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DECLARATION OF A MORATORIUM ON IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND MANUFACTURE OF LIGHT WEAPONS IN WEST AFRICA

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS),

CONSIDERING the principles and objectives embodied in the Revised ECOWAS Treaty, the Charter of the Organisation of African Unity, and the United Nations Charter ;

CONSIDERING the fact that the proliferation of light weapons constitutes a destabilising factor for ECOWAS Member States and a threat to the peace and security of our people;

CONSIDERING the resolutions of the United Nations conference on conflict prevention, disarmament and development held in Bamako in November 1996;

CONSIDERING the directives of the fourth extraordinary session of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government which took place in Lomé, on 17th December, 1997, relating to the establishment of a sub-regional mechanism for conflict prevention, management, resolution, peacekeeping and security;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Internal Affairs and Security held in Yamoussoukro on 11th and 12th March, 1998;

CONSIDERING the reaffirmation of the commitment made by the ECOWAS Member States at the Oslo Conference held on 1st and 2nd April, 1998, and the declared support of the international community for the proposal to place a moratorium on light weapons in West Africa;

CONSIDERING the repeated encouragement of the United Nations for disarmament in West Africa as stipulated in the relevant Resolutions of the 50th, 51st and 52nd Sessions of the General Assembly;

CONSIDERING the outcomes of the meetings of Ministers of Defence, Internal Affairs and Security and of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Banjul

on 23rd and 24th July, 1998, and in Abuja on 26th to 29th October, 1998 respectively, endorsed by us in Abuja on 31st October, 1998;

CONSIDERING the unqualified approval demonstrated by Member States of the Wassenaar Arrangement and other arms manufacturers for a Moratorium on Light Weapons in West Africa;

HEREBY SOLEMNLY DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND MANUFACTURE OF LIGHT WEAPONS IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES, WHICH SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998 FOR A RENEWABLE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

DIRECT the ECOWAS Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the United Nations system to convene a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of experts to launch the operational framework for the associated measures of the moratorium under the Programme for Coordination and Assistance for Security and Development (PCASED);

SEEKING TO ENSURE the success of the Moratorium;

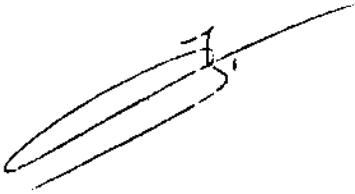
HEREBY SOLICIT the assistance of the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and the international community in implementing the Programme for Coordination and Assistance for Security and Development (PCASED);

DIRECT the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with PCASED, to convene a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to assess and evaluate the moratorium at the end of the initial three-year period;

IN FAITH WHEREOF, WE THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES HAVE SIGNED THIS DECLARATION.

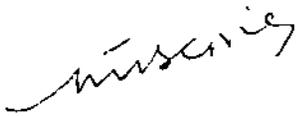
**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**

(IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC).



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President of the Republic of BENIN

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de Carvalho VEIGA**
Prime Minister of the Republic of CABO VERDE



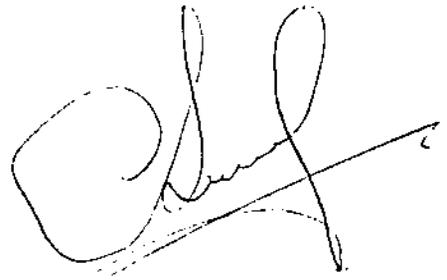
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President of the Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE



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President of the Republic of the GAMBIA



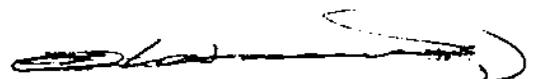
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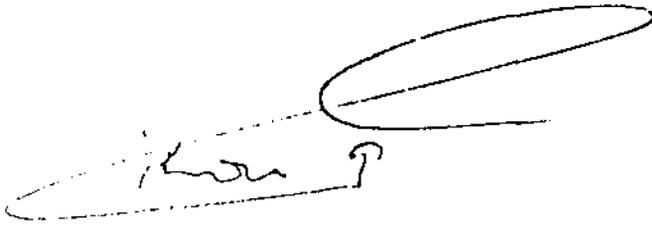
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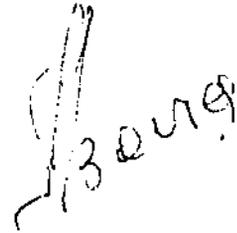
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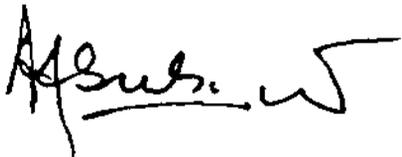
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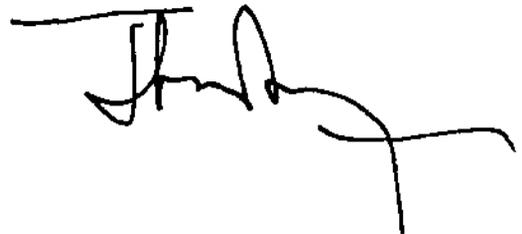
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President of the Republic of NIGER



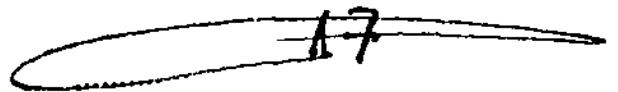
H.E. General Abdulsalami ABUBAKAR
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Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of
NIGERIA



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President of the Republic of SENEGAL



H.E. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan KABBAH
President of the Republic of SIERRA LEONE



H.E. Gnassingbe EYADEMA
President of the TOGOLESE Republic,



Hon. Ablasse OUEDRAOGO
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Ambassador, for and on behalf of the President
of the Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA

DECISION A/DEC. 1/10/98 ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ECOWAS TRAVELLER'S CHEQUE

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 of Authority relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme aimed at establishing a Single Monetary Zone;

WISHING to promote the use of a common regional payments instrument to facilitate, trade, tourism and cross-border transactions;

BEARING in mind that the use of a regional payments instrument will enhance the integration effort and in particular the achievement of the objective of a Single Monetary Zone;

AWARE of the desire of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks for the introduction of an ECOWAS Traveller's Cheque, as expressed at its meeting, held in Abuja on 26th October, 1998;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Bank held in Abuja on 28th October, 1998;

CONSIDERING the approval of the Heads of State of the Ad Hoc Committee on ECOWAS Single Monetary Zone at its inaugural session held in Abuja 30th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

A regional payments instrument named as the **ECOWAS TRAVELLER'S CHEQUE** (*the cheque*) is hereby introduced into circulation.

Article 2

The cheque shall be issued by the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) on behalf of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks and shall

be denominated in West African Units of Account (WAUA) equivalent to one unit of the Special Drawing Right of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Article 3

The cheque shall be issued in five denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Units of Account.

Article 4

The cheque shall be acceptable in all Member States for the payment of all transactions in both goods and services.

Article 5

The Committee of Governors of Central Banks shall ensure the circulation and effective management of the ECOWAS Travellers Cheque initially by WAMA and eventually by the private sector.

Article 6

The WAMA directorate in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat shall monitor the use and acceptability of the cheques and submit a yearly report to the competent authorities of the Community.

Article 7

All Central Banks shall prevent the accumulation of new arrears in the clearing mechanism in order to ensure credibility of the system and impact confidence in the use of the travellers cheque.

Article 8

The Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks of participating countries undertake to guarantee the prompt payment of any future arrears arising from the regional clearing system. They shall consider the arrears as priority payment in their settlement of multilateral debts.

Article 9

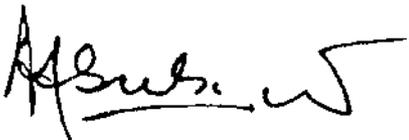
Countries in arrears shall undertake to settle their debts as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, these countries shall be excluded from participating in the project until the debts have been settled.

Article 10

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

**DECISION A/DEC. 2/10/98 LAUNCHING THE
ECOMOG COMMEMORATIVE STAMP**

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

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/8/90 dated 7th August, 1990 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group for Liberia (ECOMOG);

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.7/8/97 extending the scope of activity and mandate of ECOMOG to cover Sierra Leone;

APPLAUDING the fact that ECOWAS is the only sub-region in Africa to successfully mount a fully operational peace-keeping operation;

RECALLING with pride the exemplary and commendable role played by ECOMOG in Liberia and Sierra Leone;

DESIRING to project ECOMOG's achievements globally and establish its success as reference points;

DESIRING to honour all those who served in ECOMOG's operations;

ON THE INITIATIVE of Provident Communications, a corporate Community citizen interested in promoting ECOWAS;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja from 26th to 29th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

Launching

Two sets of commemorative stamps described below are hereby launched in honour of the laudable achievements of the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Article 2

Symbols of the Stamps

International Edition

- 1) The International Edition titled "Military Cooperation" carries the flags of all ECOMOG troop-contributing countries - Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Senegal.

This military cooperation is significant to the culture of integration which ECOWAS seeks to promote.

Local Edition

- 2) The local edition carries a ship, with a country flag. It signifies the zest and value with which ECOWAS Member States embraced the challenge of being their brother's keepers. It expresses the notion of distance covered to re-establish brotherly humanity.

It depicts the means through which ECOMOG set out for its humanitarian mission.

Article 3**Scope**

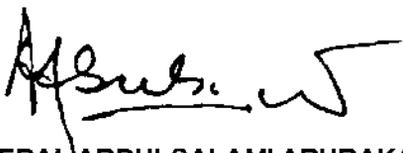
The ECOWAS Secretariat shall collaborate with Member States to launch the stamps on country basis.

Article 4**Publication**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

DECISION A/DEC. 3/10/98 RECOGNISING AND HONOURING ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE ECOMOG OPERATIONS IN LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/8/90 dated 7th August, 1990 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group for Liberia (ECOMOG);

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.7/8/97 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government extending the scope of activity and mandate of ECOMOG to cover Sierra Leone;

DESIRING to :

- pay special tribute to the men and women of our regional armed forces;
- endow a culture of respect for outstanding ECOWAS citizens who served the community selflessly;
- recognise and show appreciation to our African sister countries, the OAU, UN and the International Community for their collective and individual support without which our endeavours would have been fruitless;

ON THE INITIATIVE of Provident Communications, a corporate Community citizen interested in promoting ECOWAS;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja from 26th to 29th October, 1998;

DECIDES**Article 1**

To recognise, show appreciation and honour all those individuals and organisations, who participated and contributed to the ECOMOG

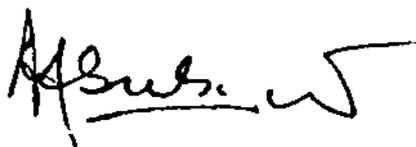
operations in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The list which is not exhaustive detailing the honours given is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

**LIST ATTACHED TO DECISION A/DEC.3/10/98
RELATING TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS, WHO
PARTICIPATED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE ECOMOG OPERATIONS IN
LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE.**

HONOURS ROLL AND CITATIONS

1. TITLE OF AWARD: TROOP CONTRIBUTION PLAQUE

CITATION: In recognition of your advancement of regional peace by contributing troops to ECOMOG.

TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES

1. Republic of Benin
2. Burkina Faso
3. Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
4. Republic of The Gambia
5. Republic of Ghana
6. Republic of Guinea
7. Republic of Mali
8. Republic of Niger
9. Republic of Nigeria
10. Republic of Senegal
11. Republic of Sierra Leone
12. Republic of Uganda (*Expanded ECOMOG*)
13. Republic of Tanzania (*Expanded ECOMOG*).

2. TITLE OR AWARD: ECOWAS PEACE ASSISTANCE PLAQUE

CITATION: In recognition of your support for the cause of peace in West Africa.

BENEFICIARIES

1. Australia
2. Belgium
3. Canada
4. Denmark
5. Finland
6. France
7. Germany
8. Greece
9. Ireland
10. Italy
11. Japan
12. Luxembourg, c/o Belgian Embassy
13. Netherlands
14. Norway
15. Portugal
16. Spain
17. Sweden
18. Switzerland
19. Taiwan
20. United Kingdom
21. United States of America.

3. **TITLE OF AWARD: ECOWAS PEACE ASSISTANCE PLAQUE**

CITATION: In recognition of your support for ECOWAS peace initiatives in West Africa.

BENEFICIARIES:

1. United Nations (UN).
2. Organisation of African Unity (OAU).
3. Commonwealth Secretariat.
4. European Union (EU).

4. **TITLE OF AWARD: ECOWAS N.G.O. PEACE ASSISTANCE AWARD**

CITATION: In recognition of your support for ECOWAS peace initiatives in West Africa.

BENEFICIARIES:

1. Carter Centre.
2. International Foundation for Electoral Support (IFES), c/o American Embassy.

5. **TITLE OF AWARD: SPECIAL SERVICE PLAQUE**

CITATION: In recognition of your outstanding contribution to regional peace as ECOMOG Force Commander.

BENEFICIARIES: ECOMOG Force Commanders

Rank & Name	Period
1. Lt-Gen. Arnold Quainoo	- August 1990 to September 1990
2. Lt-Gen. Joshua Dogonyaro	- September 1990 to Feb. 1991
3. Maj-Gen. Rufus M. Kopolati	- Feb. 1991 to September 1991
4. Maj-Gen. Ishaya Bakut	- September 1991 to October 1992
5. Brig-Gen. Adetunji I. Olurin	- October 1992 to October 1993
6. Brig-Gen. John N. Shagaya	- October 1993 to December 1993
7. Maj-Gen. John Mark Inienger-	December 1993 to August 1996
8. Maj-Gen. S.V.L. Malu	- August 1996 to July 1998
9. Maj-Gen. Timothy M. Shelpidi	- January 1998 to date.

6. **TITLE OF AWARD: ECOWAS SERVICE PLAQUE**

CITATION: In recognition of your contribution to regional peace as ECOMOG Deputy Force Commander.

BENEFICIARIES: ECOMOG Deputy Force Commanders I.

Rank & Name	Period
1. Brig-Gen. H. Agbemasu	- 15 November 1990 to 6 Feb. 1992
2. Brig-Gen. J.P. Adda	- 7 Feb. 1992 to 26 September 1994
3. Brig-Gen. Seth K. Obeng	- 26 September 1994 to 2 Nov. 1996
4. Brig-Gen. J.A. Kwateng	- 2 Nov. 1996 to 30 June 1998
5. Brig-Gen. T.E. Nguah	- 30 June 1998.

7. TITLE OF AWARD: ECOWAS SERVICE PLAQUE

CITATION: In recognition of your contribution to regional peace as ECOMOG Deputy Force Commander.

BENEFICIARIES: ECOMOG Deputy Force Commanders II.

Rank & Name	Period
1. Col. K. Kamara	- 9 Nov., 1991 to 6 March, 1995
2. Lt-Col. Diallo	- 7 Feb., 1992 to 26 September, 1994
3. Lt-Col. S. Kamara	- 5 Jan., 1996 to 13 January, 1996
4. Lt-Col. I. Diallo	- 14 July, 1996.

8. TITLE OF AWARD: ECOMOG SERVICE PLAQUE

CITATION: In recognition of your contribution to regional peace as Chief of Staff, ECOMOG.

BENEFICIARIES: ECOMOG Chiefs of Staff

Rank & Name	Period
1. Maj-Gen. C.C. Iweze	- August 1990 to February 1991
2. Maj-Gen. M. Bamaiyi	-
3. Col. T.S. Akande	- March 1991 to August 1991
4. Brig-Gen. E.O. Mbeh	- August 1991 to May 1992
5. Maj-Gen. S.V.L. Malu	- May 1992 to May 1993
6. Maj-Gen. B.S. Magashi	- June 1993 to September 1993
7. Brig-Gen. J.O. Williams	- October 1993 to December 1993
8. Maj-Gen. A.S. Muktar	- December 1993 to Sept. 1993
9. Brig-Gen. A.O. Mohammed	- August 1996 to July 1998
10. Brig-Gen. G. Kpamber	- July 1998 to
11. Brig-Gen. Mujakperuo.	

9. TITLE OF AWARD: SPECIAL CATEGORY

CITATION: In recognition of your contribution to regional peace as Special Representative to Liberia.

BENEFICIARIES:

1. Mr. James Victor Gbeho.
2. Ambassador Joshua Iroha.

10. TITLE OF AWARD: SPECIAL CATEGORY

CITATION: In recognition of your contribution to regional peace as ECOMOG Task Force Commander, Sierra Leone.

BENEFICIARY: Brig-Gen. M. Khobe.

11. TITLE OF AWARD: GRAND MULTILATERAL PEACE AWARD

CITATION: In recognition of your coordination of the ECOWAS peace-keeping initiative in West Africa.

BENEFICIARY: ECOWAS Secretariat.

DECISION A/DEC.4/10/98 ESTABLISHING A SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM FOR THE HARMONISATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme which provides for the establishment of a single monetary zone for ECOWAS Member States;

CONVINCED that the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies of Member States will accelerate the creation of the ECOWAS Single Monetary zone and enhance the overall integration effort;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Forty-Third Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

All Member States and the Institutions of the Community shall ensure the harmonisation of the macro-economic policies in the Community.

Article 2

In pursuit of this objective, each Member State shall ensure the attainment of the following targets in the macro-economic aggregates defined below :

- i) the maintenance of a budget deficit/GDP ratio of 5% by end 1998, and 3% subsequently;
- ii) maintaining central bank credit to government within the ceiling of 10% of previous year's fiscal receipts by end of 1998;
- iii) the achievement of a single digit inflation rate by the end of 1998, and by the year

2000 in the case of Liberia and Sierra Leone;

- iv) reduction of variability of nominal exchange rates to less than 10% by end of 1998 and less than 5% by the year 2000.

Article 3

There is hereby established a regional monitoring and surveillance Mechanism, to ensure compliance and assessment of the performance of Member States in relation to the above indicators of convergence.

Article 4

The surveillance mechanism shall involve the collection, analysis and processing of basic data, and making periodic reports to the Secretariat and WAMA on the trends in the macro-economic aggregate to ascertain and determine Member States' compliance with the indicators of convergence.

Article 5

An appropriate inter-ministerial coordination machinery shall be established in each Member State, to oversee operation of the surveillance mechanism.

Article 6

The duties of the national coordination body shall include:

- ensuring the formulation and application of appropriate macro-economic policies that facilitate harmonisation of macro-economic policies in the region;
- assessing national compliance with the regional macro-economic convergence criteria;
- advising government on appropriate policy review;
- the timely monitoring of the collection, compilation and publication of statistical data and information required under the regional surveillance mechanism;
- ensuring the preparation and review of the

periodic country report for submission to ECOWAS Secretariat and the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) on national macro-economic performance;

- providing periodically relevant data and information on macro-economic performance similar to those submitted to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the Secretariat and WAMA;
- engaging in regular consultation with the Secretariat and WAMA on compliance with the indicators of convergence.

Article 7

In order to avoid the establishment of parallel institutional structures in UEMOA Member States, the national committee responsible for monitoring the UEMOA convergence criteria shall be the same body responsible for performing the above functions of the Committee established in Article 5 above.

Article 8

WAMA shall in collaboration with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat:

- maintain a regional system of up to date macro-economic data and information on all Member States;
- compile and submit periodic reports to the appropriate ECOWAS authorities on the performance of Member States in relation to the macro-economic indicators of convergence;
- hold regular consultations with Member States on harmonisation of macro-economic policies.

Article 9

The policy organs of the surveillance mechanism to receive reports, review progress, issue relevant policy guidelines and directives are:

- the Authority of Heads of State and Government;
- the Council of Ministers;

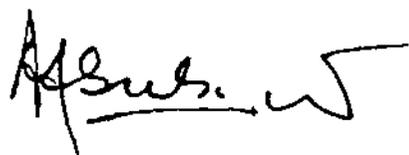
- the Committee of Governors of Central Bank.

Article 10

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

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

DECISION A/DEC.5/10/98 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TRANSHUMANCE BETWEEN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 25 of the Treaty relating to co-operation between Member States to ensure agricultural development and to achieve food security;

CONVINCED that the development of livestock breeding is an integral part of any food security policy;

AWARE that livestock breeding in Member States is faced with numerous technical, climatic, legal and socio-economic constraints;

CONVINCED also that, given the current situation of the resources available in ECOWAS Member States, transhumance is essential for safeguarding and increasing agricultural production;

AWARE that transhumance is however, a source of health, social, environmental, economic and political problems;

DESIRING to enhance the environment for livestock breeding in Member States and to formulate, for that purpose, a harmonious regulation on transhumance within the Community;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 43rd Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

D E C I D E S

CHAPTER I DEFINITIONS

Article 1

This Decision sets out the main principles of the rules governing transhumance within ECOWAS Member States.

Article 2

For the purpose of this Decision:

- "*transhumance between States*" means the seasonal movement between Member States of herds leaving their usual grazing areas in search of water and pasture;
- "*quarantine*" means the act of placing animals entering a particular region under veterinary observation with a view to determining their state of health;

- "*stray animals*" means animals that are allowed to move around freely or in parks without the supervision of a herdsman. Also included in this category are animals grazing in national parks or game reserves, even when they are under the supervision of a herdsman.

CHAPTER II OBJECT AND SCOPE

Article 3

All animals of the bovine, caprine, cameline, equine plus asinine species shall be allowed free passage across the borders of all Member States, under the conditions set out in this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall not apply to animals that are taken from one country to another to be sold or animals not referred to in Article 3 above.

CHAPTER III CONDITIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS

Article 5

All transhumant livestock shall be allowed free passage across points of entry into and departure from each country on the condition that, they have the ECOWAS International Transhumance Certificate, a sample of which is annexed to this Regulation.

The aims of the certificate are:

- to enable authorities to monitor the herds before they leave the country of origin;
- to protect the health of local herds;
- to make it possible to inform the host communities of the arrival of the transhumant animals.

The certificate contains details on the composition of the herd, the vaccinations given, the itinerary of the herds, the border posts to be crossed, and the final destination. It is issued by the livestock department and initialled by the local administrative authorities in the country of origin.

Article 6

The official document defined in Article 5 above shall be verified and counter-signed by the competent authorities at the entry and exit points in the host country.

Article 7

Transhumant herds shall follow the routes defined by Member States in accordance with the itinerary indicated on the ECOWAS International Transhumance Certificate.

Article 8

There shall be no crossing of borders during the night.

Article 9

Without prejudice to the sanctions provided for in the laws of the country concerned, herds not covered by a certificate shall be placed under quarantine and the costs borne by the owners.

CHAPTER IV SUPERVISION OF NOMADIC LIVESTOCK

Article 10

Transhumant livestock must be under constant guard, both while on the move and during grazing.

Article 11

The herd must be guarded by a sufficient number of herdsmen during migration. The number of herdsmen is determined by the number of heads of cattle. There must be a minimum of one herdsman for every fifty heads of cattle. In all cases, transhumant herds must be accompanied by a minimum of two herdsmen.

Article 12

Herdsmen must be in possession of identity papers duly issued by the competent authorities in their countries of origin. They must be able upon demand, to show proof of the identity and permanent residence of the owner (s) of the herd. Herdsmen must be at least 18 years old.

Article 13

Stray animals will be apprehended by the relevant authorities and impounded without prejudice to the application of sanctions against their owner or herdsmen, as provided for by laws applicable in cases of stray animals in the Member State concerned.

CHAPTER V ARRIVAL OF TRANSHUMANT LIVESTOCK IN THE HOST COUNTRY

Article 14

Each host country shall fix the period during which migrating livestock may enter into and depart from its territory, and inform the other States accordingly.

Article 15

Each State shall define the areas where transhumant animals may be stocked and shall determine the maximum, capacity of each zone thus identified. The accompanying herdsman must pen up his herd in the zone to which he is directed by officials, at the point of entry.

Article 16

Herdsmen accompanying transhumant livestock and who are legally admitted into the host country shall be given protection by the authorities and their fundamental rights shall be guaranteed by the judicial institutions of the host country. In return, such herdsmen shall observe all laws and regulations of the host country, particularly those concerning the conservation of forest reserves and forest resources and the management of watering points and pastoral land.

Article 17

Any dispute between farmers and nomadic herdsmen shall first be judged by an arbitration commission on the basis of information gathered by the said Commission.

Article 18

This commission shall be composed of representatives of the herdsmen, farmers, livestock officers and agricultural officers, officials from the ministries of Forest and Water Resources and local political and administrative authorities.

Article 19

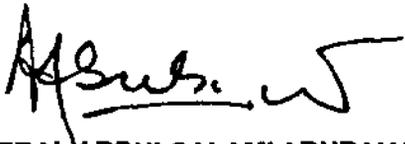
In the event that an amicable settlement is not reached, the dispute may be resolved in the law courts in conformity with the rules governing settlement of contentious issues.

**CHAPTER VI
PUBLICATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE****Article 20**

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty days of signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

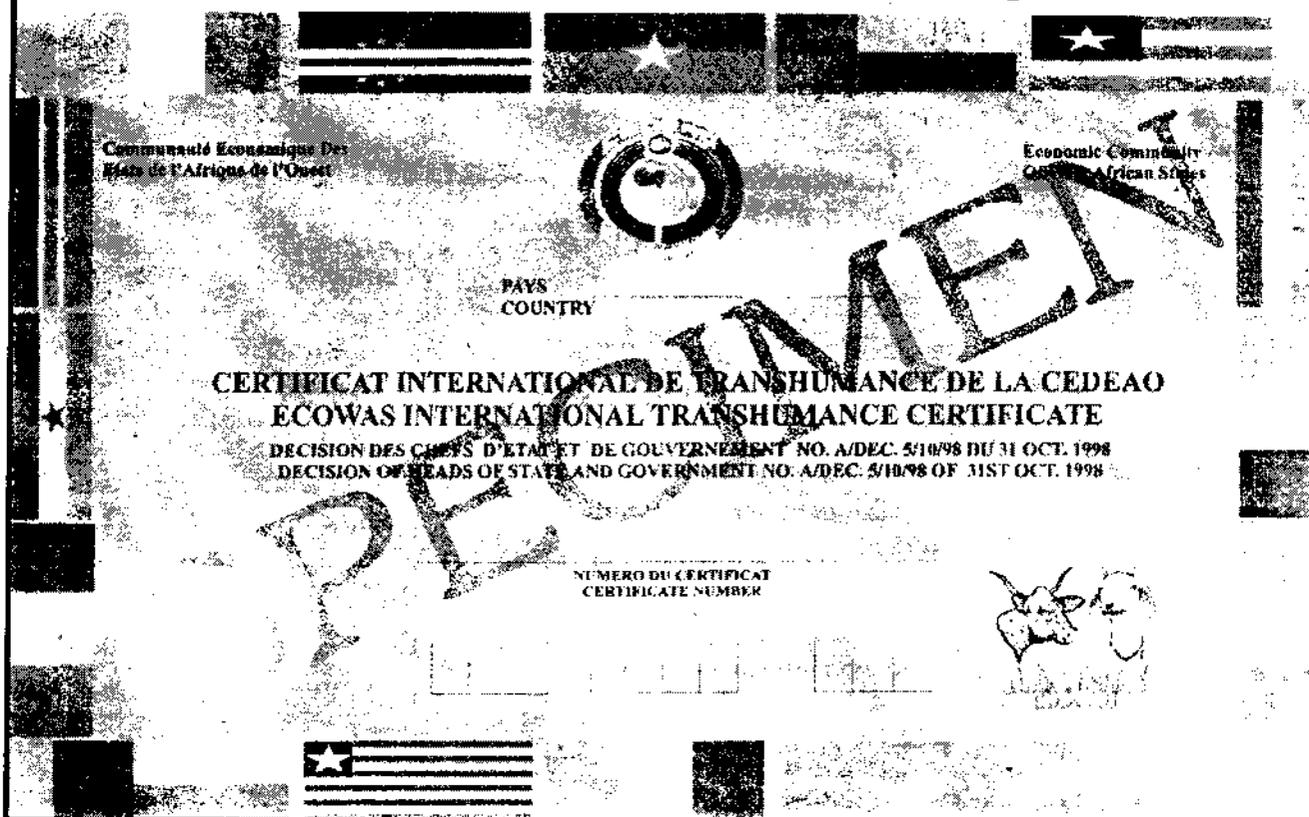
It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

PAGE 1 Couverture /Cover Page



PAGE 2 Abréviations / Abbreviations

**ABREVIATIONS
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Taureau/Bull	=	TA/BU
Boeuf/OX	=	BF/OX
Taurillon/Steer	=	TL/ST
Vache/Cow	=	VA/CA
Genisse/Heifer	=	GE/HE
Veau/Male Calf	=	VE/MC
Velle/Female Calf	=	VL/FC
Ovin/Ovine	=	OV/OV
Caprin/Caprine	=	CAP/CAP
Equin/Equine	=	EQ/EQ
Asin/Asine	=	AS/AS
Camelin/Cameline	=	CAM/CAM

**CODE DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES PAYS
UNITED NATIONS CODE FOR THE COUNTRIES**

PAYS/COUNTRIES	CODE
BENIN	204
BURKINA FASO	854
CABO VERDE	132
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	384
GAMBIA	270
GHANA	288
GUINEE	324
GUINEE BISSAU	624
LIBERIA	430
MALI	466
MAURITANIE	478
NIGER	562
NIGERIA	566
SENEGAL	686
SIERRA LEONE	694
TOGO	768

PAGE 3 Feuilles Carbonisées en Couleur, Blanc, Rose, Jaune, Bleu / Carbonised Sheets in White, Pink, Yellow, Blue colours



Pays / Country _____ **Certificat International de transhumance No. / International Transhumance Certificate No.** _____
(en vertu de la décision A/DEC.5/10/98 du 31 OCT. 1998) (Issued in accordance with decision No. A/DEC.5/10/98 of 31 Oct. 1998)

Propriétaire du troupeau / Owner of herd: Nom _____ Prénoms _____ Adresse Permanente _____
Name Forename Permanent Address

Berger/le rdaman: / Herdsman: Nom _____ Prénoms _____ Adresse Permanente _____
Name Forename Permanent Address

Origine du Troupeau / Origin of Herd _____

Date et lieu de départ / Date and point of departure _____ **Destination Finale / Final Destination** _____

Itinéraire Prévu / Proposed Itinerary _____

Composition du Troupeau / Composition of herd _____

TA / BU	BE / OX	TL / ST	VA / CA	GE / HE	VE / IC	L / FC	OV / M	CAF / F	BQ / M	BQ / F	AS / M	AS / F	CAM / M	CAM / F

A. PROTECTION MEDICALE / Vaccinations.					
VACCINATION	PNEUMONIE BOVINE / PLEURIPNEUMONIE	PNEUMONIE CONTAGIEUSE BOVINE / CONTAGIOUS BOVINE PLEURIPNEUMONIA	PASTEURELLOSE BOVINE / PASTEURILLOSIS OF CATTLE	CHARBON SYMPTOMATIQUE / BLACK-LEG	CHARBON BACTERIEN / ANTHRAX
DATE ET LIEU DE VACCINATION / DATE AND PLACE					

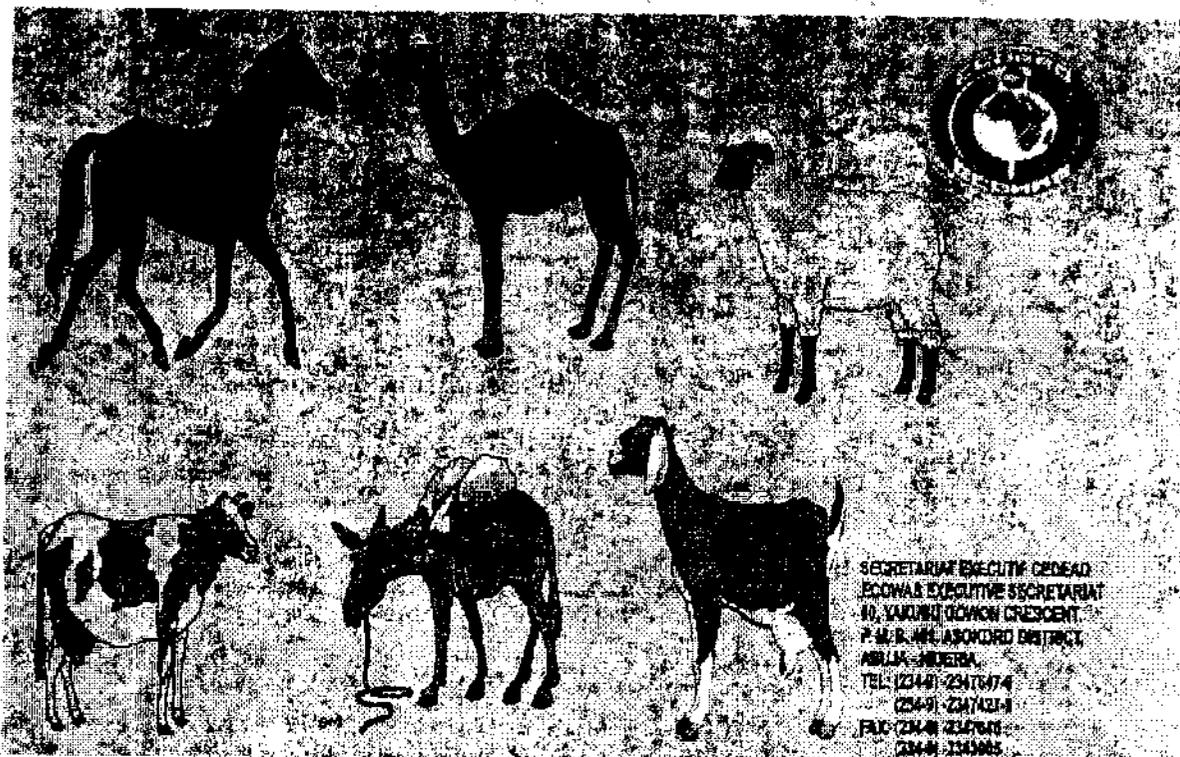
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 Nom et Prénoms / Name & Forename _____ Nom et Prénoms / Name & Forename _____
 Signature et Cachet / Signature & Stamp _____ Signature et Cachet / Signature and Stamp _____

PAGE 4 Informations Générales / General Information

INSTRUCTIONS POUR L'UTILISATION DU CERTIFICAT INTERNATIONAL DE TRANSHUMANCE USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSHUMANCE CERTIFICATE

1. Le présent certificat est délivré en quatre (4) feuilles sur carnet spécial de dimension 24,5cm x 15cm. Les quatre feuilles sont de couleurs différentes: blanc, rose, jaune et bleu.
This certificate is issued in the form of a special booklet containing four sheets 24.5 cm x 15cm: white, pink, yellow and blue.
2. Chaque année, au départ en transhumance, le berger se rend au poste d'élevage de sa localité pour l'établissement de ce document. Each year before departure, the herdsman shall obtain this certificate from the livestock control post in his locality.
3. Le certificat est établi par le poste d'élevage du lieu de départ. The certificate is issued by the livestock control at the point of departure.
4. Il est ensuite visé par l'autorité administrative locale. It is then initialed by the Local Administrative Authority.
5. Le premier feuillet (blanc) reste avec les pages de garde et est remis au berger qui doit le présenter à toute réquisition. The first page (white) shall not be detached from the cover pages and is to be handed over to the herdsman who shall produce it on demand.
6. Le deuxième feuillet (rose) reste avec les pages de garde jusqu'au poste d'élevage de destination finale. The second copy (pink) remains in the booklet up to the livestock post at the final destination.
7. Le troisième feuillet (jaune) est adressé par le poste d'élevage qui a établi le certificat à la direction nationale d'élevage par voie hiérarchique. The third page (yellow) shall be sent by the certificate issuing office to the National Office of Livestock Services through the official channel.
8. Le quatrième feuillet (bleu) constitue la souche et reste auprès du poste ayant établi le certificat. The fourth page (blue) is the counterfoil and shall be kept by the issuing office.
9. La numérotation utilise le code administratif en vigueur dans chaque pays membre de la CEDEAO. The certificate numbering utilizes the country code of ECOWAS Member state.
10. Les rapports annuels faisant mention des mouvements de départ et de retour de la transhumance devront être adressés au Secrétaire Exécutif de la CEDEAO, 60 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P.M.B. 401, Abuja, Nigeria. Annual reports containing data on the movement numbers of livestock departing on and returning from transhumance should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS, 60 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P.M.B. 401, Abuja, Nigeria.

PAGE 5 Différents Animaux et Adresse/ Different Animals and Address.



SECRETARIAT EXECUTIF CEDEAO
ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
40, YAKUBU GOWON CRESCENT
P.M.B. ANI, ABOKOYO DISTRICT
ABUJA - NIGERIA
TEL: (234-9) 2347674
(234-9) 2347624
FAX: (234-9) 2347641
(234-9) 2343985

DECISION A/DEC.6/10/98 AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF DECISION A/DEC 19/5/80 RELATING TO APPLICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE.

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Protocol of 5th November, 1976 relating to assessment of loss in revenue suffered by Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 19/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to application of procedures for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.5/12/88 relating to adoption of a compensation budget for loss of revenue for the take-off of the intra-Community trade liberalisation scheme;

DETERMINED to simplify procedures for assessment and compensation of revenue loss incurred through trade liberalisation in order to expedite payment of compensation to States having incurred revenue loss;

DESIRING to harmonise the provisions of Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 and those of Article 2 (1b) of the Protocol of 5th November, 1976 relating to assessment of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States;

ACTING ON RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 dated 28 May

1980 relating to application of procedures for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade is hereby amended as follows:

Article 9 (new)

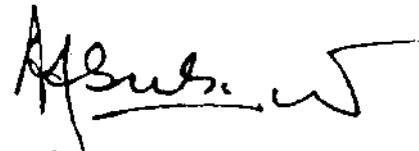
"The contribution of a Member State to the compensation budget shall be equal to the amount of revenue loss incurred by all the other Member States as a result of importing goods originating from that Member State."

Article 2

This decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal within thirty days of signature by the Chairman.

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

DECISION A/DEC.7/10/98 RELATING TO THE RATIONALISATION OF WEST AFRICAN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE OF GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

AWARE that the existence in West Africa of a large number of inter-governmental organisations sharing identical objectives is a source of duplication and wastage of resources in Member States;

RECOGNISING the need for a more effective rationalisation and coordination of the activities of West African inter-governmental organisations in order to speed up the regional integration process and achieve sustained growth and development for West Africa;

RECALLING Decision A/DEC.5/5/90 dated 30 May, 1990, mandating the Executive Secretary to conduct the necessary studies for the formulation of flexible and pragmatic programme for the rationalisation of integration measures in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING the study prepared by the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) in Dakar, which was examined by the meeting of experts from Member States and inter-governmental organisations, held in Abuja on 8th and 9th June, 1998, and by the Council of Ministers at its 43rd Session held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

NOTING the efforts deployed by the Executive Heads of ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS to harmonise the cooperation programmes involving the Organisations;

CONSIDERING the Recommendation of the Council of Ministers meeting in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

A two-phase harmonisation plan is hereby adopted as follows:

- i. The regional economic communities of ECOWAS (the Economic Community of West African States) UEMOA (the West African Economic and Monetary Union) and MRU (the Mano River Union) shall harmonise their policies and instruments for cooperation and regional integration. The three institutions shall identify the areas in which they are mutually complementary and propose measures to obtain the convergence of their programmes;
- ii. All other IGO's which are not economic communities shall be rationalised according to areas of activity, through mergers, dissolution and reorganisation, each surviving IGO becoming a specialised agency of ECOWAS. The sectors of activity shall be the following:
 - agriculture, livestock farming and fisheries;
 - water resource development;
 - health care;
 - protection of the environment and of nature;
 - money and finance.
- iii. Within the monetary and financial sector, the role of the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) which includes the central banks of all ECOWAS Member States shall be taken into due consideration in seeking to achieve the final objective which is to set up a central bank of ECOWAS; WAMA shall be responsible for the implementation of the regional monetary programme.

Article 2

The rationalisation exercise shall take into account the costs and benefits of each IGO concerned and the experience of the merger between the organisation for the control of the major endemic diseases (OCCGE) and the West African Health Community (WAHC) to form the West African Health Organisation (WAHO).

Article 3

The rationalisation procedure for the different IGOs shall be examined during sectoral meetings involving Member States and the joint OAU/ECA/ADB secretariat as equal partners;

Article 4

All aspects of the rationalisation exercise shall be completed by 2007, and in compliance with the recommendations of IDEP.

Article 5

All IGOs concerned shall make provision within their respective budgets to fund their attendance at sectoral meetings and to carry out any activities relating to the rationalisation of West African IGOs. The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall respect the proposed implementation time-table and mobilise funds from donors or other sources to execute the plan of action for the rationalisation process.

Article 6

This Decision shall be brought to the attention of the decision-making authorities of the IGOs concerned in order to ensure its prompt implementation.

There is furthermore hereby created a monitoring committee comprising ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS, OAU/AEC, ECA and IDEP. The committee shall meet at regular intervals to review progress achieved and difficulties encountered. It shall report to the joint meeting of Member States and IGOs.

The meeting of Member States and IGOs shall be convened at regular intervals to appraise progress in the rationalisation process.

Article 7

The Executive Secretary shall expedite action on the study on the reorganisation of the Executive Secretariat.

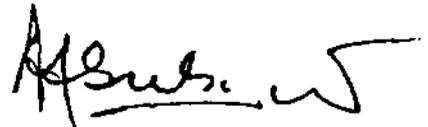
Article 8

This Decision shall be published by the Executive

Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority.

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

**DECISION A/DEC.8/10/98 ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL FUND FOR
FINANCING DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN
WEST AFRICA**

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

**MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised
Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State
and Government and defining its composition and
functions;**

**CONCERNED with the rapid expansion of the drug
phenomenon in the Member States of the sub-
region, and the recrudescence of drug-related
crimes;**

CONVINCED of the need for concerted and co-ordinated strategies combining prevention, repression, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

CONSIDERING the meagre financial resources available to the inter-ministerial Drug Control Committees (IDCC) for the execution of their assignments;

BEARING IN MIND Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 on drug prevention and control in West Africa, which endorsed the Praia Political Declaration and Regional Plan of Action;

CONSIDERING that the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action on drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking and the regional activities being undertaken by the IDCC require immense financial resources which cannot be provided by the Executive Secretariat budget;

DESIRING to seek adequate financial resources for drug control activities in West Africa and to create a regional fund for that purpose;

CONSIDERING Recommendation C/REC.4/8/97 of the Forty-first Session of the Council of Ministers, held in Abuja from 23rd to 26th August, 1997;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

It is hereby established a regional fund, herein referred to as ECODRUG-Fund, for financing drug control activities in West Africa.

Article 2

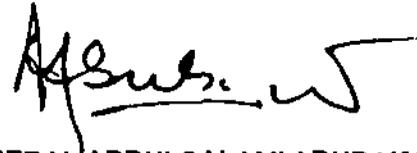
The modalities for financing, managing and operating the ECODRUG-Fund are stipulated in the Statutes of the fund, adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Article 3

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

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

DECISION A/DEC.9/10/98 APPROVING THE REQUEST OF BURKINA FASO TO HOST THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE OF GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the establishment of the West African Health Organisation by Protocol A/P.2/7/87 signed in Abuja on 9th July, 1987;

MINDFUL of Article XI of the said Protocol relating to the selection of the headquarters of the West African Health Organisation;

DESIRING to pool efforts of all Member States in order to resolve the health problems of the sub-region by the establishment of a single health organisation for the Community;

CONSIDERING the verbal request made by the representative of Burkina Faso during the Forty-third Session of the Council of Ministers for his country to be allowed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

CONSIDERING also that Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso has all the facilities needed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the Third Meeting of the Assembly of ECOWAS Health Ministers held in Lome, Togo on 30th and 31st July, 1998;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 43rd Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

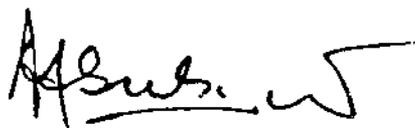
The Headquarters of the West African Health Organisation shall be situated in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. The Head-quarters may be relocated to any other Member State on the decision of the Authority.

Article 2

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

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

DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.



H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.

DECISION A/DEC.10/10/98 ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

DESIRING to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Secretariat and to make it more suitable to face the new challenges facing the Community;

DESIRING also to put more impetus to the regional integration process;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 43rd Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

Establishment

An Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat is hereby established.

Article 2

Composition

The Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee shall be composed of the Ministers responsible for ECOWAS Affairs of the following Member States:

- Republic of CABO VERDE;
- Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE;
- Republic of GHANA;
- Republic of LIBERIA;
- Republic of MALI;
- Federal Republic of NIGERIA.

Article 3**Mandate**

- i. The Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee shall act on behalf of the Council of Ministers and shall make appropriate proposals to the Heads of State and Government for the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat.
- ii. It shall:
 - (a) Establish such sub-committees and technical committees as it may consider necessary;
 - (b) Commission such studies and consult other organisations, institutions, corporations and individuals as it may consider necessary.

Article 4**Meetings**

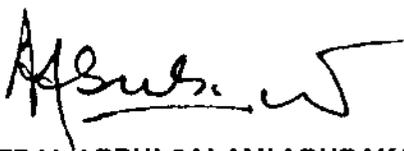
The Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee shall meet as often as necessary.

Article 5**Publication**

This Decision 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 of Heads of State and Government.

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

**DECISION A/DEC.11/10/98 RELATING TO THE
ECOWAS MECHANISM FOR CONFLICT
PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT, RESOLUTION,
PEACE-KEEPING AND SECURITY**

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

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

REAFFIRMING its commitment to the Protocol on Non-Aggression of 1979, the Protocol on Mutual Assistance in Defence of 1981 and the ECOWAS Declaration of Political Principles of 1991;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Articles 56 and 58 of the Revised Treaty in which Member States undertake to cooperate in political matters and to safeguard and consolidate relations conducive to the maintenance of peace, stability and security within the sub-region;

DESIRING to prevent, manage and resolve conflicts as well as adopt measures for the maintenance and strengthening of peace, security and stability in the West African sub-region;

RECALLING the Final Communiqué of the Forth Extraordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Lomé on 17th December, 1997;

WELCOMING the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1196(1998) of 16th September, 1998 and 1197(1998) of 18th September, 1998 and the Statements of the President of the Security Council delivered on 16th and 24th September, 1998 respectively;

CONSIDERING the Proposal of the meeting of Ministers of Defence, Internal Affairs and Security held in Banjul on 23rd and 24th July, 1998;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja from 26th to 29th October, 1998;

DECIDES**Article 1**

The draft framework of a Mechanism for conflict

prevention, management and resolution, peace-keeping and security within the sub-region submitted by the meeting of Ministers of Defence, Internal Affairs and Security held in Banjul, The Gambia on 23rd and 24th July, 1998 and the meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja, Nigeria from 26th to 29th October, 1998 is hereby endorsed.

Article 2

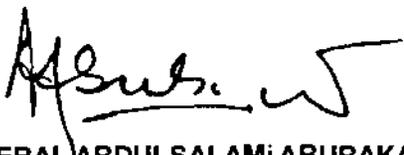
The Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with relevant individuals organisations and institutions shall elaborate appropriate Protocols and instruments for the effective application of the Mechanism mentioned in Article 1 above.

Article 3

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

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

DECISION A/DEC.12/10/98 CREATING THE POST OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND SECURITY IN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 56 and 58 of the Revised Treaty in which Member States undertake to cooperate on political matters and to safeguard and consolidate relations conducive to the maintenance of peace, stability and security within the region;

MINDFUL of the Protocol on Mutual Assistance in Defence adopted in Freetwon on 29th May, 1981 by Heads of State and Government;

DESIRING to implement existing protocols and to develop the institutional facilities for conflict prevention, management and resolution, peace-keeping, humanitarian support, sub-regional security and the Control of trans-border crime and circulation of small arms;

RECALLING THE OUTCOME of the meeting of Ministers of Defence, Internal Affairs and Security held in Banjul on 23rd and 24th July, 1998;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja from 26th to 29th October, 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

- 1) The post of Deputy Executive Secretary for Political Affairs, Defence and Security in the Executive Secretariat is hereby created.
- 2) The Deputy Executive Secretary shall work under the authority of the Executive Secretary and shall carry out all the duties relevant to his post as approved by the Decision-making organs of the Community.

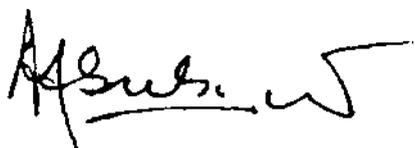
Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the Official

Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of signature by the Chairman of the Authority.

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

**DECISION A/DEC.13/10/98 APPROVING THE
REVISED STATUTES AND THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE WEST AFRICAN
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)**

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

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 61 and 63 of the Revised Treaty relating to the mobilisation of various

sections of the population with particular reference to the mobilisation of women of the sub-region and the enhancement of their economic, social and cultural conditions;

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC.3/7/87 and A/DEC.4/7/87 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government granting WAWA the status of a specialised institution of the Community and approving the WAWA Statutes respectively;

DESIRING to ensure greater and more effective participation by Women in the development and implementation of Community policies and programmes;

DECIDES

Article 1

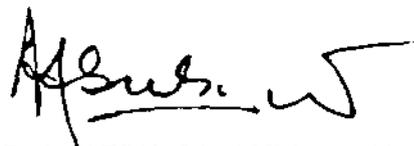
The attached revised Statutes and the Rules of Procedure, both adopted by the Sixth General Assembly of the West African Women's Association (WAWA) held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 21st to 26th September, 1998 are hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

THE REVISED STATUTES

ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)

ABIDJAN, 21ST - 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1998

REVISED STATUTES ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)

P R E A M B L E

Established in 1983 in implementation of Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS relating to the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process, the West African Women's Association (WAWA) has been granted the status of a specialised institution of ECOWAS (Decision A/DEC.3/7/87) and has been making every effort to carry out its mission, within the limits of its resources.

Today, committed more than ever before to seeking ways of ensuring greater and more effective participation by women in the implementation of Community policies, WAWA is engaged in activities which are geared essentially towards the achievement of the following objectives:

- the development of human resources which constitute Africa's most important asset, and more particularly the women, on account of their potentially and justifiably crucial role in all aspects of development;
- the elimination, as a matter of urgency, of all problems impeding the mobilisation of resources and hindering access to information, communication, education, health care, credit, land and potable water;
- the achievement of peace, through concerted efforts, and the implementation of activities that would enable the sub-region to face the economic, socio-cultural and political challenges of the third millennium.

In the spirit of the philosophy underpinning the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS, particularly in its Articles 63 and 80, WAWA also reaffirms its determination to work in collaboration with ECOWAS to support efforts by Member States to achieve sustainable human development and to promote activities by women, with a view to ensuring that they participate fully in the integration process.

Moreover, having identified the problems being encountered both in its operations and in

constituting its network, WAWA, as part of its on-going efforts to work out more effective strategies, has decided to review its statutes as follows:

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

There is hereby established between the women's organisations of the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) a West African Women's Association (WAWA), hereinafter referred to as "the Association", which shall be governed by these statutes and by the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS.

Article 2

The Association shall be a specialised institution of ECOWAS.

Article 3

The Headquarters of the Association shall be in Dakar and may be transferred to any other site within the sub-region at the request of 2/3 of the members and with the consent of the future host country, upon approval by the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS.

Article 4

A national chapter of the Association shall be established in each ECOWAS Member State, placed under the authority of the government agency in charge of women's affairs. The national chapter shall represent the Association in the Member State.

Article 5

The national chapter of each Member State shall be represented within the Association by two delegates entitled to a single vote.

Article 6

The objective of the WAWA are :

- a) to ensure greater mobilisation of the women of the sub-region in the Community-building process ;
- b) to contribute to peace-keeping and to the

achievement and consolidation of unity within the sub-region in order to be able to contribute fully to the process of liberating the creative potential of each individual ;

- c) to initiate, in collaboration with the national chapters, Community projects in priority sectors, particularly agricultural development, trade, water supply, poverty alleviation, desertification control, etc. ;
- d) to participate fully in the establishment of a new economic and social order; taking into account gender issues and the aspirations of the peoples of the sub-region, and to benefit from such an order ;
- e) to urge and encourage by all possible means private initiative on the part of women through access to credit for women and the improvement of distribution channels ;
- f) to foster sub-regional cooperation with a view to accelerating the integration of ECOWAS in the economic, legal, social and cultural spheres, in order to ensure a better future for the peoples of the sub-region ;
- g) to organise colloquia and seminars on topics of interest to the sub-region, aimed at improving living conditions in all sectors capable of enhancing the overall and lasting development of mankind ;
- h) to initiate and develop research programmes on the living and working conditions of women and to urge Member States to accord greater attention and more effective support to the implementation of such programmes;
- i) to promote exchange of experiences between Member States of ECOWAS and the national chapters with a view to deriving maximum benefit from comparative advantages ;
- j) to cooperate in the interests of the sub-region with all similar or international organisations likely to contribute to attainment of the above-mentioned objectives.

Article 7

The working languages of the Association shall be the declared official languages of ECOWAS: French, English and Portuguese.

Article 8

The Association shall be constituted for an unlimited period.

CHAPTER II STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Article 9

The organs of the Association shall be :

- The General Assembly;
- The Council of Chairpersons of National Chapters;
- The Bureau;
- The Committee of Experts.

Article 10

The General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be the supreme organ of the Association.

It shall be composed of at least two officers of national chapters of WAWA.

It shall meet once every two (2) years and may be convened in an extraordinary session by the Bureau or at the request of 2/3 of the member associations.

Article 11

The General Assembly shall :

- define the general policy of the Association and draw up its programmes of activity ;
- select the Headquarters of the Association in consultation with the host country and upon approval by the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS ;
- amend and adopt the Association's statutes and rules of procedure ;

- elect members of the Bureau ;
- adopt the budget of the Association;
- approve the reports submitted by the Bureau;
- determine the venue of meetings in consultation with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat;
- approve the reports of the Secretary-General.

Article 12

Members of international organisations responsible for women's affairs resident in the sub-region as well as experts from other organisations may be invited to meetings of the Association as observers.

Article 13

The Association may be informed of any problems concerning the activities of women in the sub-region and may adopt any recommendations consistent with the spirit and objectives of the Economic Community of West African States.

Article 14

The General Assembly shall appoint as Chairperson for a non-renewable two-year term the national officer of the host country and shall elect other members of the Bureau.

Article 15

Decisions of the Association shall be taken by consensus. In case of a vote, a simple majority shall be required.

There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article 16

The Council of Chairpersons of National Chapters

The Council of Chairpersons of National Chapters shall be the governing body of the Association. It shall be made up of Chairpersons in charge of women's affairs in ECOWAS Member States.

The Council shall be presided over by the Chairperson of WAWA.

Article 17

The Council of Chairpersons shall meet once every year together with the members of the Bureau.

The Council of Chairpersons shall formulate policies, evaluate and monitor the activities of the Bureau.

It shall determine the measures to be taken in order to achieve the objectives of WAWA.

Article 18

The Bureau of the Association shall be made up of five persons :

- the Chairperson;
- the 1st Vice-Chairperson;
- the 2nd Vice-Chairperson;
- the Secretary General;
- the Treasurer.

Article 19

The Bureau, with the exception of the Chairperson, shall be elected by the General Assembly for a two-year term of office renewable once. Two Auditors shall be elected from within the General Assembly for a non-renewable two-year term. They shall submit a report before each General Assembly during which a new Bureau is to be elected. The Auditors shall be nationals of two countries not represented on the Bureau.

Article 20

The Bureau shall :

- meet twice a year and when necessary at the invitation of the Chairperson ;
- prepare meetings of the Association

in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of the Community;

- implement the directives of the General Assembly;
- represent the Association within the technical and specialised commissions of ECOWAS;
- maintain contact between the General Assembly and other African and international institutions pursuing the same objectives.

Article 21

The Chairperson shall be the legal representative of the Association. She shall represent the Association at all national and international institutions, and shall act in close collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS.

Article 22

Composition of the General Secretariat

The General Secretariat shall be made up of a Secretary General and any other officer the Bureau may decide to recruit.

The staff of the General Secretariat shall be appointed by the Secretary General, in consultation with the Bureau, through a process of competition, taking account of geographical spread. The emoluments of the staff members shall be paid by WAWA.

Article 23

The Secretary General shall be responsible for coordinating the administrative and financial affairs of the Association and she shall be answerable therefor to the General Assembly.

The Secretary General shall implement policies and programmes defined by the General Assembly and shall coordinate the execution of the tasks assigned to the staff of the General Secretariat.

National chapters of the Association shall send any proposals for amendment or revision of the Statutes of Association to the Secretary-General who shall communicate these to the Chairperson.

Article 24

The Committee of Experts

The Committee of Experts shall be made up of at least two experts from each national chapter.

The Committee of Experts shall examine and formulate recommendations on all documents to be submitted to the Council of Chairpersons.

Article 25

The Committee of Experts shall meet at least once a year at the Headquarters of WAWA, before the meeting of the Council of Chairpersons.

Article 26

National Chapters

In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of these Statutes, the national chapters shall be composed as follows :

- 1 Chairperson;
- 1 1st Vice-Chairperson;
- 1 2nd Vice-Chairperson;
- 1 Secretary General;
- 1 Assistant Secretary General;
- 1 Treasurer;
- Local associations;
- Heads of national technical commissions.

Article 27

The Minister in charge of women affairs shall be the Chairperson of the national chapter of the Association.

However, in countries where no Minister of women affairs has been appointed, the governmental body responsible for women affairs shall be the Chairperson.

Article 28

All members of the bureau of the national chapters, with the exception of the Chairperson, shall be elected for a period of two years, renewable once.

Article 29

Members of the bureaux of national chapters shall be elected from among women who have distinguished themselves in their areas of activity and/or representatives of women's organisations, associations or cooperative societies.

**CHAPTER III
BUDGET****Article 30**

The resources of the Association shall be as defined in the Rules of Procedure.

Article 31

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the financial management of the Association. She shall make payments on the instructions of the Chairperson and check the validity of all expenses.

Article 32

Any member association which does not pay up its contributions for a period of two years shall, as from the third year :

- be ineligible for any elective post;
- lose its voting right;
- be suspended from the activities of the Association.

The sanctions applicable shall be as decided by the General Assembly.

**CHAPTER IV
SPECIAL CLAUSES****Article 33*****Dissolution***

In case of dissolution of the Association, its movable and immovable assets shall be handed over to ECOWAS.

Article 34***Entry into force***

These Statutes shall enter into force upon adoption by the General Assembly and approval by the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN,
THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998.**

DECISION A/DEC.14/10/98 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF STATUTORY POSITIONS TO MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 17 and 18 of the Revised Treaty, paragraph 4, Article 28 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Fund for Cooperation Compensation and Development and Article IX of the Protocol on the establishment of the West African Health Organisation, relating to the appointments of Statutory Officers in the Secreariat, the Fund, and the West African Health Organisation respectively;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.11/7/93 on the appointment of Statutory Appointees;

CONSIDERING that apart from the post of Executive Secretary, all other positions of Statutory Appointees have, remained vacant and had been occupied by officers in acting capacities;

RECALLING Decision A/DEC.12/10/98 creating the post of Deputy Executive Secretary for Political Affairs, Defence and Security in the Secretariat;

DESIRING to fill immediately these positions in order to enhance the efficiency of the institutions of the Community;

DECIDES

Article 1

Establishment

An Ad-hoc Committee for the allocation of statutory positions is hereby established.

Article 2

Composition

The Ad-hoc Committee shall be composed of the following Member States :

- Republic of CABO VERDE;

- Republic of CÔTE D'IVOIRE;
- Republic of GHANA;
- Republic of LIBERIA;
- Republic of MALI;
- Federal Republic of NIGERIA.

Article 3

Mandate

The Ad-hoc Committee shall act on behalf of the Authority of Heads of State and Government and shall propose a formula for the allocation of statutory posts to Member States, before 1st March, 1999.

Article 4

Report

The Ad-hoc Committee shall meet at the Ministerial and Heads of State levels.

The proposals of the meeting of Heads of State of the Ad-hoc Committee shall be presented to the current Chairman who shall take appropriate action after due consultations with other Heads of State and Government.

Article 5

Publication

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

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

DECISION AJAD-HOC/COMSMZ/DEC.1/2/98 ON THE SETTING UP OF A STANDING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ECOWAS SINGLE MONETARY ZONE

THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE AD-HOC MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR THE CREATION OF THE ECOWAS SINGLE MONETARY ZONE, (THE AD-HOC MONITORING COMMITTEE)

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/8/97 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing an ad-hoc Monitoring Committee for the creation of a Single Monetary Zone by the year 2000;

MINDFUL of Article 3 of the above-mentioned Decision which mandates the ad-hoc Monitoring Committee to act on behalf of the Authority and to take all measures necessary to ensure the speedy and timely attainment of a Single Monetary Zone;

AWARE that the creation of such a zone would facilitate the free movement of persons, goods and services within the region;

DESIRING to accelerate the harmonisation of macro-economic policies of Member States in order to achieve convergence in macro-economic indicators and speed up preparations towards the achievement of the ECOWAS Single Monetary Zone by the target date;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Bank of the ad-hoc Committee of Heads of State on ECOWAS Single Monetary Zone held in Abuja October 28th, 1998;

ACTING for the Authority;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Establishment

A permanent standing technical committee on the establishment of an ECOWAS single monetary zone is hereby established.

Article 2

Composition

The technical committee shall be composed of Directors of Research of Central Bank, relevant officials of Ministries of Finance, Planning and Ministries of Justice as well as any other relevant officials of Member States.

Article 3

Mandate

1. The Committee shall undertake all relevant technical preparatory activities relating to the establishment of the single Monetary Zone in particular:
 - i) monitor the achievement of macro-economic convergence;
 - ii) ensure the definition of the indicators of convergence required to achieve, macro-economic convergence;
 - iii) make proposals on harmonisation of macro-economic concepts;
 - iv) propose the relevant institutional, administrative and legal framework;
 - v) advise the ad-hoc Committee on all preparatory activities needed to be undertaken to achieve the objective of a Single Monetary Zone;
 - vi) study the modalities for setting up a permanent stabilization fund to provide support to Member States against the effects of unanticipated financial and other shocks during the transitional period.
2. In addition the Committee shall undertake such studies and consultations with relevant institutions as may be necessary.

Article 4**Functions of Executive Secretariat and WAMA**

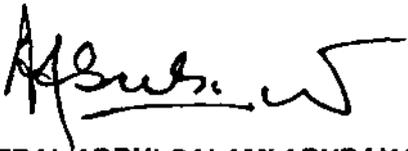
The Executive Secretary and the Director General of WAMA shall assist the Committee in the discharge of its mandate.

Article 5**Publication**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE.**

RESOLUTION A/RES.1/10/98 ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION RELATING TO PEACE, CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND ERADICATION OF POVERTY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 63 of the Revised Treaty relating to women and development;

MINDFUL of Decisions A/DEC.3/7/87 and A/DEC.4/7/87 granting WAWA the status of a specialised institution of the Community and approving the WAWA Statutes respectively;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the Sixth General Assembly of the West African Women's Association held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 24th to 26th September, 1998,

APPEALS to Member States to:

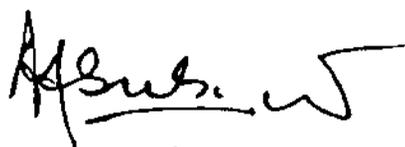
- 1) adopt the gender approach in the planning and implementation of development policies and programmes, with a view to ensuring equitable development;
- 2) take necessary measures to ratify all texts aimed at promoting women as partners in attempts to achieve sustainable human development;
- 3) reduce military budgets in order to strengthen human security and poverty alleviation programmes;
- 4) work towards the achievement of lasting peace by promoting democracy and good governance;
- 5) take concrete measures to ensure that women have access to positions of responsibility;
- 6) take needs of women into consideration when drawing up national policies;

- 7) support activities of WAWA at the national and regional levels.

REQUEST the Executive Secretariat to:

encourage women's participation in negotiations with a view to ensuring that they contribute more actively in the search for peace within the sub-region.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**H.E. GENERAL ABDULŞALAMI ABUBAKAR,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR THE AUTHORITY.**

AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE

STATUS OF ECOMOG IN LIBERIA

BETWEEN

THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

AND

THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE STATUS OF ECOMOG IN LIBERIA BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

STATUS OF ECOMOG AGREEMENT

THIS STATUS OF ECOMOG AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 5TH day of JUNE A.D. 1998, by and between the Economic Community of West African States, represented by and through its Executive Secretary, Lansana Kouyate, hereinafter known and referred to as "ECOWAS", and the Republic of Liberia, represented by and through its Minister of Foreign Affairs, Monie R. Captan, hereinafter known and referred to as "THE GOVERNMENT", hereby:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Republic of Liberia, was plunged into a civil war on December 24, 1989, resulting into massive destruction of property, loss of lives, and breakdown of law and order.

CONSIDERING the pathetic plight of innocent civilians as a result of the civil war and its threat to international peace and security, particularly to neighbouring countries and the West African sub-region as a whole;

CONSCIOUS of the need for a stable and secure regional environment as an essential ingredient for effective regional cooperation;

CONSIDERING that the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee established by the Authority of Heads of States and Government of ECOWAS at its First Summit Meeting held in Banjul, the Gambia from 6 to 7 August, 1990, decided to deploy an ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) to restore peace and stability to Liberia and to enforce a ceasefire amongst the warring factions;

AWARE that the aforesaid ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) was deployed in the Republic of Liberia in August 1990, and has since its deployment, not only undertaken vital humanitarian activities to alleviate the hardship of the people of Liberia, but has also provided security,

maintained law and order, and has successfully contributed to providing a conducive environment which facilitated the holding of free, fair, and democratic presidential and legislative elections in Liberia on July 19th, 1997;

MINDFUL that a democratically elected Government has now been inaugurated and has assumed all sovereign powers of the Republic;

AWARE HOWEVER, of the need for ECOMOG to remain on Liberian soil not only for the implementation of the remaining aspects of its mandate under the Abuja Accord, but also to assist the Government in providing security and the maintenance of law and order;

AWARE of the enormous commitment and the sustained efforts exerted by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) towards the peaceful resolution of the Liberian conflict, and its desire to ensure that peace is maintained in Liberia even after elections and the installation of an elected government;

AWARE ALSO that ECOMOG is made up of military, paramilitary and police personnel contributed on a voluntary basis from ECOWAS Member States;

RECALLING the ECOWAS Peace Plan for Liberia as contained in the Yamoussoukro IV Accord of 30th October, 1991;

RECALLING ALSO the Peace Agreement (Cotonou Accord); the Akosombo Agreement and its Clarification signed in Accra on 21st December, 1994; and the Supplement to the Cotonou and Akosombo Agreements signed in Abuja on 19th August, 1995 (The Abuja Agreement);

CONSCIOUS of the sovereignty of the Republic of Liberia and the need to define the status of ECOMOG, its Members and its operations within the Republic of Liberia;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "ECOMOG" or "The Group" means the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (GROUP) established pursuant to the ECOWAS Authority Decision A/DEC. 1/8/90, and includes troops contributed by other African States to assist in the peace-keeping mission. ECOMOG consists of :
 - (a) "Special Representative of the Chairman" appointed by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government to exercise such powers and functions as are entrusted to him.
 - (b) "Executive Secretary's Special Representative" appointed by the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS to exercise, under his authority, such powers and functions as are entrusted to him by the Authority.
 - (c) "The Force Commander" appointed as Chief of the ECOMOG Operations by the Chairman of the Authority;
 - (d) "Civilian Section" composed of ECOWAS officials and other persons assigned to assist any of the Special Representatives;
 - (e) A "Military Section" composed of military, paramilitary or civilian section, but unless specifically stated otherwise, does not include service personnel assigned by the participating States to serve as part of ECOMOG.
2. "Member of ECOMOG" means any member of the military, paramilitary, or civilian section, but unless specifically stated otherwise, does not include service personnel.
3. "Participating State" means a member state that contributed personnel to ECOMOG. A "Participating Government" is the government of a Participating State.
4. "Government" means the Government of the Republic of Liberia and includes all its officials and local authorities.
5. "Territory" means Liberia.
6. "Treaty" means the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States.
7. "Community" means the Economic Community of West African States established pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty.
8. "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Authority" means the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of States and Government of the Community.
9. "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community appointed under Article 18 of the Treaty.
10. "Special Representative" means, as the case may be, either the Chairman's Special Representative or the ECOWAS Executive Secretary's Special Representative.
11. "Cotonou Accord" means the Peace Agreement between the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia (IGNU), the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO) signed in Cotonou on 25th July, 1993.
12. "Akosombo Agreement" means the agreement between the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy (ULIMO), and the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) signed in Akosombo, Republic of Ghana on 12th September, 1994 and includes the Clarification of the Akosombo Agreement and the Acceptance and Accession Agreement signed in Accra, Republic of Ghana on 21st December, 1994.
13. "Abuja Agreement" means the agreement which incorporated the Akosombo and

Accra Agreements and signed in Abuja on 19th August, 1995 between the NPFL, ULIMO, LPC, AFL, ULIMO-J, LDF, NPFL (CRC) and LNC.

- 14. "Committee of Nine Communique" means the Communique of the Fourth Meeting of Heads of State and Government of the ECOWAS Committee of Nine on Liberia issued in Abuja on August 17th, 1996.
- 15. "Final Communique" means the communique of the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the ECOWAS issued in Abuja on August 29th, 1997.
- 16. "Convention" means the Convention of Privileges and Immunities of ECOWAS dated 22nd April, 1978.
- 17. "Service personnel" means locally recruited personnel working with ECOMOG who do not enjoy diplomatic immunities and tax exemption privileges.

ARTICLE II

APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Unless specifically provided otherwise, the provisions of this Agreement and any obligation undertaken by the Government or any privileges, immunity, facility or concession granted to ECOMOG or any member thereof, apply in the Territory only.

ARTICLE III

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION: PRIVILEGES & IMMUNITIES OF ECOMOG

- 1. The Convention shall apply to ECOMOG, subject to the special provisions specified in this Agreement.
- 2. Notwithstanding the application of the Convention, ECOMOG shall enjoy the most favourable of any privilege, immunity, facility or concession granted under the Convention as may be applicable to the parties concerned and the subject matter under consideration.

3. ECOMOG as a subsidiary organ of ECOWAS, enjoys the status, privileges and immunities of ECOWAS in accordance with the Convention and as provided for in the present Agreement. The provision of Article 3 of the Convention shall also apply to the property, funds, and assets of Participating States used in the Territory in connection with the national contingents serving in ECOMOG operations, as provided for in Article II of the present Agreement. The Government recognizes the right of the ECOMOG operations in particular:

- (a) To import, free of duty and taxes, equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods which are for the exclusive and official use of the ECOMOG operations or for resale in the commissaries provided for hereafter.
- (b) To establish, maintain and operate commissaries at its headquarters, camps and post for the benefit of the members of the ECOMOG operations, but not of service personnel.
- (c) To clear ex-customs and excise warehouse, free of duty and taxes, equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods which are for the exclusive use of the ECOMOG operations or for resale in the commissaries provided for above.
- (d) To re-export or otherwise dispose of such equipment free of duty and taxes, all provisions, supplies and other goods so imported or cleared ex-customs and excise warehouse;

To ensure that such importation, clearance, transfer or exportation may be effected with the least possible delay, a mutually satisfactory procedure, including documentation, shall be agreed between ECOMOG and the Government.

4. The Special Representative, the Force Commander and such other senior officials as the Special Representative or the Force

Commander may designate shall be entitled to diplomatic privileges, immunities and facilities in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

- 5. Military personnel assigned to the military section of ECOMOG shall have the privileges and immunities specifically provided for in this Agreement.
- 6. Members of the ECOWAS assigned to the civilian section to serve with the ECOMOG operations remain officials of their respective Organizations entitled to the privileges and immunities provided by the Convention.
- 7. Other persons assigned to the Civilian section of ECOMOG as well as civilian personnel assigned to the military section whose names are for the purpose notified to the Government by any of the Special Representatives, shall be considered as experts, on mission, within the meaning of the Convention.
- 8. Service personnel of ECOMOG shall not enjoy diplomatic immunities and tax exemptions. The Government agrees to inform the Special Representative or the Force Commander of any incident concerning a service personnel.

ARTICLE IV

STATUS OF ECOMOG

- 1. Recognizing the sovereignty of Liberia, members of ECOMOG shall refrain from any activity incompatible with the impartial and international nature of their duties or inconsistent with the spirit of the present arrangements. They shall respect the sovereignty of Liberia and observe all its local laws and regulations.
- 2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1 above, members of ECOMOG shall:
 - (i) refrain from any involvement in private civil disputes between citizens of Liberia; or otherwise attempt to settle such private disputes;

- (ii) not engage in any commercial business activity within the Territory.

The Special Representative and the Force Commander shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the observance of these obligations.

- 3. ECOMOG shall collaborate with the Government in the implementation of its remaining mandate in line with the Protocols to be entered into between ECOWAS and the Government.

The above notwithstanding, nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to mean that the ECOMOG Operations, the Special Representative, the Force Commander or any member of ECOMOG shall be under the control or authority of the Government. They are under the command and authority of the ECOWAS Authority.

- 4. The Government undertakes to respect the exclusively international nature of ECOMOG.

Taxation

- 5. Members of ECOMOG shall be exempted from taxation on the pay and emoluments received from the Government, a Participating State or from any other source. They shall also be exempted from all other direct taxes and from all registration fees and charges.

Customs and Fiscal Regulations

- 6. Members of ECOMOG operations shall have the right to import free of duty their personal effects in connection with their arrival in the Territory. Special arrangements between the Force Commander and the Liberian authorities shall be made for the implementation of the foregoing provisions in the interests of the Liberian Government and Members of ECOMOG. The Force Commander shall take all necessary measures to prevent any abuse of the exemption and to prevent the sale or resale of such goods to persons other than members of ECOMOG.

7. Special facilities for entry or exit shall be granted by the Liberian immigration authority to regularly constituted units of ECOMOG, provided that the authorities concerned have been duly notified. On the departure from the Territory, members of ECOMOG may take with them such funds as the Special Representative or the Force Commander certifies were received by ECOMOG.

Entry, Residence and Departure

8. The Special Representative, the Force Commander and members of ECOMOG, shall, wherever so required, have the right to enter into, reside in and depart from the Territory.

9. The Government of Liberia undertakes to facilitate the entry into and departure from the Territory of the Special Representative, the Force Commander and members of ECOMOG. ECOMOG undertakes to keep the Government informed of such movements. For that purpose, the Special Representative, the Force Commander and members of ECOMOG shall be exempt from passport and visa regulations and immigration inspection and restrictions on entering into or departing from the Territory. They shall also be exempted from any regulations governing the residence of aliens in the Territory including registration, but shall not be considered as acquiring the right to permanent residence or domicile in Liberia.

10. For the purpose of such entry or departure, members of ECOMOG shall only be required to have:

(a) an individual or collective movement order issued by or under the authority of the Special Representative or the Force Commander or any appropriate authority of a Participating State; and

(b) a personal identity card issued in accordance with Article IV paragraph 11, of the present

Agreement, except in the case of first entry, when the personal identity card issued by the appropriate authorities of a Participating State shall be accepted in lieu of the said identity card.

11. The Special Representative or the Force Commander shall issue to each member of ECOMOG before or as soon as possible after such member's first entry into the Territory, as well as to all service personnel, a numbered ECOMOG identity card, which shall show full name, date of birth, title or rank, service (if appropriate) and photograph. Except as provided in Article IV, paragraph 10 of this Agreement, such identity card shall be the only document required of a member of ECOMOG.

12. Members of ECOMOG as well as service personnel shall be required to present, but not to surrender, their ECOMOG identity card upon demand by any such official of the Government.

13. If a member of ECOMOG leaves the service of the Participating State to which he belongs and is not repatriated, the Force Commander shall immediately inform the Government, giving such particulars as may be required. The Force Commander shall similarly inform the Government of any member of ECOMOG who has absented himself for more than twenty-one days. In either of the above two instances, ECOMOG shall ensure, with the assistance of the Government, that such member of ECOMOG is apprehended and repatriated to the Participating State concerned. If an expulsion order against an ex-member of ECOMOG has been made, the Force Commander shall be responsible for ensuring that the person concerned shall be received within the territory of the Participating concerned, at the expense of ECOMOG.

Uniform and Arms

14. Military members of ECOMOG operations shall wear, while performing official duties, the national military or police uniform of

their respective States with standard ECOWAS accoutrements. The wearing of civilian dress by the above-mentioned members of ECOMOG may be authorized by any of the Special Representatives or the Force Commander at other times. Military members of ECOMOG and such civilian personnel as may be designated by the Force Commander may possess and carry arms while on duty in accordance with their functions.

No civilian personnel of ECOMOG shall be allowed to carry arms except where authorized by the Force Commander.

Permits and Licenses

15. The Government agrees to accept as valid, without tax or fee, a permit or license issued by the Force Commander for any member of ECOMOG except service personnel, or any ECOMOG transport or communication equipment and for the practice of any profession or occupation in connection with the functions of ECOMOG operations; provided that no license to drive a vehicle or pilot an aircraft shall be issued to any person who is not already in possession of an appropriate and valid license.

Military Police, Arrest and Transfer of Custody, Prosecution and Mutual Assistance

16. The Force Commander shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the maintenance of discipline and good order among members of ECOMOG as well as service personnel. To this end, personnel designated by the Force Commander shall police the premises of ECOMOG operations and such areas where its members are deployed. Elsewhere such personnel shall be employed only subject to arrangements with the Government, if necessary, to maintain discipline and order among members of ECOMOG.
17. The military police of ECOMOG shall have the power of arrest over the military members of ECOMOG. Military personnel placed under arrest outside their own contingent areas shall be transferred to

their contingent's Commander for appropriate disciplinary action. The personnel mentioned in paragraph 16 above may also take into custody any other person on the premises of ECOMOG. Such other person shall be delivered immediately to the nearest appropriate official of the Government for the purpose of dealing with any offense or disturbance on such premises.

18. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 16 and 17 above, the Government may take into custody any member of ECOMOG:
- (a) When so requested by the Force Commander; or
 - (b) When such a member of ECOMOG is apprehended in the commission or attempted commission of a criminal offense, such person shall be delivered immediately, together with any weapons or other item seized, to the nearest appropriate representative of ECOMOG, whereafter the provisions of paragraph 24 of this Article shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.
19. When a person is taken into custody under paragraph 17 or paragraph 18(b) of this Article, ECOMOG or the Government, as the case may be, may make a preliminary interrogation but may not delay the transfer of custody. Following such transfer, the person concerned shall be made available upon request to the arresting authority for further interrogation in the presence of a representative of the Force Commander.
20. ECOMOG and the Government shall assist each other in carrying out all necessary investigations into offenses in respect of which either or both have an interest, in the production of witnesses and in the collection and production of evidence, including the seizure of, and, if appropriate, the handing over of items connected with an offense. The handing over of any such items may be made subject to their return within the terms specified by the authority

delivering them. Each shall notify the other of the disposition of any case, in the outcome of which the other may have an interest or in which there has been a transfer of custody under the provisions of paragraph 17, 18 and 19 of this Article.

21. The Government shall ensure the prosecution of persons subject of its original jurisdiction who are accused of acts in relation to ECOMOG or its members which, if committed in relation to the Government, would have rendered such acts liable to prosecution.

Jurisdiction

The following arrangements respecting criminal and civil jurisdiction are made having regard to the special functions of ECOMOG and to the interest of ECOWAS and not for the personal benefit of the members of ECOMOG.

22. Subject to paragraph 26 of this Article, all members of ECOMOG, excluding service personnel shall be immune from legal process in respect of all acts, performed by them in their official capacity. Such immunity shall continue even after they cease to be members of ECOMOG and after the expiration of the other provisions of this Agreement
23. Should the Government consider that any member of ECOMOG has committed a criminal offense, it shall promptly inform the Commander and present to him any evidence available to it.
24. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 18 and 25(a) of this Article, members of ECOMOG shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of their respective Participating States in respect of any criminal offenses which may be committed by them in the Territory. They shall not be subject to the criminal Jurisdiction of the courts of Liberia.
25. If any member of ECOMOG is apprehended pursuant to paragraph 18 of this Article for violating the criminal laws of Liberia; or if

the Government considers that any member of ECOMOG has committed a criminal offense, pursuant to paragraphs 23 and 24 of this Article, the Force Commander shall immediately:

- (a) Court-martial in the Territory such a member of ECOMOG in accordance with the criminal laws of the Participating State of origin of such a member; or
- (b) Repatriate such member of ECOMOG to his state of origin for trial if the Force Commander determines that a court martial in the Territory would be prejudicial to the attainment of justice.

The member of ECOMOG so repatriated shall not be eligible to return to Liberia as a member of ECOMOG if convicted of the crime charge.

The Force Commander shall notify the Government of the outcome of the trial in both (a) and (b) above.

26. If any civil proceeding is instituted against a member of ECOMOG before any court of the Territory, the Special Representative shall be notified immediately, and he shall certify to the court whether or not the proceeding is related to the official duties of such member.
- (a) If the Special Representative certifies that the proceeding is related to the official duties, such proceeding shall be discontinued and the provisions of paragraph 1 Article X of this Agreement shall apply.
 - (b) if the Special Representative certifies that the proceeding is not related to official duties, the proceeding may continue. The Force commander or the Special Representative, as the case may be, shall ensure that such member of ECOMOG attends the trial, as assigned by the Court if the Force

Commander or the Special Representative certifies that a member of ECOMOG is unable, because of official duties or authorized absence from the Territory, to protect his interests in the proceedings, the court shall, upon the certification of the Force Commander or the Special Representative, suspend the proceeding until the elimination of the disability, but for not more than ninety days. No personal property of the member of ECOMOG, including wages, shall be exempted from seizure for the satisfaction of judgement, except such property as shall be certified by the Special Representative to be needed by the defendant for the fulfilment of his official duties. The personal liberty of a member of ECOMOG shall not be restricted in the civil proceeding, decision or order, to compel an oath or for any other reason.

Deceased Members

27. Any of the Special Representative or the Force Commander shall have the right to take charge of and dispose of the body of a member of ECOMOG who dies in the Territory, and may dispose of his personal property in accordance with directives issued by the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE V

ECOWAS FLAGS AND VEHICLE MARKINGS

1. The Government recognizes the right of the ECOMOG operations to display within the Territory, the ECOWAS flag on its headquarters, camps or other premises, vehicles or vessels as decided by the Executive Secretary. Other flags or pennants may be displayed in exceptional cases subject to prior consultation with the Government.
2. Vehicles, vessels and aircrafts of ECOMOG shall carry a distinct ECOWAS identification

which shall be notified to the Government. All vehicles shall be conspicuously marked and numbered for the purpose of identification. ECOMOG will give records of all vehicles to the Government.

3. Vessels and aircrafts under the authority of ECOMOG and bearing the insignia and flag of ECOMOG shall enjoy safe passage within the Territory.

ARTICLE VI

COMMUNICATIONS

1. ECOMOG shall enjoy the facilities in respect of communications provided for in the Convention only for the purpose of executing its task. Issues with respect to communications which may arise and which are not specifically provided for in this Agreement shall be dealt with pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Convention.
2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 above:
 - (a) ECOMOG shall have authority to install and operate radio sending and receiving stations as well as satellite systems to connect appropriate points within the Territory with each other and with ECOWAS, UN and OAU officials in other countries, and to exchange traffic with their communications network.

The telecommunications services shall be operated in accordance with the United Nations International Telecommunications Convention and Regulations and the frequencies on which any such station may be operated shall be decided upon in cooperation with the Government.

- (b) ECOMOG shall enjoy, within the Territory, the right to unrestricted communication by radio (including satellite, mobile and hand-held radio), telephone, telegraph, facsimile or any other means, and

of establishing the necessary facilities for maintaining such communications within and between the premises of ECOMOG including the laying of cables and land lines and the repeater stations. The frequencies on which the radio will operate shall be decided upon in consultation with the Government. It is understood that connections with the local system of telegraphs, telex and telephones shall be made in consultation with the Government; it being further understood that the use of the local system of telegraphs, telex and telephones shall be at no cost to ECOMOG.

- (c) Mail emanating from all designated for ECOMOG shall be transported via diplomatic pouches.
- (d) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement regarding privileges of ECOMOG and its personnel so specified, parcels entering the Territory through the regular mailing and courier systems may be subject to the postal laws and regulations of Liberia.

ARTICLE VII

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

1. ECOMOG and its members shall enjoy, together with its vehicles, vessels, aircraft and equipment, freedom of movement throughout the Territory. The Special Representative and the Force Commander shall inform the Government of planned movements of personnel, stores or vehicles through airports, railways or roads used for general traffic within the Territory. The Government undertakes to supply ECOMOG, where necessary, with maps and other information that may be useful in facilitating its movements.
2. Vehicles, including all military vehicles, vessels and aircraft of ECOMOG shall not be subject to registration or licensing by the Government.

3. A mutually satisfactory mechanism for the funding and settlement of Third Party claims shall be agreed upon by the parties to this Agreement.
4. ECOMOG may use roads, bridges, canals and other waters, port facilities and airfields without the payment of dues, tolls or charges, including wharfage charges, other than charges for service rendered.

ARTICLE VIII

DEPLOYMENT OF ECOMOG TROOPS

In the deployment of its troops, ECOMOG shall collaborate with the Government to ensure the free and uninterrupted flow of goods and services.

The above notwithstanding, the operational situation will dictate what action ECOMOG considers appropriate.

ARTICLE IX

FACILITIES FOR THE ECOMOG OPERATIONS

Premises Required for Conducting the Operational and Administrative Activities of the ECOMOG Operations and for Accommodation of Members of the Peace-keeping Operation.

1. The Government of Liberia shall provide, without cost to ECOMOG and in agreement with the Special Representative and the Force Commander, such areas for headquarters, camps or other premises as may be necessary for the conduct of the operational and administrative activities of ECOMOG and for the accommodation of its members. Without prejudice to the fact that all such premises remain Liberian territory, they shall be inviolable and shall be subject to the exclusive control and authority of ECOWAS. Where ECOMOG troops are co-located with any Liberian military/security personnel, a permanent, direct and immediate access by ECOMOG to those premises shall be guaranteed.
2. The Government undertakes to assist ECOMOG in obtaining and making available, where applicable, water, electricity and other facilities free of charge

and, in the case of interruption or threatened interruption of service, to give as far as is within its powers the same priority to the needs of the Group as to essential government services. ECOMOG shall be responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of facilities so provided.

3. ECOMOG shall have the right, where necessary, to generate electricity for its use and may transmit and distribute such electricity outside its premises free of charge.
4. Only the Force Commander or a duly authorized official of ECOMOG may consent to the entry of any government official or any other person not a member of the Group to such premises.

Provisions, Supplies and Service and Sanitary Arrangements

5. The Government undertakes to assist ECOMOG, as far as possible, in obtaining equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods and services from local sources required for its subsistence and operations. In making purchases on the local market, ECOMOG shall, on the basis of observations made and information provided by the Government in that respect, avoid any adverse effect on the local economy.

Government shall exempt ECOMOG operations from general sales taxes in respect of all local purchases.

6. ECOMOG and the Government shall cooperate with respect to sanitary services and shall extend to each other the fullest cooperation in matters concerning health, particularly with respect to the control of communicable diseases, in accordance with International Conventions.

Recruitment of Local Personnel

7. ECOMOG may recruit locally such personnel as it requires. Upon the request of the Special Representative or the Force

Commander, the Government undertakes to facilitate the recruitment of qualified local staff by ECOMOG and to accelerate the process of such recruitment.

Currency

8. The Government undertakes to make available to ECOMOG against reimbursement in mutually acceptable currency, Liberian currency required for the use of ECOMOG, including the pay of its members, at the rate of exchange most favourable to ECOMOG.

ARTICLE X

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

1. Any dispute or claim of a private law character to which ECOMOG or any member thereof is a party and over which the courts of the Territory do not have jurisdiction because of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled by a Standing Claim Commission to be established for that purpose. One member of the Commission shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary, one member by the Government, and a Chairman jointly appointed by the Government and the Executive Secretary. The Chairman shall be a jurist from an African country other than those contributing or which have contributed troops to ECOMOG. If no agreement as to the Chairman is reached within thirty days of the appointment of the first member of the Commission, the President of the International Court of Justice may, at the request of either the Executive Secretary or the Government, appoint the Chairman. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the same method prescribed for the original appointment, provided that the thirty-day period therein prescribed shall start as soon as there is a vacancy in the chairmanship. The Commission shall determine its own procedures, provided that any two members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes (except for a period of thirty days after the creation of a vacancy) and all decisions shall require the approval of any two members. The awards of the

Commission shall be final and binding. The awards of the Commission shall be notified to the parties. The Executive Secretary shall use his best endeavours to ensure compliance.

2. Dispute concerning terms of employment and conditions of service personnel shall be settled by the administrative procedures to be established by the Force Commander in consultation with the Executive Secretary.
3. Subject to the Agreement of the parties for the funding hereof, the Commission shall commence its activities within sixty (60) days as of the date of this agreement.

ARTICLE XI

SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The parties to this Agreement may conclude supplementary arrangements to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII

LIAISON

The Special Representative, the Force Commander and the Government shall take appropriate measures to ensure close and reciprocal liaison at every appropriate level.

ARTICLE XIII

DURATION

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature. Its duration shall be set forth in a supplementary arrangement to be negotiated by the parties.

ARTICLE XIV

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Wherever the present Agreement refers to the privileges, immunities and rights of ECOMOG and its members and to the facilities and territory to be provided to ECOMOG and its members, the Government shall ensure the implementation and fulfilment of such

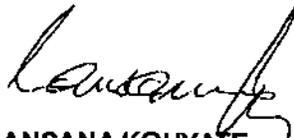
privileges, immunities, rights and facilities.

2. Notwithstanding the duration of this Agreement as provided in Article XIII hereof, the following exceptions shall apply:
 - (a) The provisions of paragraph 23 Article IV, and Article X shall remain in force.
 - (b) The provision of paragraph 1 Article X shall remain in force until all claims have been settled that arose prior to the termination of the present Agreement and were submitted prior to or within three months of such termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED, DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA RESPECTIVELY, HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT IN FOUR ORIGINALS IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU,
THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 1998.

FOR:
THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES,


LANSANA KOUYATE,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

FOR:
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA,


MONIE R. CAPTAN,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

REGULATION C/REG. 1/10/98 APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1997 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty 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 by 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 on the financial statements of the Executive Secretariat for the 1997 Financial Year;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The Audited Financial Statements of the Executive Secretariat for the 1997 financial year is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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 ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.**

REGULATION C/REG.2/10/98 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1999 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

HAVING EXAMINED the Work Programme proposed by the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Twenty-Second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The attached Work Programme is hereby

approved and shall be executed by the Executive Secretariat during the 1999 Financial Year.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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 ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.**

1999 BUDGET

WORK PROGRAMME

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
1999 BUDGET
WORK PROGRAMME**

A - LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

1.	Elaboration of Institutional Texts.	
-	Draft Tenders Code.	P.M.
-	Preparation of a mechanism for Prevention, management, conflict resolution and peace- keeping and security.	P.M.
2.	Enhancement of Institutional capacities.	
-	Constitution of a law library.	5 431
3.	Technical co-operation meetings.	5 000
TOTAL LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT		10 431

B - INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

1.	Industry Division	
1.	Implementation of action program on industrial master plan.	9 758
2.	EU/ECOWAS industrial forum.	3 719
TOTAL I		13 477
II.	Agriculture Division	
1.	Agricultural production support program.	14 424
2.	Livestock development.	27 158
TOTAL II		41 582
III.	NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION	
	Environmental protection and natural resources management program.	56 893
TOTAL III		56 893
IV.	Technical Cooperation	5 000
TOTAL AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT		116 952

C - SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

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I. Social Affairs Division	
1. Health.	17 723
2. WAWA	49 806
3. WAWA Subvention.	10 000
TOTAL 1	77 529
II. Cultural Affairs Division	
1. ECOWAS Prize for Excellence.	12 684
2. Meeting of Ministers responsible for Coordinating drug control.	14 530
3. Cultural Exchanges.	5 797
4. Meeting of Ministers of Youth and Sports (CMYS/ECOWAS).	9 606
5. FESPACO.	5 313
TOTAL II	47 930
III. OCCGE - WAHC Merger	242 524
IV. ECODRUG Lottery	41 361
V. Technical Cooperation.	5 000
TOTAL SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT	414 344

D - TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY DEPARTMENT

I. Transport Division	
1. Follow up of the construction of the Trans-West African Highway.	3 186
2. Facilitation of road transports.	12 899
3. Meeting of Directors of railways.	3 000
4. Improvement of Air Transport.	20 034
5. Improvement of Maritime Transport.	3 000
TOTAL 1	42 119

II.	Communications Division	
1.	Development of Telecommunications infrastructure.	18 700
	TOTAL II	18 700
III.	Energy Division	
1.	Development of Energy production and Interconnection of electricity grids.	48 604
2.	Development of renewable energy sources.	2 871
	TOTAL III	51 475
IV.	Technical Cooperation.	5 000
TOTAL TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND ENERGY DEPARTMENT		117 294
E - TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, MONEY AND PAYMENTS DEPARTMENT		
1.	Trade Division: Trade promotion.	
1.	Fifth meeting of regional organising Committee.	11 835
2.	Evaluation meeting of the regional Committee.	4 656
3.	Meeting of the consultation committee.	3 000
4.	Two workshops on SIGOA - TOPS.	6 874
5.	Participation at the Abidjan International Trade Fair.	2 284
	TOTAL 1	28 649
II.	Customs Division: Trade liberalisation.	
1.	Harmonisation and simplification of Customs documents.	12 588
2.	Implementation of trade liberalisation Scheme.	6 371
3.	Implementation of I.S.R.T.	9 247
4.	Establishment of a common external tariff.	7 954
	TOTAL II	36 160
III.	Immigration Division: Free movement of Community citizens.	
1.	Consultative meeting in Conakry.	22 226

	UA
2. Consultative meeting in Malanville.	18 102
TOTAL III	40 328
IV. Money and Payment Division	
Implementation of monetary cooperation Programme.	25 654
TOTAL IV	25 654
V. Tourism Division	
1. Promotion and marketing of tourism products.	4 464
2. Harmonisation of rules.	11 548
3. Facilitation.	12 946
4. Tourism and leisure fair.	28 837
TOTAL V	57 795
VI. Technical Cooperation	10 000
VII. 2nd Ecowas Trade Fair	
1. Participation of the Secretariat	53 701
2. Participation of the Regional organising committee.	9 090
3. Subvention to National Committees.	145 804
4. Miscellaneous expenses on activities of the Fair (expenses on invited resource Persons, hostesses, ticket sellers, publicity etc...).	62 428
TOTAL VI	271 023
VIII. Community levy	67 939
TOTAL TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, MONEY AND PAYMENTS AND TOURISM	537 548
F - ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT	
I. Economic Research Division	
1. Macro-economic Cooperation programme.	7 814
2. Strengthening the Institutional arrangements.	

		UA
a.	Meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units.	3 448
b.	Meeting of Permanent committee on studies.	8 683
c.	Rationalisation of West African IGOs.	37 906
3.	Mobilisation of External Resources for ECOWAS program.	20 045
4.	Development of the ECOWAS Statistical System.	
a.	Up-dating of Statistical data.	9 730
b.	Meeting of Permanent committee on Statistics.	15 040
5.	Technical Cooperation meetings.	10 000
TOTAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT		112 666
G - INFORMATION DEPARTMENT		
1.	Community Information Policy	
-	Seminar for Journalists.	26 817
-	Meeting of the Ministers of Information.	20 814
-	Regional Forum.	20 465
	TOTAL I	68 096
2.	Promoting awareness of ECOWAS	
-	Broadcast on the State of the Community.	1 860
-	Journalists in West Africa.	5 207
-	ECOWAS Time.	14 878
-	ECOWAS Anthem.	4 841
-	Publicity and Promotion.	14 878
-	Publicity on free movement.	33 048
	TOTAL II	74 712
3.	Publication & Diffusion of Information	
-	ECOWAS Briefs.	12 500

	UA
- The West African Bulletin.	
TOTAL III	12 500
4. Coopération Technique	5 000
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TOTAL DEPARTEMENT INFORMATION	160 308
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H - COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE	
I. Technical Development Division	
1. Development of ECOTRADE and ECOSTARS.	for info.
External Funding: 20 000 ECU.	only
ECOWAS financing: 9 000 UA.	
2. Development of Data Processing Software for ECOWAS Institutions.	for info.
ECOWAS Financing: 9 000 UA	only
II. OPERATIONS DIVISION	
1. Implementation of ECOWAS Trade Information Network (ECOTINET).	for info.
External Funding: 30 000 ECU.	only
2. Data Services for ECOWAS Institutions.	for info.
External Funding: \$40 000	only
ECOWAS Financing: 14 000 UA	
III. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION	36 000
1. Organisation and Participation in ASYCUDA and EUROTRACE Training Programmes.	
External Funding: 100 000 ECU	
ECOWAS Counterpart financing: 9 000 UA	
2. Technical Assistance to Member States.	

	UA
External Funding: 40 000 ECU	
ECOWAS Counterpart financing: 27 000 UA	
IV. Technical Cooperation meetings.	5 000
TOTAL COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE	41 000

REGULATION C/REG.3/10/98 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1999 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty 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 budget proposed by the Twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission, held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the 1999 Financial Year, balanced out in revenue and expenditure at Seven million, five hundred and twenty-one thousand, seven hundred and nineteen Units of Account (7.521.719 UA).

Article 2

An amount of Five million, six hundred and eighty-five thousand, three hundred Units of Account (5.685.300 UA) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States. Another sum of Three hundred and thirty-six thousand, four hundred and nineteen Units of Account (336.419 UA) shall be derived from the internal resources of the Executive Secretariat, while the balance of One million, Five hundred thousand Unites of Account (1.500.000 UA) shall be obtained from past budgets.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive

Secretariat 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 ABUJA,
THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

REGULATION C/REG.4/10/98 APPROVING THE COMPENSATION BUDGETS FOR LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY ECOWAS MEMBER STATES IN 1996 AND 1997 AS A RESULT OF THE LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-ECOWAS TRADE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 of the

Authority of Heads of State and Government, dated 28th May, 1980 relating to compensation procedure for loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and implementation of the single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States and the amendment thereto embodied in Decision A/DEC.6/6/89, dated 30th June, 1989;

MINDFUL of the decisions and regulations listing enterprises and products approved to benefit under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

CONSIDERING the applications for compensation for loss of revenue received from Member States having imported approved industrial products;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The following budget estimates for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade are hereby approved:

- a) two hundred and eighteen million seven hundred and thirty nine thousand three hundred and forty four (218,739,344) CFA francs for 1996;
- b) seventy eight million one hundred and thirty four thousand seven hundred and eighty six (78,134,786) CFA francs for 1997.

The tables annexed hereto indicate the share of contributions owed to the compensation budget by each exporting Member State.

Article 2

An exporting Member State which has not contributed to the estimated compensation budget

or whose contribution is less than the amount of its debt, shall pay into the fund the amount of the compensation for losses incurred as a result of its exports.

Article 3

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall be responsible for the payment to the Member State that have suffered the loss of revenue of the amounts recorded in the compensation budgets for 1996 and 1997.

Article 4

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

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

DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.



RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.

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THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.



RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.

COMPENSATION BUDGET FOR LOSS OF REVENUE FOR 1996
(IN CFA FRANCS)

MEMBER STATE	AMOUNT DUE
1. Ghana	395,493
2. Nigeria	5,426,348
3. Togo	212,917,503
TOTAL	218,739,344

COMPENSATION BUDGET FOR LOSS OF REVENUE FOR 1997
(IN CFA FRANCS)

MEMBER STATE	AMOUNT DUE
1. Ghana	939,407
2. Nigeria	1,860,386
3. Togo	75,334,993
TOTAL	78,134,786

REGULATION C/REG.5/10/98 RELATING TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE ESTIMATED BUDGETS FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSS OF REVENUE FROM 1990 TO 1997

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the Protocol dated 5th November, 1976 relating to assessment of loss of revenue incurred by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-Community trade;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS of 28th May, 1980 on the application of compensation procedures for loss of revenue incurred by Member States as a result of the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

MINDFUL of Decisions C/DEC. 5/12/88, C/DEC. 8/7/91, C/DEC. 1/11/91, C/DEC. 5/12/92, C/DEC. 11/12/93, C/DEC. 18/12/94, and Regulations C/REG. 13/12/95 and C/REG.3/11/96 of the Council of Ministers approving the compensation budget estimates for the period 1990 to 1997;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The estimated compensation estimates for loss of revenue approved for the years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 are hereby cancelled.

Article 2

Amounts paid by Member states to the compensation budget estimates for the above years and the interest accruing thereon shall constitute assets belonging to the contributor Member States.

Such amounts shall be utilised in settlement of the arrears owed by the said States to the compensation budgets approved by the Council of Ministers for loss of revenue.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty days of signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

REGULATION C/REG.6/10/98 ON THE ORGANISATION OF AN ECODRUG RAFFLE DRAW (LOTTERY).

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 relating to drug prevention and control in West Africa and endorsing the Praia Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.4/8/97 on the financing of drug control activities and granting funds to the Regional Fund for Financing Drug Control Activities in West Africa (ECODRUG FUND);

CONSIDERING Article 17 of the Statutes of the Regional Fund for financing Drug Control activities in West Africa (ECODRUG Fund) which provides that the resources for the control of drug activities may be derived from any sources approved by the Council of Ministers;

DESIRING to gather substantial funds for the execution of Community programmes in the war against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in all member States;

CONSIDERING that a lottery project, through its grassroots orientation, will help to popularise the aims and objectives of ECOWAS in all the Member States, promote mutual understanding and cooperation, complement the efforts of Member States in the fight against drug abuse and raise funds for Community programmes;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 22nd Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The Executive Secretariat is hereby authorised to organise, in all Member States, a raffle draw (Lottery) as a means of raising funds for the ECODRUG Fund.

Article 2

In carrying out the activity in Article 1 above, the Secretariat shall cooperate with the relevant authorities of the Member States and shall, to the extent of its international status, diplomatic immunities and privileges, abide by the rules and regulations governing such activity in the Member States.

Article 3

The sum of \$56,848 (fifty-six thousand, eight hundred and forty-eight United States dollars) is hereby approved as a loan to pre-finance the initial raffle draw to be conducted in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. All subsequent activities of the raffle draw shall be financed from the resources it generates.

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 in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

**REGULATION C/REG.7/10/98 AUTHORISING
RECRUITMENT OF ONE PERMANENT
BILINGUAL SECRETARY (G5) FOR THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission, endorsed by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-sixth session held in Lomé from 15th to 17th December, 1994, to the effect that vacant non-quota posts should be considered on an individual basis and filled where necessary;

CONSIDERING the need to recruit a permanent G5 bilingual secretary in order to complement the staff strength of the Secretariat and ensure its smooth functioning;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

E N A C T S

Article 1

Authorisation is hereby given for the recruitment of a permanent bilingual secretary G5.

Article 2

The secretary referred to in Article 1 of this Regulation shall be a national of a Member State which is free of the sanctions set out in Article 77 of the Revised Treaty, and in Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.5/7/95 dated 29th July, 1995.

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 in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

**REGULATION C/REG.8/10/98 WAIVING THE
PROVISIONS OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS
GOVERNING RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS
FOR TEMPORARY STAFF**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 77 of the Revised Treaty and Article 1, Decision A/DEC.5/7/95, dated 29th July, 1995 prescribing sanctions against Member States which fail to honour their obligations;

MINDFUL of the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission endorsed

by the thirty-sixth session of the Council of Ministers which took place in Lomé from 15th to 17th December, 1994, and which provides that temporary appointments to vacant non-quota posts should be examined on an individual basis and as the need arises;

AWARE of the need for prompt measures to resolve the very real problems arising from the fact of certain departments in the Executive Secretariat being understaffed;

DESIROUS, for this purpose, and as an exceptional measure, of waiving the provisions of the staff regulations governing the renewal of appointments for temporary staff;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

E N A C T S

Article 1

As an exceptional measure, the provisions of the staff regulations governing temporary appointments shall be waived to permit the renewal, a maximum of three times, of the appointments of temporary staff. Each renewal shall be for a period not exceeding six-months.

Article 2

The officers whose temporary appointments may be renewed as provided for in Article 1 of this Regulation shall be nationals of Member States which are free of sanctions set out in Article 77 of the Revised Treaty and in Article 1, Decision A/ DEC.5/7/95 dated 29th July, 1995.

Article 3

A temporary appointment renewed in accordance with Article 1 of this Regulation shall lapse immediately a national of the Member State to which the post is allocated assumes office.

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 by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998,**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

REGULATION C/REG.9/10/98 AUTHORIZING THE RECRUITMENT OF TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission, endorsed by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-sixth session held in Lomé from 15th to 17th December, 1994, to the effect that vacant non-quota posts should be considered on an individual basis and filled where necessary;

CONSIDERING the ever-increasing volume of work within the Department of Legal Affairs and the Department of Social and Cultural Affairs;

CONSIDERING the gross inadequacy of the current staff strength in the afore-mentioned departments and the urgent need for additional staff in order to ensure effective implementation of their programmes;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

Authorisation is hereby given for the recruitment of the following temporary professional staff:

- Department of Legal Affairs: 1 P4 and 1 P2 officers;
- Department of Social and Cultural Affairs : 1 P5 officer.

Article 2

The officers to be recruited shall be nationals of Member States which are free of the sanctions set out in Article 77 of the Revised Treaty, and in Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.5/7/95 dated 29th July, 1995.

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 by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame .

DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.



RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.

REGULATION C/REG.10/10/98 APPROVING THE SUBSTANTIVE COST OF THE PARTIAL MOVEMENT OF STAFF TO ABUJA AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TO COMPLETE THE EXERCISE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the recommendation made at the 41st Session of the Council of Ministers on the transfer of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja and the need to move the staff from Lagos to Abuja in stages;

CONSIDERING that the Council Decision to allocate a special reinstatement allowance to staff, and the authorisation given by the Chairman of Council to pay 3 days per diem to the said staff have incurred expenditure which was not included in the Executive Secretariat budget for 1998;

OBSERVING that the substantive cost of accommodation in Abuja is higher than estimated;

NOTING that a first group of officers has already been moved to Abuja;

DESIROUS of facilitating the movement of those officers remaining in Lagos before the end of December, 1998 and of allocating necessary funds for the purpose;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 22nd Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 13th to 22nd October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The partial cost of the partial transfer of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja amounting to two hundred and twenty two thousand one hundred and ninety nine units of account (UA 222,199) is hereby approved.

This sum which was spent in 1998 was deducted from paid up arrears of contribution, and covers payment of the special reinstatement allowance, 3

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 and inform Member States accordingly.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days after signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

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

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
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**LIST OF AGREED
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND
ENTERPRISES**

LIST OF AGREED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISES LISTE DES PRODUITS ET ENTREPRISES INDUSTRIELS AGRÉES							
Identity of enterprises by Member States <i>Identité des Entreprises par Etats Membres</i>	Position No. <i>Tahfaire No/</i>	PRODUCT <i>PRODUIT</i>	Approval Number <i>Numéros d'agrément</i>				
			Ctry. Code Pays Code	Entr. No. No. Entr.	Prod. No. No. Prod	Year <i>Année</i>	
1. COTE D'IVOIRE 1. ACIPAC 05 Abidjan 05	4820.20.00	Exercise books / <i>Cahiers scolaires</i>	384	001	01	98	
	4818.10.00	Toilet paper / <i>Papier hygiénique</i>	384	001	02	98	
	4818.40.00	Sanitary towels / <i>Serviettes hygiéniques</i>	384	001	03	98	
	4818.20.00	Handkerchiefs / <i>Mouchoirs</i>	384	001	04	98	
	4817.10.00	Envelopes / <i>Enveloppes</i>	384	001	05	98	
	2. ZENITH PLASTIC C.I. 04 BP. 892 Abidjan.	6402.99.00	Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics <i>Autres chaussures à semelles extérieures et dessus en caoutchouc ou en matière plastique.</i>	384	002	01	98
		6402.91.00	Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics covering the ankle. / <i>Autres chaussures à semelles extérieures et dessus en caoutchouc ou en matière plastique couvrant la cheville.</i>	384	002	02	98
		3923.21.00	Sacks and bags of polymers of ethylene. / <i>Sacs, sachets, pochettes et comets en polymère de l'éthylène</i>	384	002	03	98
		3923.29.00	Sacks and bags of other plastics <i>Sacs, sachets, pochettes en autres matières plastiques.</i>	384	002	04	98
		3920.42.00	Other plates of PVC. <i>Autres plaques en polymères du chlorure de vinyle souples.</i>	384	002	05	98
3920.99.00		Other plates of other plastics <i>Autres plaques en autres matières plastiques.</i>	384	002	06	98	
3. TOLES IVOIRE		7210.61.00	Sheets plated or coated with aluminium zinc alloys. / <i>Tôles revêtues d'alliage d'aluminium et de zinc</i>	384	003	01	98

Identity of enterprises by Member States	Position No. Tarifaire No/	PRODUCT PRODUIT	Approval Number Numéros d'agrément			
			Ctry. Code Pays Code	Entr. No. No. Entr.	Prod. No. No. Prod	Year Année
4. IVOIRAL	7210.49.00	Galvanised sheets / Tôles galvanisées .	384	003	02	98
	7612.10.00	Collapsible containers/Tubes souples.	384	004	01	98
	7615.19.00	Other household articles / Articles de ménage domestique.	384	004	02	98
	7606.12.10	Aluminium sheets. / Tôles en aluminium.	384	004	03	98
	7308.90.90	Tubes / Buses métalliques.	384	004	04	98
5. S.N.C.V (Société Nle de confiserie de VRIDI)	1704.10.00	Chewing Gum / Gommès à macher.	384	005	01	98
	1704.90.00	Other sugar confectionery not containing cocoa /Autres sucreries sans cacao	384	005	02	98
6. Manufacture Lion d'or (M.L.D.)	5511.10.00	Knitting thread / Fil à tricoter.	384	006	01	98
	5508.10.00	Sewing thread / Fil à coudre.	384	006	02	98
	5403.31.00/ 5406.20.00	Weaving thread / Fil à broder.	384	006	03	98
7. PLASTICABLE 01 BP.8160 Abidjan 01	3917.21.90	Tubes of polymers of ethylene / Tubes isoranges.	384	007	01	98
	3917.23.10	Pipes for water supply / Tuyaux pour canalisation d'eau.	384	007	02	98
	8544.11.00/ 8544.19.00	Electrical wire / Fils électriques.	384	007	03	98
	8544.20.00	Electrical cables/Câbles électriques.	384	007	04	98
	9405.10.00	Lighting fittings / Réglettes électriques.	384	007	05	98
8. NESTLE C.I.	2101.11.00/ 2101.12.00	Coffee (NESCAFE). Extraits, essences et concentrés de café et preparation à base de ces extraits etc.	384	008	01	98
	1806.10.00	Cocoa powder containing added sugar/ Poudre de cacao, avec addition de sucre ou d'autres édulcorants. (NESQUIK).	384	008	02	98

Identity of enterprises by Member States	Position No.	PRODUCT	Approval Number Numéros d'agrément			
			Ctry. Code Pays Code	Entr. No. No. Entr.	Prod. No. No. Prod	Year Année
9. SOFOPLAST	2104.10.90	Soups and broths and preparation therefore (MAGGI)/Préparations pour soupes etc. (MAGGI).	384	008	03	98
	2106.90.90	Food preparations (MAGGI) / Autres préparations alimentaires	384	008	04	98
	3921.90.00	Other plates, films... of plastics / Graines, rouleaux en matières plastiques.	384	009	01	98
	3923.29.00	Sacks & bags / Sacs, sachets plastiques.	384	009	02	98
	3904.22.00	Polyvinyl chloride / Polychlorure de vinyle granulé.	384	009	03	98
	6401.99.00	Plastic footwear / Chaussures plastiques.	384	009	04	98
10. IRAN Abidjan 01 BP.3903	3406.00.00	Candles / Bougies.	384	010	01	98
11. Groupe FIBAKO IVOIREMBAL	5404.10.00	Monofilament. / Fil polypropylène.	354	011	01	98
	5607.49.00	Twine and cordage polypropylene / Ficelles et cordages de polypropylène.	384	011	02	98
	5607.50.00	Twine and cordage of other synthetic fibres /Ficelles et cordages d'autres fibres synthétiques.	384	011	03	98
	5407.20.00	Woven fabrics / Toiles polypropylène tissus.	384	011	04	98
12. AFRIBACHE 11 BP.2344	5903.90.00	Textiles fabrics / Toiles polypropylène laminée.	384	011	05	98
	6305.39.00	Sacks / Sacs polypropylène.	384	011	06	98
	5903.10.00	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered...with polyvinyl chloride / Tissus imprégnés, enduits ou recouverts de ..polychlorure de polyvinyle.	384	012	01	98
	3926.90.00	Other articles of plastics (protective bags) Autres ouvrages en matières plastiques ...etc: (housses, Bâches).	384	012	02	98

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13. STE ATOU	5903.90.00	Textile fabrics impregnated / Autres produits de Polymérisation et copolymérisation(toiles à bâche).	384	012	03	98
	2009.40.00	Pineapple juice / Jus d'ananas.	384	013	01	98
	2009.19.00	Orange juice / Jus d orange.	384	013	02	98
	2009.80.90	Juice of any other single fruit or vegetable / Jus de gingembre et de passion	384	013	03	98
	2009.80.30	Mango juice / Jus de mangue.	384	013	04	96
	2009.80.10	Guava juice / Jus de goyave.	384	013	05	98
	2009.90.00	Mixture of juices / Mélanges de jus.	384	013	06	98
	2006.90.10	Syrups containing added flavouring and/orcolouring matter/Sirop de fruits	384	013	07	98
14. NESTLE C.I.	2104.10.10	Preparation in blocks or loaves form (maggi) /Préparations présentées sous forme de tablettes et de cubes (cube maggi).	384	014	01	98
15. SAPLED 18 BP.786 Abidjan 18	0405.10.00	Butter / Beune.	384	015	01	98
	1517.10.00	Margarine / Margarine.	384	015	02	98
16. SABI (Société Africaine de Biscuiterie)	1905.30.00	Sweet biscuits / Biscuits sees.	384	016	01	98
II. GHANA						
1. Ghana Aluminium Products Limited.	7604.10.00	Aluminium profiles / rods / Barres et profilés en aluminium	288	001	01	98
	7606.11.10	Aluminium roofing sheets / Tôles en aluminium.	288	001	02	98
	7610.10.00	Aluminium fabricated structures / Portes, fenêtres et leurs cadres.	288	001	03	98
2. DARK AND LOVELY	3305.20.00	Hair-care relaxers / Préparations pour le defrissage.	288	002	01	98
	3305.10.00	Shampoos / Shampooing.	288	002	02	98

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3. PHARMACARE INDUSTRIES LTD.	3305.30.00	Hair lacques (restorer) / Laques pour cheveux.	288	002	03	98
	3305.90.00	Other preparation for use on the hair: pomades, colours. / Autres préparations capillaires	288	002	04	98
	3307.10.00	Pre-shave, shaving or aftershave préparation / Preparations pour le prérasage, le rasage, l'après rasage.	288	002	05	98
	3306.10.00	Dentrifices / Dentrifices	288	003	01	98
	7608.10.00	Aluminium collapsible tube / T ubes aluminium.	288	003	02	98
	4823.11.00	Adhesive tapes / Rubans adhesifs.	288	003	03	98
4. BENINVEST ACCRA NORTH (GHANA)	4412.13.00	Plywood / Contreplaqués.	288	004	01	98
	4412.22.00	Blackboards / Bois plaqués.	288	004	02	98
	4418.20.00	Doors / Portes en bois.	288	004	03	98
III. NIGERIA						
1. DANGOTE GEN. TEXTILE	5208.52.10	Wax prints / Tissus imprimés.	566	001	01	98
	5810.10.00	Embroidery / Broderies.	566	001	02	98
	5207.10.00	Cotton yarn/Fils de coton conditionnés pour la vente au détail.	566	001	03	98
2. NESTLE FOODS NIGERIA	1902.19.00	Noodles / Nouilles.	566	002	01	98
3. LIBERTY INDUSTRIES	3924.90.10	Wash basins and buckets / Cuvettes et seaux.	566	003	01	98
	3924.90.90	Other household articles of plastics / Autres articles de ... ou d'économie domestique en matière plastique.	566	003	02	98
	7323.93.00	Kitchen or other. and articles of steel./ Articles de ménage ou d'économie domestique en fer ou en acier.	566	003	03	98
	7323.94.00	Enamelware products / Articles de ménage en fer ou acier émaillé.	566	003	04	98

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			Ctry. Code Pays Code	Entr. No. No. Entr.	Prod. No. No. Prod	Year Année
<i>Identité des Entreprises par Etats Membres</i>	<i>Tarifaire No/</i>	<i>PRODUIT</i>				
4. MABBS (NIG.) LIMITED	3209.90.20	Paints:- Emulsion, - Gloss, -Texcote / Autres peintures.	566	004	01	98
5. BAZAMRI PVC TILES	3918.10.00	Tiles PVC / Carreaux plastiques.	566	005	01	98
6. CYBELE COSMETICS	3303.00.90	Perfumes and toilet waters / Parfums et eaux de toilette.	566	006	01	98
	3307.20.00	Personal deodorants / Désodorisants corporels	566	006	02	98
	3307.49.00	Preparations for perfuming rooms / Préparations pour parfumer les locaux.	566	006	03	98
	3304.99.00	Preparations for the care of skin / Préparations pour les soins de la peau.	566	006	04	98
	3305.30.00	Hair lacques / Laques pour cheveux.	566	006	05	98
	3305.90.00	Other hair preparations / Autres Preparations capillaires.	566	006	06	98
	3305.20.00	Relaxers / Preparations pour defrissage.	566	006	07	98
	3305.10.00	Shampoos / Shampoings.	566	006	08	98
	3304.91.00	Powder / Poudres.	566	006	09	98
	3304.30.00	Manicure and pedicure preparations / Preparations pour manucures ou pédicures.	566	006	10	98
	3307.10.00	After shave preparations / Preparations pour l'après rasage.	566	006	11	98
	2712.10.00	Petroleum Jelly / Vaseline.	566	006	12	98
	3401.11.10	Soap for toilet use including medicated products / Savons de toilette y compris ceux à usages médicaux.	566	006	14	98
	3304.10.00	Lip make up préparations / Produits de maquillage pour les lèvres.	566	006	15	98
3402.20.00	Organic surface active agents / Agents de surface organique.	566	006	16	98	

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<i>Identité des Entreprises par Etats Membres</i>	<i>Tarifaire No/</i>	<i>PRODUIT</i>				
	3405.90.00	Glass cleaner polish / <i>Produits pour nettoyage des vitres .</i>	566	006	17	98
	3808.40.00	Disinfectants / <i>Désinfectants.</i>	566	006	18	98
7. COMADEN (NIG.)	9404.90.00	Pillows / <i>Oreillers.</i>	566	007	01	98
8. BETA INDUSTRIES	8418.10.00	Refrigerators / <i>Refrigerateurs.</i>	566	008	01	98
	8418.30.00	Freezers / <i>Congélateurs.</i>	566	008	02	98
	8418.50.00	Bottle coolers / <i>Autres coffres, vitrine... pour la production du froid.</i>	566	008	03	98
	8415.10.00	Air Conditioners / <i>Climatiseurs.</i>	566	008	04	98
	8309.10.00	Crown-corks / <i>Bouchons-couronnes.</i>	566	008	05	98
	3923.10.00	Crates / <i>Casiers.</i>	566	008	06	98
	8707.10.00	Vehicles carrier bodies / <i>Carrosseries de véhicules.</i>	566	008	07	98
9. CACIL PAINTS LIMITED	3209.90.00	Paints / <i>Peintures.</i>	566	009	01	98
10. NIGERIA BALLPOINT PEN	9608.10.00	Pen / <i>Stylos.</i>	566	010	01	98
11. HOLBON (NIG.) LIMITED	5802.20.00	Terry towels / <i>Tissus bouclés du genre eponge en autres matière textiles.</i>	566	011	01	98
	6002.43.00	Velour fabric / <i>Autres étoffes de bonneterie.</i>	566	011	02	98
	6001.91.00	Knitted cotton fabric / <i>Autres étoffes à boucles de coton.</i>	566	011	03	98
	6001.92.00	Knitted polyester fabric / <i>Autres étoffes à boucles de fibres synthétique.</i>	566	011	04	98
	5508.10.00	Sewing thread / <i>Fil à coudre de fibres synthétique.</i>	566	011	05	98
	5207.10.00	Cotton hand loom yarn / <i>Fils de coton conditionnés pour la vente au détail.</i>	566	011	06	98

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<i>Identité des Entreprises par États Membres</i>	<i>Tarifaire No/</i>	<i>PRODUIT:</i>				
12. CENTURY POLYESTER LIMITED	5503.20.00	Polyester chips /Fibres synthétique.	566	012	01	98
	9404.90.00	Pillow and Cushion / Oreillers et coussins.	566	012	02	98
	9404.29.00	Mattress / Matelas.	566	012	03	98
13. NIGERIA ENGINEERING WORKS LTD.	8418.10.00	Refrigerators / Réfrigérateurs.	566	013	01	98
	8415.10.00	Air conditioners / Climatiseurs.	566	013	02	98
	8414.30.00	Freezers / Congélateurs.	566	013	03	98
	8414.51.00	Fans / Ventilateurs.	566	013	04	98
	9403.10.00	Metal furniture (classeurs) / Meubles en métal.	566	013	05	98
	9403.20.00	Cupboard / Annoires.	566	013	06	98
	9403.30.00	Wooden furniture / Meubles en bois.	566	013	07	98
	9402.10.00	Medicine trolleys / Tables roulantes.	566	013	08	98
IV. SIERRA LEONE 1. NATIONAL CONFECTIONNER CO. LTD.	1905.10.00	Biscuits / Pain croustillant.	694	001	01	98
	1704.90.00	Candies (Sweets)/ Sucreries (bonbons).	694	001	02	98
V. TOGO 1. NIOTO. SA 2. FAN MILK SA.	1508.90.90	Ground nut seed oil refined/ Huile raffinée d'arachide.	768	001	01	98
	1512.29.00	Cotton seed oil refined/ Huile raffinée de coton.	768	001	02	98
	0403.10.10	Yogurt nature /Yoghourt nature.	768	002	01	98
	0403.10.20	Yogurt containing added fruits / Yoghourt additionné de fruits.	768	002	02	98
	2105.00.00	Ice cream /Glaces de consommation même contenant du cacao.	768	002	03	98
	2009.90.00	Mixture of juice / Melange de jus.	768	002	04	98

**REGULATION C/REG.12/10/98 APPROVING THE
STATUTES OF THE REGIONAL FUND FOR
FINANCING DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN
WEST AFRICA (ECODRUG FUND)**

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 relating to drug prevention and control in West Africa and endorsing the Praia Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.4/8/97 on the financing of drug control activities and granting funds to the Regional Fund for Financing Drug Control Activities in West Africa (ECODRUG FUND);

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Second meeting of Co-ordinators of Inter-ministerial Drug Control Committees, held in Banjul from 7th to 11th September, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The Statutes of the Regional Fund for financing Drug Control Activities in West Africa (ECODRUG) attached hereto are hereby approved.

Article 2

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

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



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

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**STATUTES OF THE REGIONAL FUND FOR
DRUG CONTROL IN WEST AFRICA
(ECODRUG FUND)**

STATUTES OF THE REGIONAL FUND FOR DRUG CONTROL IN WEST AFRICA (ECODRUG FUND)

**CHAPTER I
DEFINITION**

Article 1

The following definitions shall apply in these Statutes:

1. "*Revised Treaty*" means the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS adopted on July 24th, 1993;
2. "*Statutes*" means the Statutes of the Regional Fund for drug Control in West Africa (ECODRUG FUND);
3. "*Community*" means the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
4. "*Member State(s)*" means a member State or member States, of the Community;
5. "*Conference*" means the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community, established by Article 7 of the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS;
6. "*Council*" or "*Council of Ministers*" means the Council of Ministers of the Community as provided for in Article 10 of the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS;
7. "*Executive Secretariat*" means the Executive Secretariat of the Community as provided for in Article 17 of the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS;
8. "*Executive Secretary*" means the Executive Secretary appointed in line with the Provisions of Article 18 of the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS;
9. "*ECODRUG FUND or Special Fund*" means the Regional Fund for Drug control in West Africa;
10. "*IDCC*" means the national Interministerial Drug Control Committee;
11. "*Management Committee*" means the Management Committee of ECODRUG

FUND For which provision is made in Article 6 of the Statutes of the Special Fund;

12. "*Drug Control Unit*" means the ECOWAS Drug Control Unit established by Edict No. 1/ES/12/96;
13. "*Social and Cultural Affairs Commission*" means the technical commission established under Article 22 of the Revised Treaty of ECOWAS;
14. "*UNDCP*" means the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;
15. "*Director, Social and Cultural Affairs*" means the Director of the Department of Social and Cultural Affairs of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS;
16. "*Director of Audit*" means the Director of the Audit Department of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS;
17. "*Director, Legal Affairs*" means the Director of the Legal Affairs Department of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS;
18. "*Director of Finance*" means the Director of the Department of Finance of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS;
19. "*External Auditors*" means the External Auditors of ECOWAS;
20. "*NGO*" means Non-Governmental Organisations.

**CHAPTER II
ESTABLISHMENT**

Article 2

There is hereby established a regional fund to finance drug control activities in West Africa, which shall be known as ECODRUG FUND.

Article 3

ECODRUG FUND shall be a fund for mutual financial assistance in the conduct of drug control activities within the Community.

CHAPTER III PURPOSE

Article 4

The ECODRUG FUND shall be used:

- a. To provide grants to national IDCCs which request subventions for the purpose of executing national and regional programmes;
- b. To finance the Regional Plan of Action on drug control.

Article 5

ECODRUG FUND shall also provide assistance to IDCCs and NGOs operating in Member States and which may put forward projects and activities which present a regional character by virtue of their being beneficial to two or more countries.

CHAPTER IV ADMINISTRATION OF ECODRUG FUND

Article 6

The ECODRUG Fund shall be administered by a Management Committee made up of:

- Executive Secretary, *Chairman*;
- 2 Representatives of donors, *Members*;
- Chairman, Social and Cultural Affairs Commission, *Member*;
- Director, Social and Cultural Affairs, *Member*;
- Director of Finance, *Member*;
- Director, Legal Affairs, *Member*;
- Coordinator, Drug Control Unit; *Rapporteur*.

The Management Committee shall administer and oversee the ECODRUG Fund.

Article 7

The Management committee shall meet twice a year when so convened by its chairman and shall

deliberate when a quorum of 2/3 of its members is attained.

Article 8

1. The Management Committee shall:
 - approve the budget;
 - assess the eligibility of requests for grants received from the Inter-ministerial Committees.
2. The recommendations of the Management Committee shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority and shall be recorded in the proceedings of the meeting which shall be approved by all members.

Article 9

The Executive Secretary shall have responsibility for the ECODRUG FUND. He is the budget authorizing officer for the Fund.

Article 10

The Executive Secretary of ECOWAS shall be assisted by staff of the Secretariat. He may however, also engage the services of drug control experts to evaluate technical documents received from the IDCCs.

Article 11

The Executive Secretary shall receive and forward all requests for grants or funds submitted by the IDCCs and the Drug Control Unit, to the Coordinator of the Unit, who is the administrator of the Special Fund. The Administrator of the FUND shall process and thereafter, present the requests to the Management Committee.

Article 12

The Executive Secretary shall report to the Council of Ministers on the operations of the Special Fund.

Article 13

The Coordinator of the Drug Control Unit shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the ECODRUG FUND. He shall manage the budget

which he shall have prepared, prepare vouchers for commitment of expenditure which he shall forward to the authorising officer of the ECODRUG Fund for approval.

Article 14

The Director of the Department of Finance shall keep the resources of the ECODRUG Fund in a bank account distinct from the accounts of ECOWAS. He shall also keep separate books of account. The Director of Finance, having obtained approval from the authorising officer to commit expenditure, shall settle such expenditure in conformity with the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Community.

CHAPTER V RESOURCES

Article 15

The resources of the ECODRUG FUND shall be derived from:

- the initial endowment made to the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat;
- annual contributions from Member States;
- grants and gifts;
- interests on placements;
- income from all other sources approved by the Council of Ministers.

Article 16

Each Member State shall contribute to the ECODRUG FUND 2.0% of its assessed annual contribution to ECOWAS. The Inter-ministerial Drug Control Committee and the ECOWAS Unit in each Member State shall take appropriate measures to ensure payment of their country's contributions.

CHAPTER VI OPERATION OF THE ECODRUG FUND

Article 17

1. A budget shall be established at the

commencement of each budget year for the operation of the ECODRUG FUND.

2. The budget shall contain entries of income derived from the sources enumerated in Article 15, and detail expenditure relating to:

- cost of activities set out in Article 4;
- operational costs;
- all other expenses incurred in the operation of the ECODRUG FUND, within the limits of available financial resources.

Article 18

ECODRUG FUND shall provide the IDCCs with a standard application form for grants.

Article 19

The IDCC in each country shall centralise and supervise all requests for funding and shall, before forwarding them to the ECOWAS, the supervisory Minister, shall ensure that the activities for which the funds are being sought fall within the areas set out in Article 4 of these statutes. ECODRUG FUND shall not consider applications which are not transmitted to the Executive Secretary through the Minister responsible for ECOWAS affairs in the Member State concerned.

Article 20

In processing application for grants, the following principles, inter alia, shall apply:

1. priority shall be given to projects related to the Community drug prevention and rehabilitation programmes;
2. applications for grants emanating from a Member State which has not paid its contribution to ECODRUG FUND, shall not be given priority consideration.
3. ECODRUG FUND shall not award more than 10% of its total grant budget to a single project.

4. **ECODRUG FUND** shall not fund more than 50% of the total cost of a project.

Article 21

Any grant received from **ECODRUG FUND** shall be utilised solely for the project in respect of which it was allocated.

Article 22

The Executive Secretariat shall have the right to conduct spot inspections of beneficiary projects, with a view to verifying their level of implementation.

CHAPTER VII ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

Article 23

The financial year of the Special Fund shall commence on 1 January and end on 31 December.

Article 24

The budget and the accounts of the **ECODRUG FUND** shall be denominated and presented in ECOWAS Units of Account (UC).

Article 25

All transactions of the Fund shall be recorded in accounts which shall be kept separate from the accounts of the Executive Secretariat.

Article 26

The day-to-day management of the **ECODRUG FUND** shall be subject to the provisions of the ECOWAS Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures.

Article 27

The ECOWAS External Auditors shall audit the accounts of the **ECODRUG FUND** at the close of each financial year.

Article 28

The Executive Secretariat shall prepare an annual report setting out the audited accounts which he shall communicate to the Management Committee of the **ECODRUG FUND** and to the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission.

CHAPTER VIII COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Article 29

Operations of the **ECODRUG FUND** may commence upon adoption of the present Statutes and payment of the initial endowment to the Executive Secretariat. The Executive Secretariat shall, in collaboration with the UNDCP, immediately undertake negotiations with development partners, with a view to securing their assistance for the effective operation of the Fund.

CHAPTER IX DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION

Article 30

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Statutes and its relevant Rules of Procedure, any dispute regarding the interpretation or the application of the provisions of these Statutes shall be amicably settled through direct agreement.
2. Failing this, either party may refer the matter to the Council of Ministers whose decision shall be final.

CHAPTER X REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

Article 31

Any provision of these Statutes may be reviewed or amended by the Council of Ministers upon a proposal to that effect by the Social and Cultural Affairs Commission.

Article 32

Any necessary additions, encapsulated in the rules of procedure, may be made to the provisions of the present Statutes.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**

REGULATION C/REG.13/10/98 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF JOB PROFILES OF ECOWAS STATUTORY APPOINTEES OTHER THAN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Articles 17 and 18 of the Revised Treaty relating to the appointments of staff of Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the selection and evaluation of statutory appointees;

MINDFUL of Article 28 of the Protocol relating to the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development on the appointments of the Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director of the Fund;

MINDFUL of Article IX of the Protocol establishing the West African Health Organisation relating to the appointments of the Director-General and Deputy Director-General;

CONSIDERING that apart from the post of the Executive Secretary whose functions as the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Institutions, are fully spelt-out in Article 19 of the Revised Treaty, there had been no specific description of the jobs of other statutory appointees of the Community Institutions;

CONVINCED that in order for the Community to appoint only officers possessing the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence, it has to clearly define the role and main tasks to be carried out by the statutory officers as well as their qualifications, experiences and personal qualities;

ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS of the Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees held in Abuja on 12th October, 1998, the Meeting of Ministers of Health held in Lome on 30th and 31st July, 1998 and the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja from 26th to 28th October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The attached job profiles and qualifications of the following Statutory Appointees are hereby adopted:
 - i) Deputy Executive Secretary (Political Affairs, Defence and Security);
 - ii) Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration and Finance);
 - iii) Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs);
 - iv) Financial Controller;
 - v) Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund;
 - vi) Deputy Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund;
 - vii) Director-General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO);
 - viii) Deputy Director-General of WAHO.
2. Only candidates possessing the stated qualifications and experience for each of the posts should be employed by the Community Institutions.
3. Unless otherwise provided in the Treaty or in a Protocol, all Statutory Appointees shall be under the direction and supervision of the Executive Secretary and shall carry out the functions herein assigned to the post.

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 in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.**

- organise, manage and provide support measures for all political activities relating to conflict prevention, management and resolution;
- responsible for policy formulation and implementation on cross-border crime, the circulation of arms, drug control and all measures designated to restore peace;
- manage the regional peace and security observation system which will collate and analyse data on a day to day basis, of all factors that may impact on peace and security within the sub-region;
- represent the Executive Secretary whenever necessary;
- coordinate and supervise the activities of the Departments under his Authority;
- execute all other duties that may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Candidates should:

- possess a higher degree in Political Science, International Relations, Law, military science or any other Social Science;
- have 12 years experience in the area of international relations, at least 5 of which must have been spent in a managerial position, experience in conflict management and resolution will be an advantage;
- be capable of expressing him/herself in one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of at least one of the other official languages will be an asset.
- be between 35 and 55 years of age.

JOB PROFILE, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

The Deputy Executive Secretary (Political Affairs, Defence and Security) shall work under the authority of the Executive Secretary and shall:

- be responsible for policy formulation and implementation of programmes on conflict prevention, management, resolution, peace-keeping and humanitarian operations, issues on cross-border crime, circulation of light weapons and drug control;
- be in charge of planning, training, administration, logistics and monitoring of all field operations ;
- work in collaboration with national armed forces, specialised institutions, the OAU, UN, international humanitarian organisations, and NGOs;

JOB PROFILE FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The holder of this post will work under the supervision of the Executive Secretary and he/she will be responsible for the following:

- formulation and implementation of strategies, policies and projects of the departments under his/her supervision, as may be directed by the Executive Secretary, to further the integration process;
- stimulating a conducive working environment, including preparation of a training programme, with a view to enhancing the institution's capacities;
- overseeing the administrative and financial management of the institution;
- coordinating and supervising the departments under his/her purview;
- rational allocation and distribution of human, material and financial resources;
- preparation of a four-year programme of action and annual work programmes to enable implementation of tasks assigned; this will serve as the basis for a performance evaluation of the incumbent;
- carrying out all other responsibilities that may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Secretary;

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- A Masters degree in Management, Economics, Finance, Law, or Administration;
- must have a sound knowledge of human resource management as well as financial and accounts management;
- must have at least 12 years post qualification experience in administration and financial management, at least five years of which should have been spent at

senior management level. Relevant experience or sound knowledge of the workings of an international organisation will be an advantage;

- must be fluent in one of the official languages of ECOWAS (English, French, Portuguese). A working knowledge of either of the other official languages would be an asset;
- must be computer literate;
- must be aged between 35 and 50 years.

JOB PROFILE FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The holder of this post will work under the authority of the Executive Secretary and he/she will be responsible for the following:

- formulation and implementation of strategies, policies and projects of the departments under his/her supervision, as may be directed by the Executive Secretary, to further the regional integration process;
- coordination and supervision of the activities of the departments under his/her purview;
- establishment and implementation of an ECOWAS Project Monitoring and Evaluation System;
- creating a conducive working environment, ensuring the smooth running and effectiveness of the departments under him/her;

- preparing a four-year programme of action and annual work programmes for the implementation of tasks assigned;
- carrying out all other responsibilities that may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Secretary.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

A Masters degree in Economics with an option in Planning, Statistics, Development Economics or International Economic Relations;

- must have at least 12 years post qualification experience in economics at least five years of which should have been spent at senior management level;
- relevant experience or sound knowledge of the workings of an international organisation will be an advantage;
- must be fluent in one of the official languages of ECOWAS (English, French, Portuguese). A working knowledge of either of the other official languages would be an asset;
- must be computer literate;
- must be aged between 35 and 50 years.

JOB PROFILE FOR THE POST OF FINANCIAL CONTROLLER OF THE ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The holder of this post is responsible for all internal financial control and pre-auditing and oversees internal auditing within the ECOWAS Institutions:

- He/She shall participate in the formulation of regulations aimed at improving the

financial and accounting management of the Community Institutions;

- make proposals to the Heads of Institution with a view to ensure proper application of the financial regulations and improve financial and accounting management in the ECOWAS Institutions,

- prepare an annual budgetary and financial report of the Community for the consideration of the Council of Ministers and the Board of Directors;

- submit activity reports to the Chairman of Council or to the Chairman of the Board with copies to the Head of the institution concerned.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- A degree in Chartered Accountancy and a minimum of a masters degree in financial management;
- must have a sound knowledge of financial analysis, auditing and public accounts;
- must have at least 12 years post qualification experience in auditing and financial analysis, at least five years of which should have been spent at senior management level. Relevant experience or sound knowledge of the workings of an international organisation will be an advantage;
- must be fluent in one of the official languages of ECOWAS (English, French, Portuguese). A working knowledge of either of the other official languages would be an asset;
- must be computer literate;
- must be aged between 35 and 50 years.

JOB PROFILE FOR THE POST OF MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The holder of this post shall actively pursue the attainment of the regional integration objectives set out in the ECOWAS Treaty. He/She is answerable to the Board of Directors and his/her duties will be as follows:

- to conduct, coordinate and supervise all activities of the Fund;
- to implement the policy guidelines laid down by the Board of Directors;
- to plan the activities and guarantee the success of the Fund;
- to create a conducive working environment;
- to manage efficiently the resources of the Fund;
- to prepare a four-year programme of action and annual work programmes.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- A minimum of a Masters degree in Banking, Finance, Economics or Management;
- must have at least 12 years post qualification experience in mobilisation of investment finance and management of financial institutions, at least eight of which should have been spent at senior management level. Relevant experience or sound knowledge of the workings of an international organisation will be an advantage;
- must be fluent in one of the official languages of ECOWAS (English, French, Portuguese). A working knowledge of at least one of the other official languages would be an asset;
- must be computer literate;
- must be aged between 35 and 50 years.

JOB PROFILE FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Deputy Managing Director works under the direct supervision of the Managing Director whom he/she assists in the discharge of his/her duties and particularly in:

- the conduct, coordination and supervision of the activities of the Fund;
- implementation of the policy guidelines laid down by the Board of Directors;
- planning the activities of the Fund;
- creating a conducive working environment;
- efficiently managing the resources of the Fund;
- preparing a four-year programme of action and annual work programme on the basis of the responsibilities assigned to him by the Managing Director;
- carry out all other responsibilities assigned to him by the Managing Director.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:

- A Masters degree in Banking, Finance, Economics or Management;
- must have at least 12 years post-qualification experience in investment Finance and management of financial institutions, at least five of which should have been spent at senior management level. Relevant experience in or sound knowledge of the workings of an international organisation will be an advantage;
- must be fluent in one of the official languages of ECOWAS (English, French, Portuguese). A working knowledge of at least one of the other official languages will be an asset;
- must be computer literate;
- must be aged between 35 and 50 years.

JOB PROFILE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WAHO

The incumbent must be a citizen of a member State of ECOWAS. He shall work in pursuit of the objectives of regional integration.

He is answerable to the Assembly of Ministers of Health and shall be responsible for the :

- conduct, coordination and supervision of all activities of WAHO;
- implementation of guidelines defined by the Assembly of Ministers of Health;
- planning of activities aimed at ensuring the success of the Institution;
- promotion of a conducive working atmosphere and the mobilisation of all resources;
- enhancement and protection of the resources of WAHO;
- qualitative management of the Institution.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Candidates must:

1. possess a recognised degree in medicine and have proven professional experience in the field;
2. have 12 years' cognate experience, 5 of which must have been spent in a high position of responsibility in the health sector, and show evidence of management and leadership qualities;
3. be fluent in one of the official languages of the Community; knowledge of at least one of the other languages will be an advantage;
4. be computer literate.
5. be aged between 35 and 50 years.

JOB PROFILE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WAHO

He/She is responsible to the Director-General and shall assist the latter in the conduct of the Organisation's work notably in the:

- conduct, coordination and supervision of all activities of WAHO;
- implementation of guidelines defined by the Assembly of Ministers of Health;
- planning of activities aimed at ensuring the success of the Institution;
- promotion of a conducive working atmosphere; he should be capable of mobilising all staff to achieve the objectives of the community;
- administrative and financial management of the Institution, and enhancement and protection of the resources of WAHO.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Candidates must:

1. possess a recognised degree in medicine and have proven professional experience in the field;
2. have a minimum of 12 years' cognate experience, 5 of which must have been spent in a high position of responsibility in the health sector, and show evidence of management and leadership qualities;
3. be fluent in one of the official languages of the Community; knowledge of at least one of the other languages will be an advantage;
4. be computer literate;
5. be aged between 35 and 50 years.

**REGULATION C/REG.14/10/98 ADOPTING THE
REVISED REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION AND THE
1999 - 2002 REGIONAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME
FOR DRUG CONTROL IN WEST AFRICA**

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 on drug prevention and control in West Africa, which endorsed the Praia Political Declaration and Regional Plan of Action;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the second meeting of Co-ordinators of Inter- Ministerial Drug Control Committees, held in Banjul from 7th to 11th September, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The revised Regional Plan of Action and the 1999-2002 Regional Priority Programme for Drug Control in West Africa, which are attached as an annex, are hereby adopted.

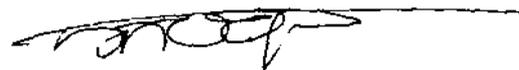
Article 2

The Executive Secretary shall monitor the implementation of the revised Plan of Action and Regional Priority Programme and report to the Council of Ministers on the results achieved, the difficulties encountered and the measures that should be taken to attain the objectives of the plan and programme.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat 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.



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.**

**THE PRIORITY PROGRAMME
FOR DRUG CONTROL IN
WEST AFRICA
1999 - 2002**

THE PROGRAMME OF PRIORITY ACTIONS (1999 - 2000)

The past five years have seen an intensified sub-regional approach to the war against drugs. During this period, appropriate coordination structures have been established at national and regional levels with the assistance of the UNDCP, under the framework of Regional Project RAF/893. These efforts received an additional boost in August 1997, when leaders of the sixteen ECOWAS Member States reaffirmed their political support by adopting a political declaration and a regional plan of action on drug control.

With the determination of Member States to wage a war against drugs no longer in doubt, the UNDCP now has a duty to continue providing States with the necessary assistance. Essentially, the Priority Programme outlined in this document seeks to set out objectives and identify specific actions for which donor finance might be obtained immediately, thus allowing the concerted sub-regional drug interdiction effort required to continue. Indeed, the Priority Programme (1999 - 2002) has been formulated on the basis of the Regional Plan of Action.

The programme will focus on a certain number of global objectives and concrete actions, the aim being to consolidate the achievements of Project RAF/893.

1. CONSOLIDATION OF CONTROL AGENCIES AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS)

Under Regional Project RAF/893, inter-ministerial committees were established in each Member State. A drug control coordination unit was also established within the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat. These structures will need to be reinforced so as to consolidate them further. In the same vein, the meeting of national coordinators and that of Ministers responsible for coordination of drug control have been institutionalised by the ECOWAS Regional Plan of Action and these will also need to be maintained and given adequate support.

A. INTER-MINISTERIAL DRUG CONTROL COMMITTEES

(NATIONAL LEVEL)

The establishment of inter-ministerial committees and the appointment of coordinators in Member States became effective in 1996. However, although the coordinators, as civil servants, are paid by their respective governments, serious logistic problems are being encountered in Member States, with the exception of Nigeria where huge resources have been set aside to effectively combat drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking. It would be recalled that within the context of Project RAF/893, the UNDCP had contributed significantly to the take-off of the inter-ministerial committees by providing a grant of US \$40 000 to each committee to purchase basic requirements (vehicles, photocopying machines, telephones, fax). This amount however proved inadequate to solve all the problems. Continued financial aid to States hampered by budgetary constraints should therefore be treated as a 'Matter of priority'. The amount should also be increased slightly to US \$50,000 for every two years, up till the year 2002. With that amount, it would be possible to consolidate the achievements of the inter-ministerial committees and to make them fully operational, pending an improvement in the situation of Member States. The total amount required would thus come to US \$1,600,000.

B. THE ECOWAS DRUG CONTROL COORDINATION UNIT

(REGIONAL LEVEL)

The unit which became operational in 1996 now provides the main thrust for ECOWAS action in the war against drugs in the sub-region. The agreement signed in 1995 between the UNDCP and ECOWAS under the framework of Project RAF/893, made a provision for financial assistance towards the purchase of materials and recruitment of a full-time consultant to assist the unit head. However, because of the sheer scope of its assignment (promotion of drug control activities, awareness-raising among national and regional authorities, energising new control efforts etc), the unit will require an enhanced financial base. It should be noted that the unit is also expected to serve as a

focal point for the activities of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section of the United Nations.

In view of the above, assistance should be given to the Drug Control Unit. Such assistance may be financial, in the form of an annual contribution to the proposed Drug Control Fund, as well as technical (posting of experts to the unit to handle specific tasks). A total of US\$200,000 will be required for the period under consideration.

C ANNUAL MEETINGS OF COORDINATORS OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES

The meeting of national coordinators of inter-ministerial drug control committees has been institutionalised in the Regional Plan of Action where it is referred to as the REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. It is expected to act as an intermediary body with responsibility for considering issues concerning implementation of the plan of action at national and regional level.

At this stage in the sub-regional drug control effort, an annual meeting of the Regional Technical Committee is crucial, to monitor implementation of the plan. The committee will review the Plan of Action in the light of the decisions since taken by the United Nations General Assembly. The funds for the meeting should be earmarked within the Priority Programme. The budget should be equivalent to the amount voted for similar meetings in the past (approximately US\$250,000 for the period under consideration) and would cover organisation as well as transport and accommodation for the participants.

D. BIENNIAL MEETING OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATION OF DRUG CONTROL

The Regional Plan of Action also institutionalises the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers responsible for coordination of drug control. That body has been given the responsibility of directing and coordinating activities envisaged in the plan. Given the rekindled enthusiasm for drug control activities in the wake of the 20th extraordinary session of the United Nations General Assembly, organising a similar meeting every other year might act as a catalyst at the sub-regional level and ensure that the action plan is kept in sharp focus by the highest level of authority.

The Priority Programme (1999 - 2002) affords a perfect framework for inclusion of such meetings. In all, three meetings will be organised during the period, the first of which will concentrate on a review of the plan. About US\$200,000 will be required, roughly the total amount spent on the earlier three meetings already organised in Abidjan and Praia.

E. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL DRUG INFORMATION AND ABUSE PREVENTION CENTRES

Demand reduction as the surest method of drug control has become one of the topmost priorities of the international community and of ECOWAS Member States particularly since the 20th extraordinary session of the United Nations General Assembly was organised held to focus attention on the drug issue. It is on account of this new shift in emphasis that this current meeting is being called upon to revise the regional plan of action.

In order for the new policy to be properly implemented, it will be necessary to establish a drug information and abuse prevention centre in each Member State. The centre will act as an umbrella institution for all activities pertaining to drug control: information, education, public enlightenment, early prevention, counselling, rehabilitation, relapse prevention, post-rehabilitation therapy, and provision of assistance.

The cost of establishing such a centre in each Member State (equipment and technical assistance included) may be in the vicinity of US \$40,000. This will translate into a total of US\$640,000 for the entire period. This action will need to be included in the priority programme because, despite the good intentions of ECOWAS Member States in this regard, they lack the budgetary means to embark on such actions.

F STRENGTHENING OF DATA COLLECTION METHODS IN MEMBER STATES

Knowledge of the major trends in the evolution of the drug phenomenon in each Member State is the backbone of any successful control strategy. Clearly, absence of a reliable data collection system means lack of access to the necessary information.

The Regional Plan of Action has sought to tackle this problem by proposing the establishment of a

data bank in each Member State and at the sub-regional level. This would ease data collection and storage, and facilitate exchange of information with competent national and international drug control services. Also included in the Plan of Action is a suggestion that the national and regional systems should be interconnected.

It is thus imperative to incorporate this important aspect of the regional plan into the Priority Programme. This would require the mobilisation of huge resources, around US \$30,000 for the data bank in each Member State and US \$50,000 for the regional database. These amounts would cover the cost of establishment as well as equipment maintenance costs for the duration of the programme. The total amount needed would thus add up to US \$530,000.

II. MONITORING PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

The regional plan of action envisages the establishment of national action plans on drug control. So far, the political resolve of ECOWAS Member States to implement the plan is no longer at issue. However, this is a complex matter and the high cost of some operations involved in the preparation of the plan poses an insurmountable challenge to Member States. The Regional Plan of Action has adequately addressed this subject by recommending that international technical and financial assistance be sought to buttress efforts by these countries.

It should be noted that under the framework of Project RAF/893, the UNDCP played a pivotal role in the collection of the data needed to prepare national plans in several countries. It is therefore imperative that the UNDCP continue its assistance in this regard, particularly as the formulation of these plans of action remains an acute problem for ECOWAS member countries.

The financial assistance requested to cover this aspect of the Priority Programme is US\$200,000 for all Member States. This will cover technical assistance, organisation of workshops to finalise the documents, and a donors meeting. With this amount, Member States would be able to prepare

a reliable and bankable action plan within a reasonable time-frame as recommended in the regional plan.

III. REHABILITATION OF NATIONAL DRUG ANALYSIS LABORATORIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL LABORATORY

The work of a specialist in laboratory analysis of drugs is an essential element in the war against illicit drug trafficking. He /She provides the courts with necessary clarifications and makes it impossible for an offender to confuse the judges. With this in mind, the Regional Plan has recommended that a drug analysis laboratory should be established in each Member State and a reference laboratory set up at the sub-regional level.

However, experience has shown that the laboratories established with the help of the former Anti-Drug Fund of the United Nations failed to perform as expected. Drug law enforcement agencies rarely sought their services as drug traffickers never seriously contested their culpability.

The staff of such laboratories therefore remained mostly idle. The result was official neglect by the authorities, with governments withholding or reducing their operational budgets. These facts should be taken into consideration in preparing the Priority Programme. The policy of siting a laboratory in Member States should be reviewed, as should the policy behind the establishment of a reference laboratory.

The practice of having autonomous laboratories in Member States for the sole purpose of carrying out drug analysis should be discontinued. Such institutions should be integrated into existing public or private multi-purpose establishments which would thus acquire the necessary resources and manpower to enable them perform to the satisfaction of the authorities.

The Priority Programme will provide assistance to these laboratories, turning them into viable institutions which would merit the interest of government.

At the regional level, the need to establish the

reference laboratory recommended in the Regional Plan of Action is becoming ever more compelling. This capital project may be included in the Priority Programme, once the UNDCP has drawn up the necessary criteria.

However, if these drug analysis laboratories were to be strengthened, it would be at a cost of about US\$30,000 for each country. It will cost around US\$50,000 to establish a reference laboratory. The total amount needed will thus add up to US \$530,000.

IV. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DRUG SURVEYS

It is now unanimously agreed that all attempts to reduce demand for drugs and drug addiction as a control measure are bound to fail unless efforts are made to fully understand the phenomenon's main development pattern.

Consequently, the Regional Plan of Action has recommended that epidemiological surveys be carried out in each Member State to determine the evolution of the drug phenomenon. In the same vein, the Regional Plan of Action underlined the need to adequately train those who conduct these surveys. They should be taught to take into account factors such as self-medication as in uncontrolled use of psychotropic drugs, the age of drug addicts, and, more particularly, the fact that such addicts are very often poly-drug users.

Each Member State would require about US \$70,000 to organise and conduct the epidemiological surveys and to train the required staff, making a total of US \$1,120,000.

V. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Provision of adequate training for the various categories of staff is a major aspect of any drug control programme and the Regional Plan of Action devotes considerable attention to the issue. The plan contains a recommendation that the regional character of Regional Drug Control Training Centre (UFDA) Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, be strengthened, as this would give ECOWAS Member States a greater say in its operations and teaching methods.

The organisation of multi-disciplinary training

courses for the various actors in the anti-drug war and as a priority action of ECOWAS States, UNDCP and other partners, it should be given pride of place in the Priority Programme.

To carry out their mission successfully, the national institutions that will provide training should be provided with adequate material and human resources. The needs of each Member State are estimated at US\$50,000 for the period under consideration. An additional US \$500,000 will be required during the same period to cover training courses organised by UFDA. Total requirements under this chapter thus come to US \$1,300,000.

The consultant estimates that the successful implementation of the Priority Programme (1999 - 2002) will require the sum of SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND US DOLLARS (US \$6,570,000). This figure may need to be reviewed upwards as time goes on but the necessary funds can easily be raised under the four-year programme.

VI. COST OF THE PRIORITY PROGRAMME (1999 - 2002)

ESTIMATED COST IN FIGURES	
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	ESTIMATED COST (US\$)
Consolidation of national and regional structures	3,420,000
Monitoring of the preparation and execution of the national action plans.	200,000
Rehabilitation of laboratories and establishment of regional reference laboratory.	530,000
Epidemiological drug surveys national level.	1,120,000
Human resource development at national level and training at regional level	1,300,000
GRAND TOTAL	6,570,000

VII. COUNTERPART FUNDING BY MEMBER STATES AND ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Counterpart funding by Member States and the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat will be in the form of salaries for staff and renting of buildings needed during the implementation of the Priority Programme.

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THE REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

PRAIA, 5TH - 9TH MAY, 1997

**REVISED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE ECOWAS REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
WHICH MET IN BANJUL, GAMBIA, FROM 7TH TO 11TH
SEPTEMBER, 1998.**

REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION AGAINST THE ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFIC OF DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES IN WEST AFRICA 1997 - 2001

A. ESTABLISHMENT OR STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL STRUCTURES FOR POLICY COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Strengthening of the interministerial coordination committees and increased surveillance of drug control activities. The Committees will operate with a Permanent Secretariat headed by a coordinator who will work with specialised commissions and experts. The Committees will analyse, initiate, promote and coordinate drug control activities. They will be equipped with the material, personnel and financial resources needed to carry out their mission and provision must be made for this in the national budget. It is expected that these commissions will evolve into a General Secretariat for Drug Control.
2. Establishment of a Central Bureau for the Suppression of Narcotics Traffic staffed by officers from all agencies involved in drug control and equipped with the required necessary human and material resources and with modern communication equipment.
3. Establishment of a national laboratory run by qualified personnel and equipped with the requisite equipment. The Laboratory should be integrated into an existing medical or scientific structure, and should enjoy appropriate technical support.
4. Setting up of a national drug control data bank for data collection, deposit and dissemination of information on drugs; with links to the competent national and international bodies which will be connected to the regional data bank.

REGIONAL LEVEL

1. Strengthening of the ECOWAS

Coordination Unit against the abuse and illicit traffic of drugs and psychotropic substances for:

- promoting the drug control policy;
 - raising awareness level of political authorities at national and regional levels;
 - boosting, coordinating and harmonizing drug control activities;
 - coordinating and harmonising actions for the war against the drug scourge;
 - follow-up action on the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action.
2. Institution of the meeting of the council of ministers responsible for coordinating national drug policies whose mission will be to direct and coordinate the different national drug control programmes within the framework of the regional plan of action against drugs.
 3. The strengthening of the Regional Technical Committee (Technical Commission) for drug control in West Africa comprising national experts and coordinators of inter-ministerial committees. They will study issues relating to the control of drugs. The Regional Technical Committee shall meet once every year when so convened by the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.
 4. Establishment of a regional reference and training laboratory to train specialists in the analysis of seized narcotics and to provide technical assistance in this domain.
 5. Strengthening of the Regional Drug Control Training Centre (UFDA) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire which is an institution established under Ivorian law with financial contribution from international donors especially UNDCP and the French Cooperation.

6. Publication of a regional liaison bulletin to serve as a medium for the dissemination of information and documents on drug control. Due account should be taken of the fact that Portuguese is one of the working languages of ECOWAS. Coordinators of the Interministerial Drug Control Committees are requested to contribute actively to the realisation of this regional publication.
7. Creation of a regional data bank to collect, centralise, store and disseminate data on drug abuse and on the illicit traffic in drugs. It will be linked to the national drug control data banks.

B. INTENSIFICATION OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

1. Recommend that the competent Community decision making body authorise the ECOWAS Executive Secretary to negotiate and sign agreements with States, international governmental and non-governmental organisations involved in drug control, in order to obtain funding and assistance.
2. Recommend that the competent Community decision making body authorise the ECOWAS Executive Secretary to accede to the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, in conformity with Article 26 thereof.
3. Encourage the ratification of regional conventions on extradition and mutual assistance, which will be based on the 1988 United Nations Convention. This shall also be in conformity with Resolution A/S/20-4-III adopted by the 20th Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly held on the 10th of June, 1998.
4. Signing of a Regional Convention on Money Laundering and confiscation of proceeds from illegal drug trafficking and related offenses. This legal instrument aims to ensure the prevention, detection, investigation, seizure, confiscation, judicial

mutual assistance, extradition and prosecution in the area of drug money laundering crimes.

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Ratification of ECOWAS Conventions:
 - A/P1/7/92 dated 29th July, 1992 on Mutual Assistance in Legal Matters.
 - A/P1/8/94 dated 6th August, 1994 on Extradition.

C. ADAPTATION OF NATIONAL LAWS TO THE ECOWAS HARMONISED LEGISLATION

1. Adaptation by the end of 1997 of domestic laws or **DRUG CODES**, to the draft harmonised law of ECOWAS on drug control. This will be implemented with UNDCP assistance.
2. Adaptation of national laws to the Convention on money laundering, once ratified by member States of ECOWAS.
3. Adaptation and strengthening of national legislation in line with the harmonised law on extradition, and judicial cooperation.

D. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL.

1. Organisation of multidisciplinary training courses and seminars for the various actors involved in drug control.
2. Establishment and/or strengthening of a basic training or advanced training centre for officers charged with the war against drugs.
3. Adaptation of regulatory texts to ensure that trained personnel are maintained at their posts long enough to ensure continuity.
4. Creation of a corps of legal personnel specialised in drug control.

E. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON DRUG ABUSE

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Training of personnel to carry out research into the extent of the drug problem.
2. Organisation of epidemiological surveys throughout the country in order to gauge the extent of the drug problem.

F. PREVENTION: MEASURES FOR DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND FOR THE CONTROL OF THE PRODUCTION, TRAFFIC AND ABUSE OF AMPHETAMINE - TYPE STIMULANTS

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. In line with the provisions of Resolution A/S 20-II adopted on the 10th June, 1998, by the 20th Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the policy of drug demand reduction in general, and the fight against the production, traffic and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants, seek essentially to:

- prevent the illicit consumption of drugs and minimise as much as possible, the negative effects of their abuse;
- encourage the active and concerted participation of the individual in group activities;
- take into account socio-cultural contexts;
- contribute to the creation and the maintenance of favourable conditions around the individual;
- establish partnerships between the different actors in the field of drug control, such as: the civil society, governmental organisations, community-based organisations, employers, as well as workers organisations, parents and teachers, etc;

- send the right message through teaching and prevention programmes. Such a message should be clear, scientifically accurate and reliable, culturally acceptable, timely, and, where possible, tested on a target population;

- raise the awareness of the population to the problems associated with amphetamine-type stimulants, and encourage the adoption, at national and international levels, of appropriate and coherent measures;

- reduce the demand for illicit amphetamine-type stimulants, and counter the increase in the risks posed by their abuse among young people;

- provide accurate information on amphetamine-type stimulants in order to check the negative influence engendered by the publicity given to the positive aspects of their use on media such as the Internet;

- limit the sale and offer of amphetamine-type stimulants by strengthening measures put in place by governments, to control the production and illicit trafficking of such stimulants;

- abolish the sale of drugs on public highways in all member States.

2. To this end, there is the need to design and execute training and public awareness programmes for all actors in the field of drug control, notably, teachers, paramedical personnel, NGOs, Community-based organisations, professional organisations, sports as well as cultural organisations at the national and regional levels in West Africa.

These training, information and public awareness programmes should be carried

out in the corresponding national centres which member States of ECOWAS are charged to establish.

3. Each interministerial committee shall be required to create, improve and strengthen formal and/or informal drug abuse prevention education programmes in groups to be actively involved in solving drug problems; and international NGOs shall be contacted to help with prevention programmes through UNDCP, OAU, ECOWAS and individual states.
5. In view of the growing importance of the role played by NGOs in drug control matters in the West African region, the Interministerial Committees are requested, through their political leaders, ECOWAS, UNDCP and other international organisations, to enhance the activities of regional associations, in order to foster the regional integration in the field of drug control.
6. Governments of member States were requested to accord the deserved priority to prevention and drug demand reduction, and to implement policies of crop substitution for the illicit production of cannabis.
7. UNDCP, ECOWAS, OAU and/or Member States of the West African region to encourage the establishment of poverty-alleviation programmes by relevant governmental bodies.
8. In view of the foregoing, interministerial committees shall be encouraged to show concrete evidence of engaging in systematised research and evaluation of their programmes.

G. MEASURES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF ILLICIT CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND THE FORMULATION OF CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

In line with the provisions of Resolution A/S/20-III adopted on the 10th of June 1998, by the 20th Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General

Assembly, the issue of the illicit production of Cannabis in the world, is linked with the development question. Hence the need for strong cooperation between the competent UN agencies, particularly the UNDCP, regional bodies and international financial institutions, in order to address the issue by working towards the elimination of the illicit cultivation of that plant and the formulation of crop substitution programmes.

Such programmes should be aimed at elimination of such illicit cultivations through rural development initiatives specially conceived for that purpose, without neglecting the option of repression.

The measures recommended in this regard, are:

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

1. The elaboration of a strategy which combines activities for the substitution, repression and elimination of the illicit cultivation of Cannabis.

AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

- i. The adoption of a balanced strategy to cope with the magnitude of cannabis cultivation in the region.
2. The strengthening of regional cooperation measures in the determination of crop substitution activities.
3. The adoption of innovative and appropriate measures in the area of crop substitution activities.
4. The strengthening of follow-up actions, evaluation and exchange of information on crop substitution programmes and activities.
5. The setting up of a Working Group whose mission will be to elaborate the programme of activities for crop substitution, as soon as the revised Regional Plan of Action is adopted.

H. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECTOR

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Organisation of training courses and

seminars for medical, paramedical and social services personnel.

2. Establishment of a consultation centre to offer treatment to drug addicts.
3. Establishment of vocational centres to facilitate rehabilitation of drug abuse victims.
4. Preparation of a national policy for the treatment and social reintegration of drug abuse victims.

I. FINANCING THE PLAN OF ACTION

ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Inclusion of activities envisaged in the Plan of Action within the general economic and social development programme and allocation of funds for such activities in national budgets and investment programmes of member States.
2. Negotiation and signing of financing agreements with international donors to obtain funding for the implementation of activities contained in the plan of action.

ACTION AT REGIONAL LEVEL

1. Establishment of a regional drug control fund with contributions from Member States, local communities and regional and international donors.

J. ADOPTION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION

1. This Plan of Action was unanimously adopted by the Conference of Ministers in charge of drug control matters, held in Praia, Cape Verde, on 9 May, 1997, and ratified on 20 August, 1997, by the Conference of Heads of State of ECOWAS.
2. The Regional Plan of Action was revised and adopted by the Regional Technical Committee at its meeting held in Banjul, The Gambia from 7 to 11 September, 1998, and subsequently approved in Abuja, Nigeria, on 28 October, 1998, by the 43rd Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers.

K. FOLLOW-UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION

1. The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the follow-up on the implementation of the regional Plan of Action. It shall present a report thereon, to the Summit of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS.
2. In this perspective, the Regional Technical Committee shall, at its annual meetings, carry out an evaluation of the implementation of the Plan of Action both at the national and regional levels.

L. REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF THE REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

1. Any provision of this Plan of Action may be reviewed or amended by the Council of Ministers upon proposal to that effect by the Regional Technical Committee.

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.1/10/98 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM FOR THE HARMONISATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme which provides for the establishment of a single monetary zone for ECOWAS Member States;

CONVINCED that the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies of Member States will accelerate the creation of the ECOWAS Single Monetary zone and enhance the overall integration effort;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision establishing a Surveillance Mechanism for the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies of Member States.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.2/10/98 RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE ECOWAS TRAVELLERS CHEQUE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 of Authority in July 1987 relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme aimed at establishing a Single Monetary Zone;

WISHING to promote the use of a common regional payments instrument to facilitate trade, tourism and cross-border transactions;

BEARING in mind that the use of a regional payments instrument will enhance the integration effort and in particular the achievement of the objective of a single monetary zone;

AWARE of the desire of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks for the introduction of an ECOWAS Travellers Cheque, as expressed at its meeting, held in Abuja on 26th October, 1998;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision on the official launching of the ECOWAS Travellers Cheque.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.3/10/98 RELATING TO THE REGULATION ON TRANSHUMANCE BETWEEN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

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 25 of the Treaty relating to co-operation between Member States to ensure agricultural development and to achieve food security;

CONVINCED that the development of livestock breeding is an integral part of any food security policy;

AWARE that livestock breeding in Member States is faced with numerous technical, climatic, legal and socio-economic constraints;

CONVINCED also that, given the current situation of the resources available in ECOWAS Member States, transhumance is essential for safeguarding and increasing agricultural production;

AWARE that transhumance is, however, a source of health, social, environmental, economic and political problems;

DESIRING to enhance the environment for livestock breeding in Member States and to formulate, for that purpose, a harmonious regulation on transhumance within the Community;

ON THE PROPOSITION of the experts meeting for the preparation of an ECOWAS Transhumance Certificate, held in Lagos from 11th to 14th December, 1996;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached decision relating to the regulation on transhumance between ECOWAS Member States.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

RECOMMENDATION C/REG.4/10/98 AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF DECISION A/DEC.19/5/80 RELATING TO APPLICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF LIBERALISATION OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Protocol of 5th November, 1976 relating to assessment of loss in revenue suffered by Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 19/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 28th May, 1980 relating to application of procedures for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by

ECOWAS Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade;

DETERMINED to simplify procedures for assessment and compensation of revenue loss incurred through trade liberalisation in order to expedite payment of compensation to States having incurred loss of revenue;

DESIRING to harmonise the provisions of Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 and those of Article 2 (1b) of the Protocol of 5th November, 1976 relating to assessment of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payment Commission held in Abuja from 2nd to 4th June, 1998;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision hereto attached amending Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 dated 28th May, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to application of procedures for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.5/10/98 RELATING TO THE RATIONALISATION OF WEST AFRICAN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

AWARE that the existence in West Africa of a large number of inter-governmental organisations sharing identical objectives is a source of duplication and wastage of resources in Member States;

RECOGNISING the need for a more effective rationalisation and coordination of the activities of West African inter-governmental organisations in order to speed up the regional integration process and achieve sustained growth and development for West Africa;

RECALLING Decision A/DEC.5/5/90 dated 30 May, 1990, mandating the Executive Secretary to conduct the necessary studies for the formulation of flexible and pragmatic programme for the rationalisation of integration measures in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING the study prepared by the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) in Dakar, which was examined by the meeting of experts from Member States and inter-governmental organisations, held in Abuja on 8th and 9th June, 1998, and by the Council of Ministers at its 43rd Session held in Abuja from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

NOTING the efforts deployed by the Executive Heads of ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS to harmonise the cooperation programmes involving the organisations;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision on the rationalisation of West African inter-governmental organisations annexed hereto.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

Committees (IDCC) for the execution of their assignments;

BEARING IN MIND Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 on drug prevention and control in West Africa, and endorsing the Praia Political Declaration and Regional Plan of Action on drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking and the regional activities being undertaken by the IDCC require immense financial resources which cannot be provided by the Executive Secretariat budget;

DESIRING to seek adequate financial resources for drug control activities in West Africa and to create a regional fund for that purpose;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision on the establishment of a regional fund for financing drug control activities in west Africa annexed hereto.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.6/10/98 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL FUND FOR FINANCING DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONCERNED with the rapid expansion of the drug phenomenon in the entire Member States of the sub-region, and the recrudescence of drug-related crimes;

CONVINCED of the need for concerted and co-ordinated strategies combining prevention, repression, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

CONSIDERING the meagre financial resources available to the inter-ministerial Drug Control

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.7/10/98 ON THE REQUEST OF BURKINA FASO TO HOST THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the establishment of the West African Health Organisation by Protocol A/P.2/7/87 signed in Abuja on 9th July, 1987;

MINDFUL of Article XI of the said Protocol relating to the selection of the headquarters of the West African Health Organisation;

DESIRING to pool efforts of all Member States in order to resolve the health problems of the sub-region by the establishment of a single health organisation for the Community;

CONSIDERING the verbal request made by the representative of Burkina Faso during the Forty-third Session of the Council of Ministers for his country to be allowed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

CONSIDERING also that Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso has all the facilities needed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Third Meeting of the Assembly of ECOWAS Health Ministers held in Lome, Togo on 30th and 31st July, 1998;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision approving the request of Burkina Faso to host the headquarters of the West African Health Organisation annexed hereto.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.8/10/98 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

DESIRING to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Secretariat and to make it more suitable to face the new challenges facing the Community;

DESIRING also to put more impetus to the regional integration process;

ON THE PROPOSITION of the 22nd meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 23rd to 28th October, 1998;

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision hereto attached establishing an Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for the restructuring of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**



**RASHEED GBADAMOSI,
CHAIRMAN,
FOR COUNCIL.**

FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

30TH AND 31ST OCTOBER, 1998.

ABUJA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) met in its Twenty-first session on 30th and 31st October, 1998 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria under the Chairmanship of His Excellency General Abdulsalami A. ABUBAKAR, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and current Chairman of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government.

2. Present at the session were the following Heads of State and Government or their duly accredited representatives:

- His Excellency Mathieu KERKOU, President of the Republic of BENIN;
- His Excellency Captain Blaise COMPAORE, President of FASO, Chairman of the Council of Ministers BURKINA FASO;
- His Excellency Antonio Manuel MASCARENHAS, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde;
- His Excellency Henri Konan BEDIE, President of the Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE;
- His Excellency Colonel Yahya A.J.J. JAMMEH, President of the Republic of The GAMBIA;
- 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 General Joao Bernardo VIEIRA, President of the Republic of GUINEA BISSAU;

- His Excellency Charles Ghankay TAYLOR, President of the Republic of LIBERIA;

- His Excellency Alpha Oumar KONARE, President of the Republic of MALI;

- His Excellency General Ibrahim Mainassara BARE, President of the Republic of NIGER;

- His Excellency General Abdulsalami A. ABUBAKAR, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of NIGERIA;

- His Excellency Abdou DIOUF, President of the Republic of SENEGAL;

- His Excellency Ahmad Tejan KABBAH, President of the Republic of SIERRA LEONE;

- His Excellency General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, President of the TOGOLESE Republic;

- The Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Accredited to Senegal representing His Excellency, Maya Sid Ahmed TAYA, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

3. The following personalities also attended the twenty-first session:

- His Excellency Dr. Nelson MANDELA, President of the Republic of South Africa, current Chairman of the Southern African Development Community (SADC);

- Mr. Sindiso B NGWENYA, Assistant Secretary-General of COMESA, representing His Excellency Mr. Frederick CHILUBA, President of the Republic of Zambia, current

Chairman of the Common Market of East and Southern Africa (COMESA);

- His Excellency Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU);
- His Excellency Ibrahima FALL, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, representing the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GENERAL SANI ABACHA

5. The Authority observed a minute of silence in memory of the late General Sani ABACHA, former Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and former Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS. The Heads of State and Government paid special tribute to the late illustrious leader and commanded the exemplary role he played in the promotion of peace and security as well as his commitment to regional integration.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA

6. The Authority acknowledged the presence of His Excellency, Nelson Rolihlala MANDELA, President of the Republic of South Africa, and Chairman of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). The Heads of State and Government paid tribute to President Mandela, one of Africa's most illustrious and worthy sons. With President Mandela preparing to leave the political scene, the Authority stressed that the best tribute Africa could pay to this indefatigable fighter was to continue his struggle for a peaceful, united and prosperous Africa.

SWEARING-IN OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

7. Mr. Lansana KOUYATE took the oath of office as Executive Secretary of the

Community for a term of four years, effective from 1st September, 1997.

LAUNCHING OF THE ECOWAS TRAVELLERS CHEQUE

8. The Authority launched the ECOWAS Travellers cheque designed to facilitate payments within the Community with a view to increasing regional transactions. It was decided that the travellers cheque should go into circulation with effect from 1st December, 1998. Heads of State and Government appealed to all Member States, the private sector and in particular, economic operators in West Africa, to give support to this important regional payments instrument.

LAUNCHING OF ECOMOG COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

9. Heads of State and Government launched commemorative postage stamps as a sign of the appreciation and gratitude of ECOWAS to all parties that had contributed thus far to the ECOWAS regional peace-keeping initiative. As a further sign of the appreciation of the role that particular countries and persons had played, the Authority awarded plaques to ECOMOG troop-contributing Member States and to such deserving countries outside the region; similar awards were made to past and serving leaders of the ECOMOG command.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DRUG ABUSE

10. Heads of State and Government lit the Community flame and proceeded to set ablaze and destroy a quantity of seized drugs as a symbolic gesture of eliminating illegal drugs and related crimes for the protection of future generations against the disastrous effect of drug abuse. The Community adopted a solemn declaration on drug control to demonstrate its commitment to eliminate this scourge threatening the whole region.

DECISIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

11. Heads of State and Government adopted the following recommendations contained

in the reports submitted by the ECOWAS Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Council of Ministers.

- Review of the West African economic situation;
- Strengthening of relations with other African regional economic communities;
- Adoption of ECOWAS transhumance certificate;
- ECOWAS monetary programme;
- Evaluation of the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme
- Infrastructural development programmes;
- Commencement of application of the Community levy;
- Drug prevention and control in West Africa
- Rationalisation of Inter-governmental organisations in West Africa;
- Establishment of West African Health Organisation.

12. The Authority placed particular emphasis on the following issues:

FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

13. Heads of State and Government decried the continued existence of non-tariff barriers, which impede the growth and development of intra-regional trade. They stressed the urgent need to remove the numerous illegal roadblocks along the international highways. While recognising the necessity for ensuring the security of both the state and the travelling public, the Authority urged Member States to remove all unauthorised roadblocks and consider appropriate measures to reinforce national security. The Executive Secretary was directed to monitor the application of this decision.

RESTRUCTURING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

14. Heads of State and Government expressed their satisfaction with the transfer of the Executive Secretariat from Lagos to Abuja. They also expressed their gratitude to the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the release of the sum of \$ 6.6 million as a loan to the Community for the construction of ECOWAS staff quarters in Abuja.
15. The Executive Secretary was congratulated for effecting the transfer and for his determination to enhance the operational efficiency of the Secretariat. The Authority directed the Executive Secretary to ensure an early completion of the construction of the staff quarters. In order to facilitate the restructuring of the Secretariat, an Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee comprising Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali and Nigeria was established with responsibility for monitoring the restructuring exercise.

APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

16. Heads of State and Government took note of the decision of the Council of Ministers not to renew the appointment of the following statutory officers:
- Managing Director;
 - Deputy Managing Director;
 - Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration and Finance;
 - Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Affairs;
 - Financial Controller.
17. The Authority directed the Ad Hoc Committee on the restructuring of the Secretariat to examine the issues involved in the filling of statutory posts. The Committee was directed to define an appropriate procedure for the appointments of statutory officers.

INCREASED SUPPORT TO WAWA PROGRAMMES

18. Heads of State and Government expressed their appreciation of the leading and dynamic role that West African women play in the socio-economic life of the region. The Authority requested the Executive Secretary to work closely with the West African Women's Association (WAWA) in order to maximise the contribution of the association to the regional integration process. In this regard, the Authority directed that the annual subvention to WAWA should be increased to UA 25.000 and that the salaries of the WAWA officials should be included in the ECOWAS Secretariat budget. His Excellency Henri Konan Bedie, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire was warmly commended for the annual subsidy WAWA receives from the Ivorian Government.

WEST AFRICAN REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)

19. The Authority expressed disappointment that the ECOWAS decision on the representation of the region on the Board of the Global Environment Facility had not been executed. The Council directive that Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire should nominate representatives to the two positions allocated to West Africa was upheld by the Authority. The Chairman of Council and the Executive Secretary were directed to consult with the coordinator of CILSS to ensure the application of this decision. It was agreed that future designation of West African representatives should take into account the geographical balance between Sahelian and coastal countries.

PEACE-BUILDING IN LIBERIA

20. In a review of the peace-building Process in Liberia, Heads of State and Government urged all Liberians to continue to nurture the spirit of reconciliation. The Authority reiterated its commitment to supplement the efforts of the Liberian Government and people. It welcomed the signing of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) between ECOWAS and the Government of

Liberia. Furthermore the Government of Liberia requested for the continued stay of ECOMOG in Liberia. In response to this, Heads of State and Government requested the Government of Liberia and the Executive Secretariat to draft a protocol on the mandate of ECOMOG in Liberia. A strong appeal was made to the international community to give maximum support to the Liberian reconstruction programme which was outlined during the 1998 consultative meeting in Paris.

CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN SIERRA LEONE

21. Heads of State and Government regretted the intransigence of the military junta which thwarted all the effort ECOWAS made to achieve a negotiated settlement of the civil conflict in Sierra Leone.
22. The Authority endorsed the recommendation of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to combine the strengthening of ECOMOG with efforts at dialogue to achieve lasting peace and national reconciliation in Sierra Leone.
23. The Authority expressed its gratitude to Ghana, Guinea and Nigeria for contributing troops to ECOMOG in Sierra Leone. The Authority encouraged Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Mali and Niger to provide the troops that had been promised as soon as possible. The Authority appealed to the international community to give the necessary logistical support to these countries and to ECOMOG.

THE GUINEA BISSAU CRISIS

24. Heads of State and Government expressed grave concern over the armed conflict which erupted on 7 June, 1998 in Guinea-Bissau. After reviewing developments in the political, security and military aspects of the crisis, the Authority warmly commanded the timely intervention of Their Excellencies President Abdou Diouf of the Republic of Senegal and President Lansana Conte of the Republic of Guinea. In a similar vein glowing tribute was paid to His Excellency Colonel Yahya Jammeh, President of The Gambia for his role in the search for a

peaceful solution to the Guinea Bissau crisis. The Authority endorsed the peace initiatives of the ECOWAS Committee of Seven, particularly the successful negotiation of a joint ECOWAS/CPLP mediation group. The group was encouraged to resume its mediation exercise. The warring parties in Guinea-Bissau were urged to cooperate fully with the joint ECOWAS/CPLP mediation effort and observe the ceasefire agreement signed in Praia on 26th August, 1998.

25. After a presentation of a report by His Excellency Yahya Jammeh, President of The Gambia, the Authority heard accounts given by His Excellency President Joao Bernardo Vieira of Guinea-Bissau and General Ansoumane Mane.
26. After an intense discussion, Heads of State and Government appealed to the warring parties to end the conflict which was having serious consequences on the people of Guinea-Bissau. The parties accepted:
 - i. the consolidation of the cease-fire agreement signed on 26 August, 1998; and
 - ii. deployment of a cease-fire observer team.
27. The Authority requested the Committee of Seven, enlarged to include Cape Verde and Togo, to continue negotiations with the warring parties during their stay in Abuja and find a lasting solution to the Guinea Bissau crisis.
28. The Authority appealed to the international community to render all necessary assistance to Member States giving shelter to large numbers of refugees, particularly the Republic of Guinea.

CONTRIBUTION OF ECOMOG TO REGIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

29. Heads of State and Government reviewed the operations of the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) since its establishment in August 1990. It was

recalled that ECOMOG was created as part of the ECOWAS mediation initiative in the resolution of armed conflict within the region. The Authority expressed its satisfaction with the recognition by the entire international community of the pioneer role that ECOWAS, as a regional body, had played through ECOMOG in peacekeeping.

ADOPTION OF REGIONAL MECHANISM FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION

30. Heads of State and Government recalled a directive they issued on 17th December, 1997 in Lome to the Executive Secretary to propose a regional mechanism for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, peacekeeping and security. The Authority expressed its satisfaction with the design of the mechanism and the involvement of relevant international agencies in this ECOWAS initiative. Heads of State and Government adopted the regional mechanism and called on all Member States to give every support towards its operation. A similar appeal was made to OAU, the United Nations and other relevant agencies to contribute to the effective functioning of the mechanism.

DECLARATION OF MORATORIUM ON LIGHT WEAPONS

31. In their review of the security situation in West Africa, Heads of State and Government expressed concern about the illegal circulation within the region of small arms and similar weapons of destruction. His Excellency Alpha Oumar Konare, President of the Republic of Mali was warmly congratulated for promoting a regional approach to the control of light weapons. The Authority adopted and declared a moratorium on the importation, exportation and manufacture of light weapons in ECOWAS Member States. The OAU and the United Nations were called upon to ensure the adoption of similar steps in other regions of Africa.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

32. Heads of State and Government unanimously elected the Republic of Togo as Chairman of the Community for 1998-1999 period, and the Republic of Mali for the 1999-2000 period.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SUMMIT

33. At the invitation of His Excellency General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, President of the Togolese Republic, the Authority decided to hold its twenty-second session in Lome at a date to be determined later.

VOTE OF THANKS

34. Heads of State and Government expressed gratitude to the current Chairman, His Excellency General Abdulsalami ABUBAKAR, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his exemplary leadership role in the promotion of West African integration. The Authority commended General Abubakar for his personal interest in the quest for regional peace and security and the strengthening of ECOWAS. The Heads of State and Government express their appreciation for the sound initiatives that he has taken recently to foster the democratisation of his country which he continues to serve with admirable devotion.
35. The Authority extended its best wishes to His Excellency General Abubakar, and wished the brotherly people of Nigeria, peace and prosperity.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.**

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