d), Article 10 of the Revised Treaty relating to the appointment of the External Auditors;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of ECOWAS adopted in Lome through Decision C/DEC. 4/11/89 of 30th November, 1989;

MINDFUL of the Authority Decision A/DEC. 3/7/92 dated 29th July, 1992 on the appointment of the firm of Akintola Williams and Company as External Auditors of the Community;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of Akintola Williams and Company, the External Auditors; and

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the nineteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Lome, from 11th to 19th November, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

The audited Financial Statements of the Executive Secretariat for the 1995 financial year is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 by each Member State in its National Gazette.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL**

**REGULATION C/REG. 9/11/96 APPROVING THE
WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1997 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

HAVING EXAMINED the draft Work Programme proposed by the nineteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Lome from 11th to 19th November, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

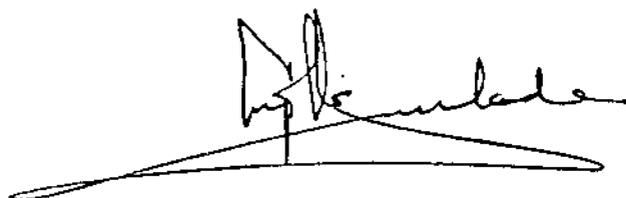
The attached Work Programme is hereby approved and shall be executed by the Executive Secretariat during the 1997 Financial Year.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 by each Member State in its National Gazette.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

1997 BUDGET
WORK PROGRAMME

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
1997 BUDGET
WORK PROGRAMME**

		UA
A LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT		
1.	Re-constitution of the archives of the Executive Secretariat.	—
2.	Constitution of a library of legal publications.	5,431
3.	Participation at the international meeting being organised by the African Jurists Association.	412
4.	Meeting of Legal Experts.	9,225
5.	Drafting of the draft Protocol on the Community Arbitration Tribunal.	3,928
6.	Organisation of two seminars relating to the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.	11,000
7.	Technical cooperation meetings.	5,000
TOTAL LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT		34,996
B AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT		
I. AGRICULTURE DIVISION		
Support for agricultural production.		
a)	Agricultural promotion.	23,218
b)	Animal breeding development.	6,956
TOTAL I		30,174
II. INDUSTRY DIVISION		
Promotion of Industrial Co-operation		
a)	Implementation of the programme of action for the industrial master plan.	1,191
b)	Development of pilot industrial zones.	1,631
c)	EUAWest Africa Industrial forum.	for info
TOTAL II		2,822

		UA
III. NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION		
1.	Floating weeds control.	9,790
2.	Regional meteorological programme.	12,036
3.	Desertification control.	9,324
TOTAL III		31,150
IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION		5,000
TOTAL	AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT	69,146
C. SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURAL DEPARTMENT		
I. Social Affairs Division		
1.	Merger of OCCGE/WAHC.	
a.	Meeting of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee.	6,056
b.	Third Ordinary session of the Assembly of ECOWAS Health Ministers.	4,046
c.	Transitional budget for the West African Health Organisation (WAHO).	16,239
2.	Social Security.	3,000
3.	Women in development seminar in Guinea.	32,604
4.	Subvention to the West African Women's Association (WAWA).	10,000
TOTAL I		72,305
II. Cultural Affairs Division		
1.	Seminar for Regional Cultural Project officers.	12,900
2.	Cultural Exchanges.	3,508
3.	Pan-African film festival in Ouagadougou (FESPACO).	4,736

		UA
4.	Meeting of Ministers of Youth and Sports (CMYS/ECOWAS).	3,418
5.	Promotion of Cultural Industries.	1,037
6.	Forum for Association granted observer status within ECOWAS.	1,015
7.	Co-ordination of DRUG control measures in West Africa.	12,032
8.	Festival of Black and African ARTS and culture in USA (FEBAAC '97).	—
9.	Social and Cultural Affairs Commission.	—
TOTAL II		38,646
IV.	Co-operation Mission	5,000
TOTAL SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT		115,951
D. TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY DEPARTMENT		
I. Transport Division		
1.	Improvement of road infrastructure on the Trans-West African Road network.	4,998
2.	Facilitation of Road Transports in the sub-region.	7,938
3.	Re-structuring of railway.	for the record
4.	Development of Air Transport in the sub-region.	6,252
5.	Improvement of Maritime Transport.	1,499
TOTAL I		20,687
II. Communications Division		
1.	Development of Telecommunications infrastructure.	18,972
TOTAL II		18,972
III. Energy Division		
1.	Development of Infrastructure for Energy production and distribution.	13,037

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2.	Programme for the supply and distribution of petrol and petroleum products.	for the record
3.	Development of renewable energy resources.	14,615
TOTAL III		27,652
IV.	Technical Co-operation	5,000
TOTAL TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND ENERGY DEPARTMENT		72,311
E. TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, MONEY AND PAYMENTS DEPARTMENT		
I.	Trade Division	
1.	Trade promotion programme.	7,855
TOTAL I		7,855
II.	Customs Division	
1.	Harmonisation of ECOWAS customs documents, regulations and formalities.	—
2.	Elimination of barriers to intra-Community trade and establishment of a common external tariff.	16,210
TOTAL II		16,210
III.	Immigration Division	—
IV.	Money and Payment Division	
1.	Establishment of a single monetary zone.	5,895
2.	Improvement of payments and arrangement of capital movement within the region.	817
TOTAL IV		6,712
V.	TOURISM DIVISION	
1.	Tourism and leisure fair.	28,970

		UA
	2. Ad hoc committee meeting on the hotel classification.	6,333
	TOTAL V	35,303
VI.	Technical Co-operation	10,000
VII.	Minimum Agenda for action	42,016
TOTAL	TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, MONEY AND PAYMENTS AND TOURISM	118,096
F. ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT		
1.	Economic Research Division	
	1. Macro-economic Co-operation programme.	36,970
	2. Strengthening the Institutional arrangements of the Community.	11,923
	TOTAL I	48,893
II.	Projects Division	
	1. Mobilisation of resources for ECOWAS Programmes.	5,291
	TOTAL II	5,291
III.	Statistics Division	
	1. Updating of Statistical Data on Member States.	12,788
	2. Harmonisation of Statistics in ECOWAS Member States.	9,178
	TOTAL III	21,966
IV.	Technical Co-operation meetings	5,000
TOTAL	ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT	81,150

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G. INFORMATION DEPARTMENT		
1.	Implementation of DECISION C/DEC. 9/12/94 relating to the Information Priority Programme.	—
2.	Implementation of Programme of Action aimed at promoting increased awareness of ECOWAS and its activities.	44,500
3.	Publication of periodicals, bulletins and leaflets.	6,500
4.	Technical Co-operation.	3,500
TOTAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT		54,500
H. COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE		
I. Technical Development Division		
1.	Development of ECOTRADE and ECOSTARS. External Funding: 20,000 ECU.	for info only
2.	Development of Data Processing Software for ECOWAS Institutions.	for info only
II. OPERATIONS DIVISION		
1.	Implementation of ECOWAS Trade Information Network (ECOTINET) External Funding: 50,000 ECU ECOWAS Counterpart Funding: 6,000 UA.	6,000
2.	Data Services for ECOWAS Institutions. External Funding: 30,000 ECU.	for info only
TOTAL II		6,000

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III. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION		
1.	Organisation and Participation in ASYCUDA and EUROTRACE Training Programmes. External Funding: 100,000 ECU. ECOWAS Counterpart financing: 15,000 UA.	15,000
2.	Technical Assistance to Member States. External Funding: 40,000 ECU. ECOWAS Counterpart financing: 3,500 UA.	3,500
TOTAL III		18,500
IV.	Technical Co-operation meetings.	5,000
TOTAL		29,500
COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE		

**REGULATION C/REG. 10/11/96 APPROVING
THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1997 FINANCIAL YEAR**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 69 of the Revised Treaty which relates to the budget of the Community;

MINDFUL of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of ECOWAS adopted in Lome through Decision C/DEC. 4/11/89 of 30th November, 1989;

HAVING EXAMINED the draft budget proposed by the nineteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Lome from 11th to 19th November, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the 1997 Financial Year, balanced out in revenue and expenditure at Five million eight hundred and forty five thousand four hundred Units of Account (UA 5 845 400) is hereby approved.

Article 2

An amount of Five million four hundred and eighty six thousand seven hundred Units of Account (UA 5 486 700) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States. Another sum of three hundred thousand units of account (UA 300 000) shall be obtained from arrears of contributions to past budgets while the balance of fifty-eight thousand seven hundred units of account (UA 58 700) shall be derived from the internal resources of the Executive Secretariat.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the

Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 by each Member State in its National Gazette.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL**

**REGULATION C/REG. 11/11/96 ON MODALITIES
FOR APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSTS AT THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND THE ECOWAS
FUND**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC. 5/12/94 dated 17th December, 1994 freezing the payment of certain

allowances to staff of the Community Institutions;

CONSIDERING that long delays in filling vacant posts retard the activities of the Community Institutions and undermine their performance;

BEARING IN MIND Decision A/DEC. 5/7/95 of 29th July, 1995 establishing sanctions applicable to Member States in arrears of various contributions of the Community Institutions;

AWARE, however, that the continued implementation of Community programmes demands that modalities be established for filling vacant posts at the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund;

AWARE also of the need to motivate staff members called upon to assume temporarily, the duties and responsibilities of superior officers;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the nineteenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Lome from 11th to 19th November, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

Posts rendered vacant within the Executive Secretariat and the Fund for reasons other than official mission, shall be filled as follows:

- a) a competent staff member shall be appointed to carry out, in an acting capacity, the duties and responsibilities of a superior officer whose post becomes vacant;
- b) where the provision of the above paragraph cannot be applied, the Executive Secretariat and the Fund shall employ staff on a contract basis, for a renewable period not exceeding one year.

Article 2

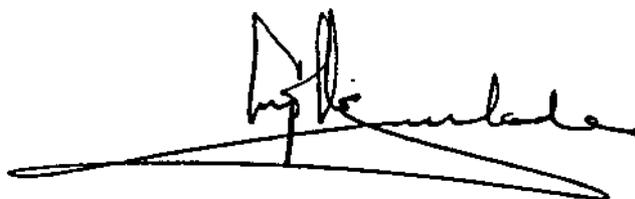
The acting allowance provided for in Article 33 of the Staff Regulations suspended by Decision C/DEC. 5/12/94, is hereby restored in respect of staff members who are in a higher capacity.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community 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 by each Member State in its National Gazette.

DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996



HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

REGULATION C/REG. 12/11/96 RELATING TO THE RECRUITMENT OF AN ENGLISH/FRENCH REVISOR FOR THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission on freezing of all new posts adopted by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-sixth session held in Lome from 15th to 17th December, 1994;

CONSIDERING the Recommendation of the thirty-sixth session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Lome from 18th to 19th November, 1996;

ENACTS

Article 1

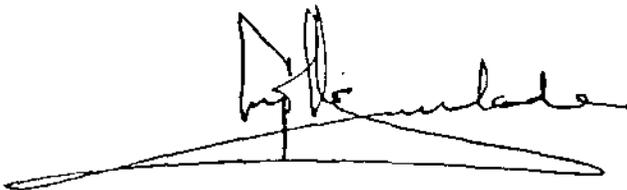
The Management of ECOWAS Fund is hereby authorised to recruit an English/French Revisor in the language Division of the ECOWAS Fund.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the signature of 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 and shall enter into force within sixty (60) days of the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the Community.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ayo Ogunlade', written over a horizontal line.

**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION C/RES. 1/11/96 ON THE DELPHIC GAMES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (**ECOWAS**) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 61 and 62 of the Revised Treaty relating to cooperation in social and cultural affairs;

NOTING that the Delphic Games constituted a festival in arts, music and dance, formerly held in Ancient Greece at the same time as the Olympic Games;

RECOGNISING the efforts being made to re-establish the Delphic Games;

AWARE that the cardinal aim of the Delphic Games is to generate greater awareness as well as foster a deeper understanding of the role that arts and culture can play in creating a new peaceful world civilization for mankind;

ANXIOUS to benefit from the lessons that the Delphic Games can render to citizens of the ECOWAS region;

RECOGNISES AND FULLY SUPPORTS the initiatives of the Delphic Movement;

CALLS ON all Member States to:

- Urgently establish, within their States, National Delphic Councils;
- Approve an annual subvention for the launching and sustenance of the National Delphic Council;
- Give the Delphic Games adequate publicity;
- participate fully in all the events leading to the first Delphic Games.

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC. 1/11/96 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE STUDY GROUP FOR RESEARCH ON DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (GERDES)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Abuja Declaration of 6th July, 1991 whereby the Heads of State and Government embraced the political principles contained therein with the aim of promoting economic cooperation and integration within a political environment of peace, security and stability;

DESIRING to ensure effective implementation of the ECOWAS Declaration of political principles;

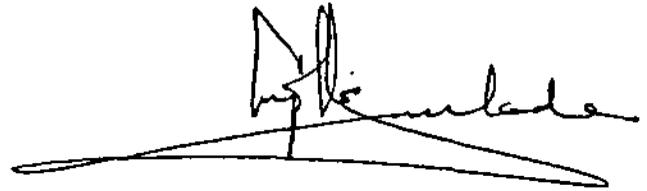
AWARE of the need to encourage non-partisan organisations that are determined to promote and consolidate democracy;

ACKNOWLEDGING the role that the Study Group for Research on Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa is playing to promote a culture of democracy within Africa;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the eight meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission, held in Lagos from 23rd to 26th September, 1996;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision* granting the status of observer to the Study Group for Research on Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa (GERDES).

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**



**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC. 2/11/96 ON DR. ABOUBACAR DIABY-OUATTARA

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

RECOGNISING that Dr. Aboubacar Diaby-Ouattara was the first Executive Secretary of ECOWAS who served the Community from 1977 to 1985;

RECOGNISING also Dr. Aboubacar Diaby-Ouattara's untiring pioneering efforts in the establishment of the Institutions of the Community, namely, the ECOWAS Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund;

NOTING the outstanding contributions of Dr.

* See Decision in Volume 33 of the Official Journal

Aboubacar Diaby-Ouattara to the development of the Community in general;

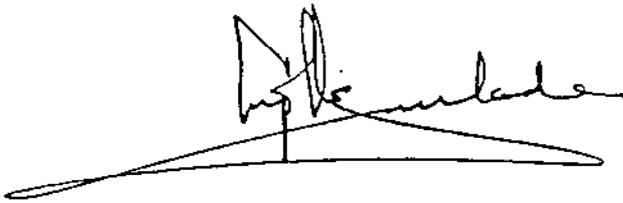
DESIRING to recognise these tremendous contributions by immortalising his name;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the eight meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to:

- (i) Posthumously confer on Dr. Aboubacar Diaby-Ouattara the ECOWAS Order of Merit, and
- (ii) Name the Plenary Hall of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat Headquarters Abuja, "Dr. Aboubacar Diaby-Ouattara Hall".

DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996



HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.3/11/96 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECOWAS ORDER OF MERIT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ECOWAS GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC. 9/12/94 of the Council of Ministers adopting the ECOWAS Priority Programme of Action on Information which inter-alia called for the institutionalisation of the ECOWAS Order of Merit and the appointment of ECOWAS Goodwill Ambassadors;

AWARE that a great number of ordinary Community citizens have distinguished themselves in various fields and are serving as role models in promoting the ideals and objectives enshrined in the Treaty;

DESIRING to recognise and use these category of people to further the cause of integration both within and outside the region;

DESIRING also to establish criteria for the award of the ECOWAS Order of Merit and for the appointment of ECOWAS Goodwill Ambassadors;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the seventh meeting of the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision* establishing the ECOWAS Order of Merit and the appointment of ECOWAS Goodwill Ambassadors.

* See Decision in Volume 33 of the Official Journal

**DONE AT LOME,
THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ayo Ogunlade', written over a horizontal line.

**HON. AYO OGUNLADE
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**