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**FINAL REPORT**

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**ECOWAS Commission  
Abuja, December 2011**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Sixty-seventh Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held at the ECOWAS Commission, Abuja from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

2. The following Member States were represented:

- Republic of BENIN
- BURKINA FASO
- Republic of CAPE VERDE
- Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE
- Republic of The GAMBIA
- Republic of GHANA
- Republic of GUINEA
- Republic LIBERIA
- Republic of MALI
- Republic of NIGER
- Federal Republic of NIGERIA
- Republic of SENEGAL
- Republic of SIERRA LEONE
- TOGOLESE Republic

3. The following institutions and specialized agencies of ECOWAS were also represented:

- ECOWAS Parliament;
- Community Court of Justice;
- West African Health Organisation (WAHO);
- Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA);
- ECOWAS Gender Development Centre;
- West African Power Pool (WAPP);
- West African Monetary Agency (WAMA);
- ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ERCREEE);
- ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Agency (ERERA)
- ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre

4. The list of participants is annexed to this report.

## **II. OPENING SESSION**

### **• Address by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers**

5. In his address, the Chairman of Council and Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, Ambassador Olugbenga Ayodele Ashiru, MFR, warmly welcomed the participants and described 2011 as an encouraging year for ECOWAS' integration, especially with respect to political stability and democratic governance.

6. He also used the opportunity to convey his appreciation to the Ministers and delegations present for their commitment to the objectives of our regional organization.

7. He noted that the region and indeed most of the developing countries of Africa had been experiencing economic stability insulated from the negative impact of world financial crisis, noting however the draught and famine experienced by countries in the Horn of Africa. Nonetheless, he said that ~~West African sub-region still faces economic challenges, manifested in food shortages,~~ high cost of energy, dearth of investment capital and low human capacity development. In view of these realities, he stressed the need for a redoubling of efforts towards the realization of the ~~objectives behind programmes in agriculture, human resource development, infrastructural development and renewable energy,~~ such as solar power as a platform for our sustained growth and development. He described ECOWAS programmes under the ECOWAS Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP) and the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) as exemplars in the pursuit of these objectives.

8. The Chairman also stressed the need for the full implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Goods, Services and the Right of Residence and Establishment as a complement to the success of the regional integration project.

9. He further acknowledged the important role being played by our development partners in the attainment of the Community's integration objectives and said that despite the financial crisis in the developed world, we continue to enjoy the support of development partners. He therefore called for their continued engagement to achieve our objectives.

10. He concluded his address by reiterating Nigeria's commitment, as one of the founding fathers of ECOWAS, to the organization and used the occasion to convey the commitment of His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the ideals of the organization premised on the principles of the rule of law and good democratic governance within the sub-region.

• **Address by the President of the ECOWAS Commission**

11. In his statement, the President of the ECOWAS Commission H.E. James Victor Gbeho noted that the 67<sup>th</sup> session of Council was taking place against the background of very disturbing developments in the global economy, epitomised particularly by the on-going financial crisis in the Euro Zone, the Region's main trading partner and other advanced economies of the world. He commended members of the Council for their contribution to the growth of the regional economy which maintained its robust growth of more than 6 percentage points despite the crises, attributing this development to the prudent macroeconomic management of our national economies and favourable prices for the region's raw materials. He warned however that the regional economy was still vulnerable to the global economic crises, suggesting that this was an opportune time to adopt preventive measures as an appropriate response by the region to the crises. He noted that countries in Southern and Eastern African Communities and elsewhere in Asia and the Americas have already adopted similar measures, particularly those that will deepen the integration of their markets in order to meet the new challenges and remain more competitive in the global market.

12. He underscored that this Session of Council is also critical for two reasons. First, it is the last of the year 2011 which should set the agenda for stock-taking of our endeavours not only over the last year and readjust our goals for the coming year, but also to review the work of the first team of Commissioners since the 2007 transformation into a Commission. In this regard, he said that Council will be informed of the efforts being made by the Commission since the transformation to

implement the Decisions of Authority and Council's Recommendations aimed at realising the goal of an "ECOWAS of People". In addition, he said that Council will also be intimated about the measures taken by the Commission to implement The Authority Decision regarding the assumption of duty of new Commissioners. He therefore used the occasion of the current session to express his thanks and appreciation to Honourable Members of the Council for their support and wise counsel over the same period.

13. He concluded the address by wishing Council fruitful deliberations.

### III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

14. The following bureau was elected:

- Chairman - Nigeria
- Rapporteurs - Cote d'Ivoire
- Liberia

### IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME

15. The following agenda was adopted:

#### 1. Opening Ceremony

- Opening Statement by the Host Minister, Chairman of Council
- Statement by the President of the ECOWAS Commission

#### 2. Election of Bureau

Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Work Programme

#### Items for Decision

3. Presentation and Consideration of the 2011 Final Report of the President of the ECOWAS Commission (Summary Report)
4. Presentation and Consideration of the Status of Tasks Assigned by the 66<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers
5. Presentation and Consideration of the Financial Controller's 2011 Interim Report
6. Presentation and Consideration of the Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Audit Committee.
7. Presentation and Consideration of the Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee.
8. Presentation and Consideration on issues relating to Air Transport Sector: 3 Drafts Regulations on Air transport Committee, Negotiations of Air Services and Transport Unit.

### **Items for Endorsement**

9. Presentation of the Report of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on the EPA Negotiations held in Accra, Ghana on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011
10. Presentation of the Report of the Meeting with the European Union on the Utilization of the Regional Indicative Programme (10<sup>th</sup> EDF) held in Brussels on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011.
11. Presentation of the Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers of Culture held in Abuja on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
12. Presentation of the Report of the Ministerial Conference on Humanitarian Assistance and internal Displacement in West Africa held in Abuja on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
13. Presentation of the ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy.
14. Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on issues Relating to Air Transport Sector: 9 Drafts supplementary Acts.
15. Presentation of the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management.
16. Report of the sixth Ordinary session of the ECOWAS Convergence Council of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks.
17. Any other Business
18. Adoption of Report
19. Closing Session

## **V. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS**

### **Items for Decision**

#### **Item 3: Presentation and Consideration of the 2011 Final Report of the President of the ECOWAS Commission (Summary Report)**

16. The President of the ECOWAS Commission, His Excellency James Victor Gbeho, presented the 2011 Annual Report, taking stock of global and sub-regional development prospects in 2011, as well as the status of implementation of the Community work programme.

17. It emerged from the presentation that global economic activity declined in 2011. By the latest IMF projections, global economic growth would decline, falling to a rate of about 4% up to the end of 2012 against the 5% rate in 2010.

18. In that context, economic activity in West Africa will suffer a slight decline in 2011 with a growth rate ranging between 6% and 6.7% in Côte d'Ivoire. The decline is due to the drastic fall in

production in Côte d'Ivoire, with a -5.8% growth, and a decline in Nigeria (6.9% in 2011 against 8.7% in 2010). Contraction or production at regional level in 2011 would be cushioned by the extremely good performance of Ghana, with an economic growth rate estimated at 13.5%, making the country one of the world's best-performing economies in 2011.

19. Regarding the implementation of the Community Work Programme in 2011, the President presented the status of implementation of all sector programmes, pointing out the significant progress made in consolidating regional peace and security.

20. As far as macro-economic policy is concerned, efforts were sustained in pursuing the coordination of economic and financial policies, implementing Road map activities for the ECOWAS single currency, as well as the surveillance of the Member States' economic performance, statistical harmonization and formulation of the Community Development Programme. In the same vein, considerable progress was recorded in private sector promotion, particularly the creation of an ECOWAS Investment Market, and enhanced cooperation with China, India and Brazil.

21. Regarding the EPA, negotiations are still underway to take due account of the region's development objectives. Nonetheless, divergences still persist, particularly on:

- the Scope and duration of the liberalization of the West African Market;
- the Financing of the EPA Development Programme (EPADP);
- the Application of the Most-Favoured Nation (MFN) Clause; and
- the Application of the Non-execution Clause.

22. In the case of trade liberalization, it is worth mentioning, among other things, the establishment of a Trade Liberalization-Scheme (TLS) Website for promoting a smooth and easy flow and availability of trade-related information. Furthermore, it was observed that there are some obstacles to the application of the TLS. In that regard, the Member States concerned were urged to implement the scheme. Regarding the ECOWAS CET, considerable progress has been achieved towards its finalization and adoption in 2012.

23. On industries and mines, it was noted that ECOWAS had validated the priority programmes of the West African Common Industrial Policy, as well as the ECOWAS mineral resource development policy. Similarly, the Commission continued the implementation of the ECOWAS Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

24. Regarding free movement, actions have been undertaken in the framework of the sensitization and training of stakeholders. The process for the adoption of a Schengen-type visa is being finalized. Appropriate recommendations will be submitted to the next Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government for the definitive implementation of the single visa in the ECOWAS region.

25. Concerning infrastructures, actions have been undertaken particularly on transport and transit facilitation, and the achievement of telecommunications and energy infrastructures. Construction work for three juxtaposed border posts at Seme (Nigeria/Benin), Noepe (Ghana/Togo) and Malanville

(Niger/Benin) amounting to over 37 million Euros is ongoing, ECOWAS also continued supporting Guinea and Guinea Bissau as part of the emergency plan to solve their energy challenges.

26. ~~As regards Agriculture and the Environment, ECOWAS finalized the regional agricultural investment plan and policy instruments and supported the States in the development of national agricultural investment plans. The process for mobilizing funds for the implementation of the various investment plans is ongoing.~~

27. Furthermore, the Commission continued its efforts towards the implementation of the Convention on Climate Change, the ECOWAS Forestry Policy, as well as the development of a bio-safety legal framework.

28. As concerns human development, the ECOWAS Commission developed a draft humanitarian policy, an action plan and a draft humanitarian intervention mechanism. Efforts were also made in the fight against drug trafficking, promotion of cultural and sporting activities, and the implementation of the malaria eradication programme.

29. Regarding peace and security, tangible progress was recorded in the region with the holding of successful elections in 2011, and ECOWAS remained committed to the application of the Protocol on Good Governance. In that context, with support from the international Community, it pursued its efforts to restore democratic governance, promote dialogue for national reconciliation, and supported Member States to conduct democratic elections. The peace and security situation however remains fragile in the region and deserves sustainable attention.

30. After setting out the outlook for 2012, the Commission President thanked all the political leaders for their continued support and urged them to continue supporting ECOWAS programmes with a view to establishing an integrated, credible and viable regional economic market.

31. The Report was adopted with suggestions that future reports should highlight major challenges encountered in the period and also reflect in greater detail work done on the question of youth in Member States.

**Item 4: Presentation and Consideration of the Status of Tasks Assigned by the 66<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers**

32. The Commission presented a table on the implementation status of tasks assigned indicating the status of implementation of each task as well as remarks on the tasks. Altogether three (3) tasks were identified and reported on.

33. At the end of the presentation, Council directed the Commission to speed up the engagement of the Management Consultancy firm so that the report will be ready before the new management team of Commissioners comes on board. It further instructed the Commission to ensure that its decision on the recruitment is scrupulously adhered to.

**Item 5: Presentation and Consideration of the Financial Controller's 2011 Interim Report**

34. ~~The 2011 Interim Report of the Acting Financial Controller was presented to the Administration and Finance Committee. The report covers the budgetary, financial and staffing situation of community institutions for the period 01 January to 30 June, 2011. The report recalled~~

that the Council of Ministers at its Sixty-fourth Ordinary Session approved a total budget of UA 181,313,384 for Community Institutions for the year 2011, an increase of 7% over the preceding year, of which UA ~~152,384,772~~ was to be funded from community levy, UA 5,200,000 from contribution arrears, UA ~~250,000~~ surplus funds from previous years, UA ~~23,364,588~~ from donor grants and UA 114,024 miscellaneous income. In summary, about 87% of the budget was expected to be funded from the Community resources and 13% from donor funds.

35. It was reported that for the period under review, total income recorded was UA 92,778,896 at the end of the first semester registering an achievement of 51% of budgeted income for the year. Of the total income recorded as received for the period, Community Levy accounted for UA 84,352,784 constituting 91% of total receipts and representing 55% of the community levy budget. Out of the total levy received, UA 54,911,148 or 65% was disbursed to Community Institutions to finance their programmes and activities. No contribution arrears were received from Member States during the period under review. Donor grants received amounted to, UA 8,384,754 or 36% of the grants budgeted and miscellaneous income recorded stood at, UA 41,359. The rate of income achieved for the period was positive in terms of the main source of income, the Community Levy.

36. The Acting Financial Controller reported some challenges in the management of the Community levy. He pointed out that the statement on levy assessments are grossly behind schedule making it difficult to ascertain the levy balance due from Member States at the end of the period. The report noted that almost all the statements of levy deposited into the community levy bank accounts have been received in spite of delays from some Member States for example Nigeria, which constitute 54% of the total levy receipts for the period. The report stated that contrary to the Decision of the Authority A/DEC.4/01/05, Nigeria continues to restrict access to the ECOWAS levy bank account at the Central Bank of Nigeria making it difficult for the Commission to manage about 50% of the resources coming from the Community levy. He recommended that the Council come up with a lasting solution to this recurring problem which puts the main finance resource of the Community at risk. Furthermore, he emphasized in his report the need to assess and build the human and material capacity of the unit in the Commission responsible for the management of the Community Levy funds.

37. The Acting Financial Controller went on to reiterate recommendations contained in his predecessor's previous reports concerning the need to improve the mobilisation, budgeting and accounting for donor funds. To this end, he urged all institutions to accelerate the implementation of plans geared towards improving mobilisation and management of donor grants and assistance.

38. On the Expenditure, the report recorded UA 60,892,772 as committed for the period January to June 2011 representing 34% of the budget for the year. Programme expenditure recorded was UA 36,433,027 or 60% of the total expenses committed, administrative expenditure was UA 21,791,706 representing 36% of the total expenses committed and others UA 2,668,039. The overall rates of budget and programme implementation improved considerably compared to those of the same period of the preceding years. The performance per institution varied from 22% to as high as 64%. The rate of implementation of the budget for administration of 40% was also higher than that achieved under the programme budget of 33%. Programme to administrative expenditure ratio was reported to be 63:37



39. The report highlighted a number of challenges faced by the institutions in programme implementation and expenditure management, procurement, mission planning, delegation of authority and staffing.

40. On the staffing situation, it was reported that a total of ninety-eight (98) staff were appointed during the period under review, one (1) statutory appointee, twenty-eight (28) professionals and sixty-nine (69) local staff. At the end of June 2011 the total staff strength in ECOWAS institutions was nine hundred and seventy-nine (979) comprising twenty-one (21) statutory appointees, three hundred and sixty-nine (369) professionals and five hundred and eighty-nine (589) local staff. The total female staff is two hundred and sixty-two (262) representing 27% of total staff strength and a slight increase of 2% as compared to the previous year. Staff expenditure of UA 21,991,032 was reported committed representing 39% of the staff expenditure budget for the year and accounting for 36% of the total expenditure for the period.

41. On the financial situation, the Acting Financial Controller reported that a total of UA 273.5 million was held in various bank accounts by the community institutions at the end of the period. Of the total amount held, UA 190.3 million was community funds and UA 83.2 million donor funds.

42. At the end of the report seven (9) recommendations were made for the consideration of the Council of Ministers.

43. Council took note of the report, which was presented to it and endorsed the recommendations contained in the report.

44. Council further directed that:

- Future reports provide figures on ratio between administrative and programme costs of the institutions.
- Although a 63:37 (admin/program) ratio was reported as good performance for half of the fiscal year, administrative costs should be kept at the barest minimum. In this respect, the Financial Controller should ensure the reduction of administrative costs.
- Restraint is required in administrative costs of Community products, including drivers' licenses.
- Another graph was suggested to provide a comparison between the ratio of professional positions occupied by each Member State against financial contribution.
- Timely payments of community levy should be made by Member States because of the Financial Controller's report that community levy increased, but at a lower pace, since all Member States are behind in their payments.

45. Council further directed the Commission to send a high level delegation to Member States to negotiate the conversion of the Community Levy deposits in Banks from local to foreign currencies to enable ~~ECOWAS have access and use such contributions.~~

**Item 6: Presentation and Consideration of the Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Meetings of the Audit Committee**

46. The synopsis report of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the Audit Committee were presented by its Chairman Mr. Kalilou Traore, the report covered the following issues:

- Status of implementation of Tasks Assigned Monitoring System (TAMOSYS);
- Status of implementation of Tasks Assigned to ECOWAS Institutions;
- Activities of the office of the Chief Internal Auditor and Internal Audit Reports;
- Assessment of the performance of the Chief Internal Auditor and his Staff;
- Recruitment of External Auditors for ECOWAS;
- Terms of Reference for the Diagnostic Study of ECOWAS.

47. After the presentation of the report, Council congratulated the Audit Committee for the quality of the report presented and adopted the report and the recommendations contained therein.

48. Council recommended to the Authority of Heads of State and Government the appointment of KPMG Ghana as External Auditors for ECOWAS Institutions for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

**Item 7: Presentation and Consideration of the Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee**

49. The Report was presented by the Chairperson of the Administration and Finance Committee and focused on the following points discussed and agreed upon during the meeting:

- Implementation status of tasks assigned to the Community Institutions;
- Interim Report of the Financial Controller;
- Implementation status of the Community Levy Protocol;
- Pre-Budget Brief/Report of the Commissioner for Administration and Finance
- Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on the ECOWAS Solidarity Fund;
- ECOWAS Pension Scheme;
- Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on the ECOWAS Commission Communication Strategy;
- Presentation of a Memorandum on the conclusion and Recommendations of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Convergence Council held in Lomé on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2011;
- Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on proposed amendments to Articles 40, 71 and 72 of the ECOWAS Financial Regulations;
- Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on the ECOWAS Humanitarian Response Mechanism;
- Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on the Operational Manual for ECOWAS National Units;
- Consideration of the 2012 Budgets of ECOWAS Institutions

50. After discussions, Council adopted the report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee and the recommendations therein and gave the following directives:

- On the issue of the ECOWAS Pension Scheme, Council directed that the services of ~~professional pension managers should be contracted to handle~~ financial management of the pension funds while the role of the board of trustees remains administrative.
- The Solidarity Fund should be domiciled at the EBID since the major objective for the fund is for long term project financing for which that institution has the expertise.

**Item 8: Presentation and Consideration on issues relating to Air Transport Sector: 3 Drafts Regulations on Air transport Committee, Negotiations of Air Services and Transport Unit.**

51. The Honourable Minister for Transport of Ghana and Chairman of the Meeting presented the Report on the high level meeting of Transport Ministers and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Airlines on a viable Airline Industry in the ECOWAS Region which was held from 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, in Accra, Ghana. The meeting was preceded by an Air Transport Experts' meeting also held in Accra from 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October 2011. He indicated that this meeting was in line with a directive by the Thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Abuja on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2011.

52. He recalled that to this end the ECOWAS Commission had organised the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Accra, Ghana which adopted an action plan. It was followed by a second meeting which was held in Lome, Togo.

53. The report highlighted the recommendations with regards to the Member States, the ECOWAS Commission, and the Airlines of ECOWAS Member States.

54. The meeting reviewed and adopted the following:

- Two Regulations relating to the establishment of an Air Transport Committee and on Negotiations on Air Services between Air ECOWAS and Third Parties;
- Nine draft Supplementary Acts which were recommended for adoption by the Authority.

55. Concerning the transformation of the unit of air transport to a specialized agency, Council accepted the principle of transformation subject to appropriate due process.

## Items for Endorsement

### Item 9: Presentation of the Report of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on the EPA Negotiations held in Accra, Ghana on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

56. Council took note of the conclusions of the meeting of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on EPA negotiations held in Accra on 30 November 2011. While acknowledging that the slow pace of negotiations may, in the long run, have negative impacts on the construction of the common market in the region, Council recommended the speedy implementation of the conclusions reached by the MMC.

57. It urged West African Negotiators to immediately engage a dialogue at the political level with their European counterparts, particularly the European Parliament and European countries, with a view to finding lasting solutions to persistent differences, so as to maintain the good relationship between Europe and West Africa.

58. Taking into account the multiplicity of trade regimes between WA and the EU, Council requested the ECOWAS Commission to conduct a thorough study on the possible consequences of a non-conclusion of the regional EPA negotiations before 2013 and consider appropriate measures to be taken with a view to preserving the gains of the regional integration. Finally, it appealed that the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government be seized this matter in order to provide further guidelines on the negotiations with a view to breaking the current deadlock.

### Item 10: Presentation of the Report of the Meeting with the European Union on the Utilization of the Regional Indicative Programme (10<sup>th</sup> EDF) held in Brussels on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

59. The ECOWAS Commissioner in charge of Macro-economic Policy presented the report of the Meeting on the Utilization of the 10th EDF Regional Indicative Programme held in Brussels on 13 and 14 December 2011. The report presented the status of implementation of WA-RIP, identified the challenges, and recommended possible solutions to accelerate implementation and fund absorption by 2013, the programme end-date

60. The Council of Ministers expressed concern about the low absorption of the RIP (10th EDF) funds and urged the ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions, in collaboration with the EU, to take the necessary measures to expedite action on the utilization of the funds.

61. In that regard, the Council of Ministers adopted the recommendations of the report, especially those regarding the new project identification and implementation framework which led to the selection of 45 regional projects for the ECOWAS, UEMOA and EU Commissions, at their meeting in Brussels on 13 and 14 December 2011.

62. Council asked the ECOWAS Commission to provide the Member States with the list of the 45 regional projects selected

**Item 11: Presentation of the Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers of Culture held in Abuja on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

63. The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Culture, and National Orientation of Nigeria presented the Report on the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of ECOWAS Ministers of Culture. In his presentation the Minister recalled that the recommendations of the previous Conferences of Ministers of Culture at Dakar, in 2002 and in Abuja in 2005, evaluated the implementation of the action plan in Abidjan in 2009. He further stated that the objectives of the fourth conference were to evaluate the status of implementation of the Action plan and the recommendation of the third Conference.

64. The report highlighted the recommendations adopted during the Conference which focused mainly on the following tasks to be undertaken by the ECOWAS Commission and Member States:

- Culture Industries;
- The Creation of a West African Cultural Institute (WACI);
- Copy Right Protection;
- Resource Mobilization by the ECOWAS Commission;
- Information /Sensitization;
- Cultural Statistics;
- Economy of Culture;
- Business round Table on moving the culture sector forward;
- ECOWAS Price for Excellence;
- Centre of Excellence;
- Social Protection of Artists;
- ECOFEST;
- Heritage.

65. After discussions, Council adopted the report.

**Item 12: Presentation of the Report of the Ministerial Conference on Humanitarian Assistance and internal Displacement in West Africa held in Abuja on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

66. Mr. Tajudeen Adeniyi, Deputy Director ECOWAS Division in the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented on behalf of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry who chaired the first Ministerial Conference on Humanitarian Assistance and Internally Displacement of Persons Nigeria, the report of that Conference. The Ministerial Conference was organised by the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in collaboration with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and the African Union with the support of Government of Finland.

67. The report highlighted the key points of the Communiqué from the Ministerial Conference and made recommendations on the following:

- Prevention of Forced Displacement in ECOWAS
- Protection, assistance and durable solution for the Internally Displaced
- Promotion, signing, ratification, domestication and implementation of the African Union Kampala Convention on the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced persons
- Collaboration with the International Humanitarian Community.

68. The report was adopted by Council.

**Item 13: Presentation of the ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy.**

69. Mr. BIZIE Leto, Deputy Chief of Staff representing the Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, presented the Final Communiqué of the meeting of Energy Ministers on the ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy. Energy Ministers of Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and representatives of Ministers from other countries attended the meeting held in Abidjan from 24 to 25 November 2011, with the aim of reviewing and adopting the updated ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy.

70. After considering the Updated Master Plan which requires a total funding of 26.516 Billion US dollars, the meeting of Energy Ministers adopted the said Revised Master Plan and recommended that the ECOWAS Commission submit the conclusions of the Council of Ministers for endorsement and prepare a Supplementary Act to be submitted to the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

71. The Council of Ministers adopted the report and endorsed the conclusions of the Revised ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy. Council directed that a draft Supplementary Act on the Revised Master Plan on Energy be submitted to the Authority for adoption.

**Item 14: Presentation and Consideration of a Memorandum on issues Relating to Air Transport Sector: 9 Drafts supplementary Acts.**

72. Council recalled earlier discussions on issues relating to the air transport Sector under agenda item 8. It however noted that Member States who have observations or comments should forward them to the Commission after consultations with the sectoral Ministers in their home countries.

**Item 15: Presentation of the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management.**

73. The ECOWAS Commission presented the Memorandum on the Adoption of the Charter for food Crisis Prevention and Management by Experts from ECOWAS, WAMU, CILSS Member Countries, Mauritania and Chad. In the presentation, the Commission recalled that the evolution

from food Aid Charter to a Charter for the Prevention and Management is the result of intense discussions that started in 2007 and culminated on the development of a draft document in June 2009. The discussion centred on:

- i. **Background and review process of the Food Aid Charter**
- ii. **Content of the draft text of the new Charter**
- iii. **Review of the document content**

74. Following discussions on the above the following points were highlighted and agreed upon:

- The need to highlight complementarity between production and monetary aspects
- The principle of free movement of goods and people in ECOWAs region should serve as a tool for implementing the Charter;
- Real involvement of the civil society and the private sector in the Charter implementation.
- Promoting innovations and partnership frameworks for food Security to become a reality
- The need to initiate and implement overarching actions for the private sector to fully participate in the implementation of the new charter, including strong actions that can improve the running of the regional market (by ending harassments on the roads, among others) and national markets
- Sustainability of monitoring-evaluation systems of national food security policies and programmes and early warning system.
- Promoting productive and sustainable agriculture and supporting access to markets for smallholders
- Effective implementation of food security policies in the countries
- The need for the state to meet costs associated with implementation of the charter and relating to their commitments

75. After considering the report the Council of Ministers adopted the report.

**Item 16: Report of the Sixth Ordinary session of the ECOWAS Convergence Council of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks.**

76. The Honourable Minister of State for Finance, Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman ECOWAS Convergence Council presented the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Convergence Council of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks Lome, 14 October 2011. The Minister in analysing the performance of Member States under the convergence criteria, observed that notwithstanding the modest achievements made in recent times towards convergence, the budget deficit /GDP ratio and inflation criteria continued to pose significant challenges for the region largely due to debilitating effects of the global economic and financial crises. He indicated that the region was faced with daunting challenges posed by high youth unemployment and globalisation and urged Member States to step up their efforts in the implementation of structural benchmarks under the multilateral surveillance mechanism.

77. Discussions at the meeting was centred on the report of the technical committee on macroeconomic Policy on the following issues:-

- conclusions on the convergence report for 2010
- conclusions on the report of the study on the harmonisation of convergence criteria within ECOWAS
- conclusion on the guide for elaboration of multi-annual programme on convergence
- conclusions on the supplementary Act concerning convergence and macroeconomic stability pact among the ECOWAS Member States
- conclusions of the Technical committee on Macroeconomic policy on the supplementary Act concerning modification of decision A/Dec.17/12/01 creating a mechanism for the Multilateral Surveillance of Economic and Financial Policies of ECOWAS Member State.

78. The Council after reviewing the general and specific recommendations of the technical Committee on Macroeconomic Policy adopted the following:

- The general recommendations made by the Technical Committee on Macroeconomic policy.
- The specific recommendations submitted by the Technical Committee on Macroeconomic Policy

79. After considering the Report, the Council of Ministers adopted the report

**Item 17: Any Other Business**

- **Arrangements for the Appointment of new Commissioners and new Judges of the ECOWAS Court**

80. The Chairman of Council informed the Meeting that in consultation with his colleagues they have decided to schedule the meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees for the interview of new Commissioners to hold from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and an Extraordinary Session of Council to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to adopt the report of the Committee.

81. Council further directed that the Commission should also commence arrangements for the appointment of the four (4) new Judges of the ECOWAS Court whose tenures equally ended in January 2011.

82. As far as the issue of allocation of statutory positions is concerned, the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire made a reservation and asked for the referral of the matter to the Authority of Heads of State for further discussion.

- **Briefing on the Election in The Gambia**

83. The delegation of The Gambia made a presentation raising strong objections about the ECOWAS Commission not having fielded an Observer Mission to the November 2011 Presidential elections in that Member State. The presentation however recognised the discretionary powers of



the President of the Commission on fielding of such missions as contained in the ECOWAS Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance.

84. ~~Council requested the Gambian delegation to submit a memorandum on the issue at the next session of Council.~~

▪ **ECOWAS Small Arms Programme (ECOSAP)**

85. The Malian delegation informed Council that the Commission is in the process of collapsing ECOSAP situated in the Republic of Mali contrary to the decisions of the sectoral Ministers in charge of the programme who had recommended that the programme should be continued for the next 5 years and some part of the funding required for its continuity had been secured from development partners. Council was further informed that the key staff of the programme had been offered appointments at the Commission Headquarters in contravention of Council's earlier directive that recruitments should be suspended.

86. The President of the Commission indicated that the Commission equally has a position on the matter showing why the programme was closed by the funding partners and the need to redeploy the staff who were recruited in 2006 and not recently.

87. Council took note of the information and requested that the Republic of Mali and the President of the Commission should circulate the relevant documents on the issue to Member States in order to enable it make an informed decision at its next session. It however reaffirmed that recruitment is still on hold as decided at its last session.

▪ **Vacancy at the International Labour Organisation (ILO)**

88. The delegation of Benin Republic informed Council about the intention of the Republic of Benin to field a candidate for the position of Director which will become vacant in ILO and therefore solicited for the support of Member States for its candidate.

89. Council took note of the request.

▪ **Hosting of the Headquarters of the Specialised Agency for Air Transport**

90. The Republic of Niger delegation reminded Council of their offer made during the 66<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of Council to host the headquarters of the Specialised Agency for Air Transport and informed Council that the Commission was duly notified through Note Verbale dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

91. Council took note and requested the Commission and the Republic of Niger to adhere to the provisions of the relevant Council Regulation governing the hosting of the headquarters of Community Institutions and Agencies.

**Item 18: Adoption of the Report**

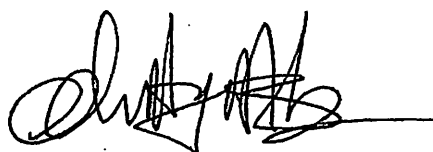
92. This report was adopted after amendments.

**Item 19: Closing Ceremony**

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DONE AT ABUJA THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2011



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**AMBASSADOR OLUGBENGA AYODELE ASHIRU, MFR  
HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**CHAIRMAN**

**FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**COMISSAO DA CEDEAO**



**COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO**

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## **VOTE OF THANKS**

The participants at the Sixty-seventh ordinary session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers held in Abuja, from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 express their profound gratitude to His Excellency Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman of the Authority, and to the Government and people of Nigeria for the warm African hospitality extended to them during their stay in Abuja and for the facilities placed at their disposal to ensure the success of their meeting.

**DONE AT ABUJA THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2011**

**THE MEETING**



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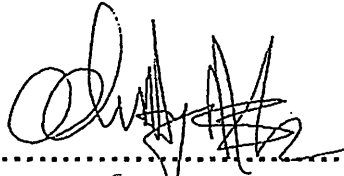
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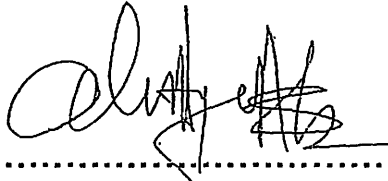
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**ENACTS**

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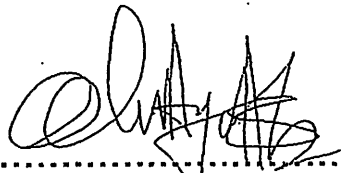
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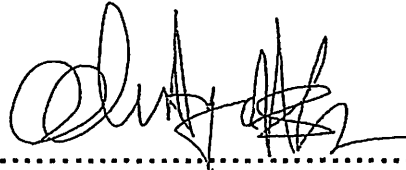
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### REGULATION C/REG.5/12/11 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA (GIABA) FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

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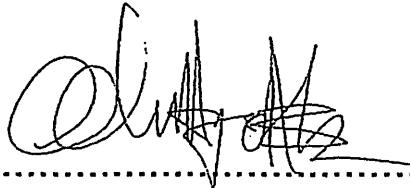
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**ENACTS**

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### **REGULATION C/REG.7/12/11 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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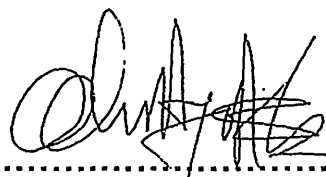
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### **REGULATION C/REG.8/12/11 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ECOWAS OFFICE IN BRUSSELS**

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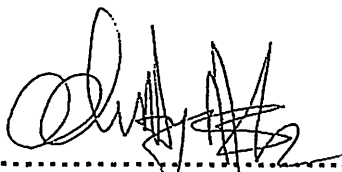
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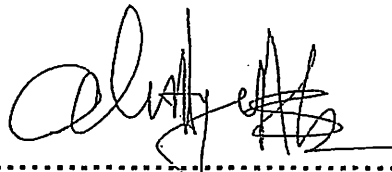
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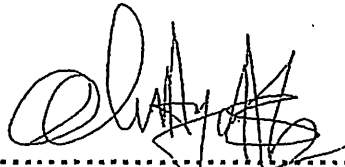
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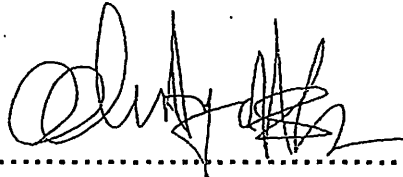
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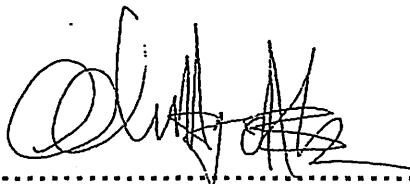
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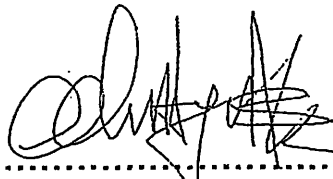
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### REGULATION C/REG.7/12/11 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR

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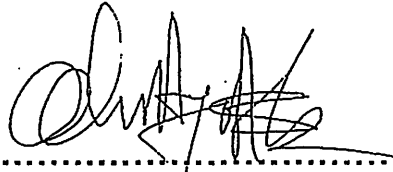
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**DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2011**



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## Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

Abuja, 19 – 21 December 2011

### REGULATION C/REG.8/12/11 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ECOWAS OFFICE IN BRUSSELS

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the Work Programme of the ECOWAS Office in Brussels for the 2012 Financial Year recommended by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja, from 23 – 26 November 2011.

**ENACTS**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

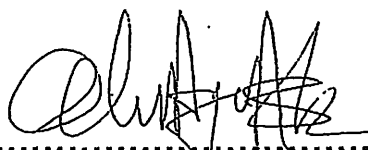
The Work Programme attached hereto, is hereby approved and shall be executed by the ECOWAS Office in Brussels during the 2012 Financial Year.

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## Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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### REGULATION C/REG.9/12/11 APPROVING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE ECOWAS YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the Work Programme of the Youth and Sports Development Centre for the 2012 financial year recommended by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja, from 23 - 26 November 2011.

**ENACTS**

#### ARTICLE 1

The Work Programme attached hereto, is hereby approved and shall be executed by the Youth and Sports Development Centre during the 2012 Financial Year.

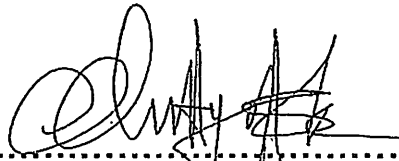
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## Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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**REGULATION C/REG.10/12/11 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF  
THE ECOWAS COMMISSION, ITS AGENCIES, CENTRAL AND  
OTHER ECOWAS OFFICES FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of new article 17 of Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the said Treaty and the composition of the ECOWAS Commission;

**MINDFUL** of the provision of article 72 of the Treaty relating to the Community levy;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty relating to the budget of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation C/REG.5/05/09 of May 2009 adopting the Financial Regulations of the Institution of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the budget of the ECOWAS Commission proposed by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja, from 23 – 26 November 2011.

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## ENACTS

### ARTICLE 1

The budget of the ECOWAS Commission, Agencies, Centres and other ECOWAS Offices for the 2012 financial year, balanced in income and

expenditure for the sum of one hundred and seventeen million seven hundred and fifty one thousand forty six Units of Account (117,751,046UA) is hereby approved.

### ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of one hundred and one million two hundred and thirty seven thousand four hundred and ninety six Units of Account (101,237,496 UA) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. An amount of five hundred thousand Units of Account (500,000UA) shall be derived from Arrears of contribution.
3. An amount in the sum of fifteen million eight hundred and ninety eight thousand five hundred and fifty Units of Account (15,898,550UA) shall be derived from external sources.
4. An amount of one hundred and fifteen thousand Units of Account (115,000 UA) shall be derived from other sources.

### ARTICLE 3

1) The overall budget of the Commission approved shall be detailed as follows:

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| - Commission Headquarters   | UA 109,593,107 |
| - Gender Development Centre | UA 1,304,501   |



- Youth and Sport Development Centre            **UA 2,423,282**
- Water Resources Coordination Centre            **UA 875,886**
- ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels            **UA 430,926**

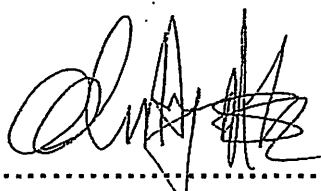
2) The budgets for other ECOWAS Offices are detailed as follows:

- Office of the Financial Controller            **UA 1,635,450**
- Office of the Chief Internal Auditor            **UA 1,487,894**

**ARTICLE 4**

This Regulation shall be published by ECOWAS Commission in the Official Gazette of the Community within thirty (30) days upon signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette thirty days after its notification by the Commission.

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## Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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### REGULATION C/REG.11/12/11 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 13 of the said Treaty establishing the ECOWAS Parliament;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 72 of the said Treaty relating to the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P.2/8/94 and its amendments, defining the composition, functions, powers and organisation of the ECOWAS Parliament;

**MINDFUL** of the Protocol A/P1/7/96 relating to the conditions for the application of the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation C/REG.5/05/09 of May 27, 2009 adopting the Financial Regulations of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

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**HAVING CONSIDERED** the budget of the ECOWAS Parliament recommended by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja, from 23 – 26 November 2011.

## **ENACTS**

### **ARTICLE 1**

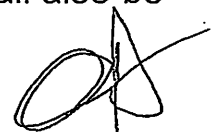
The budget of the ECOWAS Parliament for the 2012 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of Eleven million two hundred and seventy three thousand six hundred and sixty Units of Account (**11,273,660 UA**) is hereby approved.

### **ARTICLE 2**

1. An amount of Eleven million two hundred and forty one thousand one hundred and sixty Units of Accounts (**11,241,160UA**) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. An amount of one hundred thousand Units of Account (**100,000UA**) shall be derived from Arrears of Contribution
3. Another amount in the sum of thirty two thousand five hundred Units of Account (**32,500 UA**) shall be derived from other sources.

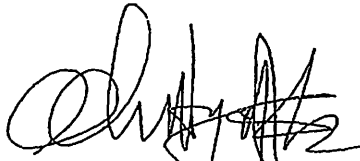
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## **Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**

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### **REGULATION C/REG.12/12/11 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 15 of the said ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Community Court of Justice;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 72 of the said Treaty relating to the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P.1/7/91 defining the composition, functions, powers and organisation of the Community Court of Justice;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P1/7/96 relating to the conditions for the application of the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation C/REG.5/05/09 of May 27, 2009 adopting the Financial Regulations of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the budget of the Community Court of Justice recommended by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja, from 23 – 26 November 2011.

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**ENACTS**

**ARTICLE 1**

The budget of the Community Court of Justice for the 2012 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of Eleven million nine hundred and forty eight thousand two hundred and eight Units of Account (**11,948,208 UA**) is hereby approved.

**ARTICLE 2**

1. An amount of Eleven million nine hundred and twenty eight thousand two hundred and eight units of Account (**11,928,208 UA**) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. Additional amount of Twenty thousand units of account (**20,000 UA**) shall be derived from other sources.

**ARTICLE 3**

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## **Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**

Abuja, 19 – 21 December 2011

### **REGULATION C/REG.13/12/11 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P.2/7/87 relating to the creation of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO);

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 72 of the said Treaty relating to the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 69 of the said Treaty which relate to the budgets of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of the Protocol A/P1/7/96 relating to the conditions for the application of the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation C/REG.5/05/09 of May 27, 2009 adopting the Financial Regulations of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the budget of the West African Health Organisation recommended by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja, from 23 – 26 November 2011.

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## ENACTS

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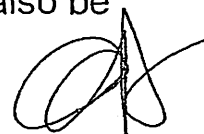
The budget of the West African Health Organisation for the 2012 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum of Seventeen million three hundred and sixty three thousand eight hundred and seventeen Units of Accounts **(17,363,817UA)** is hereby approved.

### ARTICLE 2

1. An amount of Fourteen million and fifty seven thousand three hundred and sixty five Units of Account **(14,057,365UA)** shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. Additional amount of three million two hundred and ninety five thousand eight hundred and ninety seven Units of Account **(3,295,897 UA)** shall be derived from external sources.
3. Additional amounts in the sum of ten thousand five hundred and fifty five Units of Account **(10,555UA)** shall be derived from other sources.

### ARTICLE 3

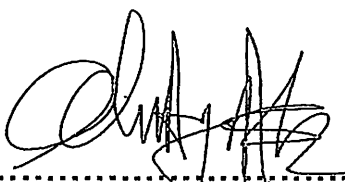
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## **Sixty seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**

Abuja, 19 – 21 December 2011

### **REGULATION C/REG.14/12/11 APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA (GIABA) FOR THE 2012 FINANCIAL YEAR**

#### **THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 69 of the said Treaty which relate to the budget of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 72 of the Treaty relating to the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P1/7/96 relating to the conditions for the application of the Community Levy;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.9/12/99 establishing GIABA and the Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa.

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation C/REG.5/05/09 of May 27, 2009 adopting the Financial Regulations of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the budget of the Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa recommended by the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held in Abuja from 23 – 26 November 2011.

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**ENACTS**

**ARTICLE 1**

The budget of the Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa for the 2012 financial year, balanced in income and expenditure at the sum Eight million nine hundred and eighty two thousand seven hundred and seventy nine Units of Accounts (8,982,779UA) is hereby approved.

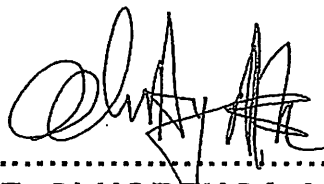
**ARTICLE 2**

1. An amount of eight million six hundred and eighty two thousand seven hundred and seventy nine Units of Accounts (8,682,779UA) shall be derived from resources obtained from the Community Levy.
2. Additional amounts in the sum of three hundred thousand Units of Accounts (300,000 UA) shall be derived from external sources.

**ARTICLE 3**

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## SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 19 – 21 December 2011

### REGULATION C/REG.15/12/11 AMENDING ARTICLES 40, 71, 72 OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 74 of the said ECOWAS Treaty relating to the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the budgets of Community Institutions;

**CONSIDERING** that the transformation of the Executive Secretariat into a Commission, and the revision of the operational texts of Community Institutions, including the Financial Regulations satisfy the demands of modernizing the administrative, financial, and accounting management of the Institutions;

**BEARING IN MIND** that the Financial Regulations of the Community Institutions and their Manual of Procedures which have entered into force and are being applied, are for the purpose of adopting international best practices in administrative and financial management in the day-to-day operation of Community Institutions;

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**NOTING** that, in the light of the fact that the Financial Regulation of the Community Institutions and the related Manual of Procedures have been in use since 2010, deadlines for the execution of expenditures, the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and the consolidation of the budget and financial statements of the Community institutions, as prescribed successively in Articles 40, 71 and 72 of the Financial Regulation, are no longer valid as a result of the re-organisation of some financial and internal accounting systems;

**NOTING FURTHER** that, for the purpose of the operation of our institutions, it has become a matter of necessity to set up a Resource Planning System (RPS) for the organization, with a view to helping automate and increase programme execution capacity and other financial and administrative management activities of the Community Institutions.

**AWARE** of the need to review the Financial Regulations by amending Articles 40, 71 and 72 to take due account of these new demands;

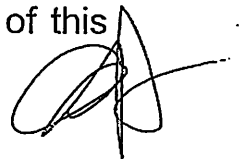
**DESIROUS** to proceed on the amendment of these articles;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of Tenth Administration and Finance Committee meeting held in Abuja from 23 to 26 November 2011.

**HEREBY ENACTS:**

**Article 1 : Amendments**

Articles 40, 71 and 72 of the Financial Regulation of ECOWAS Institutions are hereby amended as set out in the provisions of this Regulation.

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**Article 2 : New Article 40: Deadline for the execution of expenditure operations**

1. Other than staff expenditures, no commitments may be made after 15 December of the year under review. Nonetheless, at the end of the financial year, the Authorizing Officer shall have a period of three (3) months within which to issue payment vouchers for certified rights and services rendered during the year elapsed.
2. In addition, the Head of Institution may, on the basis of a decision of the Chairman of Council taken on the advice of the Financial Controller, carry over available credits to the following financial year for the payment of outstanding debts or to continue implementation of the programmes approved by the competent Authorities of the Community Institutions.
3. The opinion of the Financial Controller thus expressed shall be based on relevant technical grounds.

**Article 3: New Article 71: Adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)**

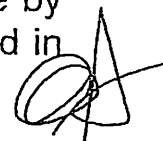
The IPSAS standards provided under Article 58 of the Financial Regulations shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

**Article 4: New Article 72: Consolidation of Community Budget and Financial Statements**

The consolidation of the Budget and Financial Statements of the Institutions of the Community as stipulated under Article 58 of these Regulations shall become effective on the Financial Statements ending 31st December 2014.

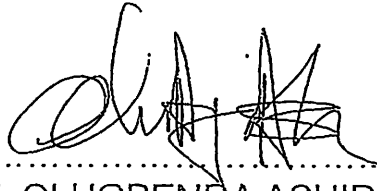
**Article 5: Entry into force and publication**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall be published in the Community Official Journal within thirty (30) days of its



signature, and by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same time-frame upon notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2011**

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H.E. OLUGBENDA ASHIRU

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**SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Abuja, 19 – 21 December 2011

**REGULATION C/REG.16/12./11 ADOPTING THE ECOWAS  
HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE MECHANISM**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 58 of the said Treaty which obliges Member States to work to safeguard and consolidate relations conducive to the maintenance of peace, stability and security;

**MINDFUL** of Articles 40 and 41 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security signed in Lome on 10 December 1999 which amongst other issues provides for regional intervention in disaster situations occasioned by natural phenomena or by conflict for the development of capacity to undertake humanitarian actions in such situations and cooperation with other Humanitarian agencies;

**AWARE** that the region has experienced grave humanitarian consequences caused by conflicts and oftentimes natural disasters, all of which have worked untold hardship on our peoples and have given rise to the death and displacement of our peoples, increased refugee situation, destruction of property, in addition to having a deleterious effect on development, political and economic stability of our States;

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**HAVING NOTED** the development in 2006, of an ECOWAS emergency response team (EERT) mechanism by the ECOWAS Commission that is gradually building both regional and national capacity for responding to humanitarian crises within the region;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/8/01/07 adopting the ECOWAS Policy on Disaster Risk Reduction;

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation MSC/REG.2/01/08 that formally established the above mentioned ECOWAS Emergency Response Team mechanism calling for a full operationalisation of the EERT mechanism;

**MINDFUL** also of Regulation MSC/REG.1.01/08 on the Adoption of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention framework (ECPF) particularly section VIII paragraphs 93 to 96 on Humanitarian Assistance;

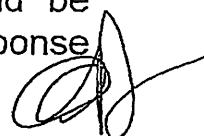
**CONSIDERING** that Humanitarian Assistance as a component and operational tool in the implementation of ECPF sets out to mitigate the impact of humanitarian disaster and emergencies and serves as a bridge between relief/emergency assistance, medium term rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in post-conflict and disaster settings;

**CONSIDERING** that the EERT mechanism formally established in January 2008 is a component of the Regional Humanitarian Response mechanism;

**NOTING** that regional response to humanitarian crises in West Africa does not sufficiently meet key emergency needs in major crises such as conflicts, natural disasters, human made disasters and mixed migration;

**RECALLING** the directive of the Council of Ministers for the elaboration of an ECOWAS Humanitarian Response Mechanism for the Region;

**AWARE** that an ECOWAS Humanitarian Relief Fund should be another critical component of the ECOWAS Humanitarian Response Mechanism



**AWARE** that it is imperative to have in place a Regional Humanitarian response Mechanism which is predictable, timely and effective in humanitarian emergency situations;

**DESIROUS** of establishing a Regional Humanitarian Response Mechanism;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee held from 23 – 26 November 2011.

## **ENACTS**

### **Article 1**

1. The ECOWAS Humanitarian Response Mechanism (EHRM) is hereby adopted as attached in annex to this Regulation.
2. The ECOWAS Humanitarian Relief Fund (EHRF) referred to in the EHRM shall be an integral part of the ECOWAS Solidarity Fund and be located therein when the latter is established.
3. Within the framework of the management of the Solidarity Fund, the ECOWAS Commission shall establish a mechanism that allows for a quick disbursement of the EHRF when required.
4. In the interim, disbursement of the EHRF shall be undertaken in compliance with the modalities defined within the Humanitarian Response Mechanism.

### **Article 2**

1. The ECOWAS Commission shall undertake all necessary measures to ensure full application of the Humanitarian Response Mechanism.





2. The Commission shall ensure that ECOWAS national units are fully involved in all Humanitarian fields assessment missions undertaken to determine resource requirement for emergency response.
3. The President of the Commission shall also seek the assistance of other relevant humanitarian agencies in the process of applying the mechanism and shall establish the appropriate legal frameworks thereon.

**Article 3**

This Regulation shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community of West African States 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 thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011**



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## Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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### REGULATION C/REG.17/11/11 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECOWAS PENSION SCHEME FOR STAFF OF ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS

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

**RECALLING** that the Council of Ministers during its ninth session adopted the rules governing the management of ECOWAS provident Fund and authorized ECOWAS Staff members to join the Pension Fund of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO);

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation C/REG.11/7/96 of 21st July 1996 authorizing the ECOWAS staff members to be members of the pension Fund of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO);

**RECALLING** also that the effective implementation of the Regulation C/REG.11/7/96 allowed the staff of the Commission to join the BCEAO Pension Scheme through the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), and that this opportunity is no longer available to staff of all the ECOWAS Institutions with the exception of EBID;

**MINDFUL** of article 47 of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations on pension;

**CONSIDERING** paragraphs 37 to 42 of the report of the seventh meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee which took place in Abuja from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010;

**CONVINCED** that the establishment of an ECOWAS Pension Scheme will guarantee payment of a lump sum at retirement and monthly pension for life;

**CONVINCED** also that the ECOWAS Pension Scheme will guarantee that staff members are not disadvantaged compared to their colleagues who have already joined CRRAE and RCNPC;

**RECALLING** the Inter-institutional meeting which took place in Cotonou in 2011 to deliberate and recommend the parameters for the establishment of the Pension Scheme;


**AWARE** that a study of the Pension Fund shows that there is the need to inject an initial lump sum for the scheme to take off and be sustainable in view of the fact that a large number of staff who should benefit from the Pension Fund would be due for retirement in the next six (6) years;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the fact that a recent actuarial valuation carried out in 2011 indicated that there was a funding gap of about US\$ 11,322,437 million;

**CONVINCED** that an increase in the retirement age from 60 to 62 years would help provide part of the funding to bridge the funding gap revealed by the aforesaid actuarial valuation and therefore facilitate the establishment of the Pension;

**DESIROUS** to establish and ensure the take-off of an ECOWAS Staff Pension Scheme for the ECOWAS Staff members as provided for under the aforementioned Staff Regulations;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Tenth meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee which was held in Abuja from 23 to 26 November 2011;

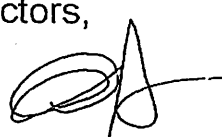


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### Article 1:

1. The ECOWAS Staff Pension Scheme is hereby established in compliance with Article 47 (a) (III) of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations of 2005 and shall take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.
2. The Scheme is established for all categories of staff of Institutions of this Community subject to conditions laid out under Article 47 (d) of the Staff Regulations.
3. The ECOWAS Commission shall, using ECOWAS procurement procedures, engage the services of Pension Fund Managers to manage the Staff Pension Scheme.

### Article 2:

1. A Board of Trustees is hereby established to carry out administrative activities to facilitate the initial take-off of the ECOWAS Pension Scheme for Staff of Community Institutions.
  2. The composition of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:
    - a. Chairman: Commissioner for Administration and Finance;
    - b. Deputy Chairman: Senior Registrar, Court of Justice;
    - c. Two representatives of the Institutions: Human Resources Directors of the Commission and ECOWAS Parliament;
    - d. Two staff representatives: GIABA and WAHO (Directors, Administration and Finance);
    - e. Two representatives of the Pensioners;
    - f. Secretary: Commission.
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3. Membership of the Board of the Trustees shall be reviewed by the Board itself as and when necessary.
4. The Board of Trustees shall on behalf of beneficiaries of the Scheme monitor the management of the Pension Scheme Managers.
5. In order to facilitate initial take off of the Pension Scheme, the Board of Trustees shall carry out necessary reconciliation of this Scheme with all other established pension plans at which staff of the Community is involved and to which the Community is financially committed.

**Article 3:**

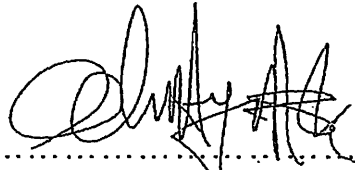
1. The Commission shall source from the internal resources of the Community a total sum of six million, seven hundred and ninety three thousand, five hundred and sixty four (6,793,564 US\$) million United States dollars as part funding to facilitate the immediate take off of the Pension Scheme.
2. As a means of ensuring contributory funding from Staff of the Community as well as adequacy and sustainability of the funding for the Pension Scheme the retirement age as prescribed under the ECOWAS Staff Regulations of 2005 is hereby amended and the retirement age extended from 60 – 62 years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.
3. This Article thereby supersedes Article 61 (a) (i) of the 2005 ECOWAS Staff Regulations and all other provisions therein that refer to the ECOWAS Staff retirement age.

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**Article 4:**

This Regulation shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Economic Community of West African States 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 thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2011**



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**H.E. OLUGBENGA ASHIRU**

**CHAIRMAN  
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## Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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### REGULATION C /REG.18/12 /11 INCREASING THE GRANT ALLOCATED TO NATIONAL CONVERGENCE COMMITTEES ON MULTILATERAL SURVEILLANCE

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 74 of the said ECOWAS Treaty relating to the Financial Regulation and Manual of Accounting Procedures of Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 69 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the budgets of Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC. 2/7/87 relating to the adoption of a Monetary Cooperation Programme which envisages the creation of a single monetary zone within ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.7/12/99 of 10 December 1999 relating to the adoption of macroeconomic convergence criteria within the framework of the ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.17/12/01 of 21 December 2001 creating a mechanism for multilateral surveillance of economic and financial policies of ECOWAS Member States;

**MINDFUL** of the Report of the meeting of the Convergence Council held in Lome, Togo on 14 October 2011

**CONSIDERING** that the external funds established to finance national committees on multilateral surveillance are running out and are no longer sufficient to cover their needs;

**CONSCIOUS** of the need to strengthen the efficiency of the ECOWAS multilateral surveillance mechanism by allocating a grant to the Committees;

**DESIROUS** to allocate the necessary funds to the national Convergence Committees;

## **ENACTS**

### **ARTICLE 1**

By this Regulation, an amount of forty-five thousand (45 000) US dollars is hereby allocated to the National Convergence Committees for the purpose of implementing their activities.

### **ARTICLE 2**

The balance shall be paid during the next budget session of the Administration and Finance Committee in 2012.

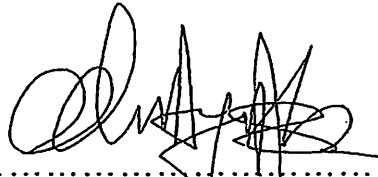




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### REGULATION C/REG.19/12/11 RELATING TO THE CREATION AND FUNCTIONING OF AN AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WITHIN ECOWAS

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 32 (1) (f) of the said Treaty which provides that Member States encourage co-operation in flight scheduling, leasing of aircraft and granting joint use of fifth freedom rights to airlines in the region;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the said 1993 Treaty;

**RECALLING** the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago, on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1944 and its annexes;

**MINDFUL ALSO** of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision on the Liberalization of Air Transport signed by twenty three (23) States of West and Central Africa on 14 November 1999;

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**MINDFUL** of Article e, [new Articles 19 (2), 79 and 83 (3)] of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Revised Treaty of 1993 which appoints the President of the ECOWAS Commission as the legal representative of ECOWAS and authorises the said President of the Commission to conclude co-operation agreements with other Regional Communities on behalf of the entire Community;

**MINDFUL** of the fact that international aviation relations between Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and third parties respectively are traditionally governed by bilateral air service agreements, their annexes and other related multilateral agreements;

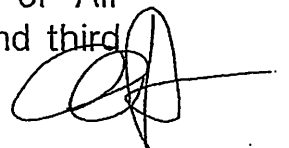
**RECOGNISING** the need to put in place, within the context of all negotiations, adequate safeguards which will sustain effective participation of air carriers within ECOWAS Member States in international air transport;

**RECALLING** the Guidelines on a Common African Position for the Negotiation of Air Services Agreements adopted by the African Ministers of Transport in Algiers (Algeria) from 21-25 April 2008;

**HAVING NOTED** the Resolution No. 12/JMTICAF/09 on the Common External Policy of ECOWAS Member States for the Negotiation of Air Services Agreements with Third Countries adopted by the ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Civil Aviation in Yamoussoukro on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009;

**ALSO NOTING** the conclusions of the meeting of a Technical Committee of Experts in relation to Negotiation of Air Services Agreement with Third Countries that was held in Bamako, Mali May 2010;

**DESIROUS** of strengthening the capacity for negotiation of Air Transport agreements between ECOWAS Member States and third Parties;

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ON THE RECOMMENDATION of A Joint Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers Transport/Civil Aviation/Infrastructure/Finance and Chief Executive Officers of Airlines held in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> June 2009; charge of Civil Aviation that was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire;

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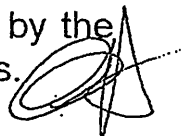
Having regard to Article 83 of the 1993 ECOWAS Treaty as amended, which authorises the Community to conclude cooperation agreements with third countries, the ECOWAS Commission shall engage in negotiations with third parties on matters relating to Air Services.

### Article 2

1. The ECOWAS Commission shall, prior to any negotiation, convene meetings of the Air Transport Committee established by Regulation C/REG.20/12/11, in order to ensure the formulation and adoption of common positions that would promote and safeguard the interests of the Region.
2. The ECOWAS Commission shall take into account the technical advice and guidelines provided by the Air Transport Committee referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. The ECOWAS Commission shall ensure regular reporting of the status of these negotiations to the Council of Ministers.

### Article 3

The ECOWAS Commission shall in the course of these negotiations with third parties, take into account the guidelines developed by the African Union (AU) for the negotiation of air service agreements.



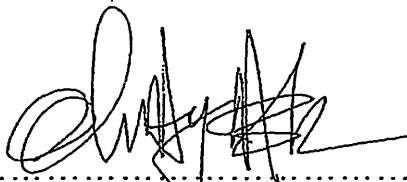
**Article 4**

The President of the ECOWAS Commission shall in compliance with Article 2 (new Article 83, paragraph 3) of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Revised Treaty and on behalf of the entire Community, conclude and sign all cooperation agreements negotiated with third parties in the air services sector.

**Article 5**

This Regulation shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within thirty (30) days upon notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2011**



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### REGULATION C/REG.20/12/11 RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF AIR SERVICES BETWEEN ECOWAS AND THIRD PARTIES

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

**MINDFUL** of Chapter VII of the said ECOWAS Treaty which amongst other issues, provides that Member States commit themselves to develop Regional air transportation services and encourage co-operation in flight scheduling, leasing of aircraft and granting the joint use of fifth freedom rights to airlines in the ECOWAS region;

**MINDFUL** of the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago, on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1944 and its annexes;

**MINDFUL** of the Yamoussoukro Decision relating to the Declaration concerning the Liberalisation of Access to Air Transport Markets in Africa signed on the 14 November 1999 and adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State of the African Union/African Economic Community on 11 July 2000;

**MINDFUL** of Article 85 of the said ECOWAS Treaty which provides that Member States of ECOWAS formulate and adopt common positions within the Community on issues relating to International negotiations with third Parties in order to promote and safeguard the interests of the region;

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**MINDFUL** of Article e, [new Articles 19 (2), 79 and 83 (3)] of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Revised Treaty of 1993 which appoints the President of the ECOWAS Commission as the legal representative of ECOWAS and authorises the said President of the Commission to conclude co-operation agreements with other Regional Communities on behalf of the entire Community;

**MINDFUL** of the fact that international aviation relations between Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and third parties respectively are traditionally governed by bilateral air service agreements, their annexes and other related multilateral agreements;

**RECOGNISING** the need to put in place, within the context of all negotiations, adequate safeguards which will sustain effective participation of air carriers within ECOWAS Member States in international air transport;

**RECALLING** the Guidelines on a Common African Position for the Negotiation of Air Services Agreements adopted by the African Ministers of Transport in Algiers (Algeria) from 21-25 April 2008;

**HAVING NOTED** the Resolution No. 12/JMTICAF/09 on the Common External Policy of ECOWAS Member States for the Negotiation of Air Services Agreements with Third Countries adopted by the ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Civil Aviation in Yamoussoukro on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009;

**ALSO NOTING** the conclusions of the meeting of a Technical Committee of Experts in relation to Negotiation of Air Services Agreement with Third Countries that was held in Bamako, Mali May 2010;

**DESIROUS** of strengthening the capacity for negotiation of Air Transport agreements between ECOWAS Member States and third Parties;



**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of A Joint Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers Transport/Civil Aviation/Infrastructure/Finance and Chief Executive Officers of Airlines held in Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> June 2009; charge of Civil Aviation that was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire;

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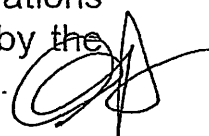
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### Article 2

1. The ECOWAS Commission shall, prior to any negotiation, convene meetings of the Air Transport Committee established by Regulation C/REG.20/12/11, in order to ensure the formulation and adoption of common positions that would promote and safeguard the interests of the Region.
2. The ECOWAS Commission shall take into account the technical advice and guidelines provided by the Air Transport Committee referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. The ECOWAS Commission shall ensure regular reporting of the status of these negotiations to the Council of Ministers.

### Article 3

The ECOWAS Commission shall in the course of these negotiations with third parties, take into account the guidelines developed by the African Union (AU) for the negotiation of air service agreements.





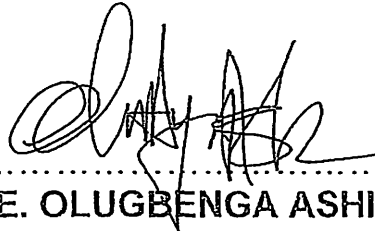
**Article 4**

The President of the ECOWAS Commission shall in compliance with Article 2 (new Article 83, paragraph 3) of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Revised Treaty and on behalf of the entire Community, conclude and sign all cooperation agreements negotiated with third parties in the air services sector.

**Article 5**

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## Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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### REGULATION C/REG. 21/12/11 ADOPTING THE CHARTER FOR FOOD CRISIS PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of the provisions of Article 25 of the said Treaty relating to agricultural development and food security;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.11/01/05 of 19 January 2005 adopting the ECOWAS Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP/CAADP);

**CONSIDERING** that Decision A/DEC.11/01/05 provides that, over time, regional or technical cooperation organizations should mainstream their strategies and sector policies and programmes relating to agriculture, food and natural resource management into the orientations and priorities of the Agricultural Policy of the Economic Community of West African States.

**CONSIDERING** the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and CILSS of 21 December 2006 identifying CILSS as the technical arm of ECOWAS in the implementation of:

- (i) the Priority Intervention Programme «Prevention and Management of Food Crises and other Natural Disasters (PREGEC/CAN) of ECOWAP/CAADP;

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- (ii) the Sub-Regional Action Programme to combat Desertification in West Africa and Chad (SRAP/WA);

**CONSIDERING** the Memorandum of Understanding of 28 May 2008 on cooperation between CILSS and the Commission of West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)

**RECALLING** that the «Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management» was formally adopted by Food and Agriculture Ministers of ECOWAS Member States, Mauritania and Chad at their meeting held in Conakry on 17 November 2011;

**EAGER** to ensure full ownership of the «Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management» by ECOWAS;

**DESIROUS** of adopting the «Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management» with a view to minimizing as much as possible the adverse effects of food aid and phasing it out over time;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the meeting of Food and Agriculture Ministers of ECOWAS Member States, Mauritania and Chad held in Conakry, Guinea on 17 November 2011;

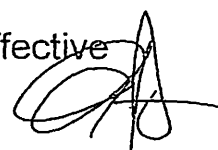
## **ENACTS**

### **ARTICLE 1**

The «Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management» attached hereto is hereby adopted.

### **ARTICLE 2**

ECOWAS Member States and Institutions shall ensure the effective implementation of the Charter.



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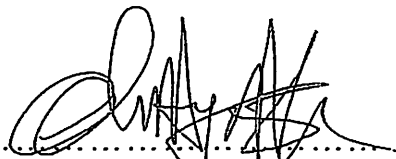
The ECOWAS shall however, make practical arrangements for the approval and effective implementation of the Charter by carrying out the following activities:-

1. The development and funding of a programme to disseminate the Charter's text in all signatory countries, taking into account local languages and the differing socio-cultural environments;
2. The implementation of the evaluation and monitoring mechanism for the Charter's implementation at the national and regional level;
3. The development and funding of a capacity building programme for national food security systems and civil society in light of their active participation in implementing the Charter;
4. Work to ensure that the intervention approach of financial and technical partners is kept within the framework of the principles and commitments of the Charter.

### ARTICLE 4

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## Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers

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### REGULATION C/REG.22/12 /11 RELATING TO THE AFRICAN UNION CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN AFRICA (KAMPALA CONVENTION)

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

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

**MINDFUL** of Articles 40 and 41 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security signed in Lome on 10 December 1999 which amongst other issues provides for regional intervention in disaster situations occasioned by natural phenomena or by conflict for the development of capacity to undertake humanitarian actions in such situations and cooperation with other Humanitarian agencies;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/8/01/07 adopting the ECOWAS Policy on Disaster Risk Reduction;

**MINDFUL** of the Regulation MSC/REG.2/01/08 that formally established the ECOWAS Emergency Response Team mechanism;

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**MINDFUL** also of Regulation MSC/REG.1.01/08 on the Adoption of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention framework (ECPF) particularly section VIII paragraphs 93 to 96 on Humanitarian Assistance;

**CONSIDERING** that the massive internal displacement of persons which have occurred in the West African sub-region due to civil war, internal communal conflicts, ethno religious conflicts, natural disaster and climate change, development projects and human rights violations have negatively impacted on the fundamental human rights of internal displaced persons (IDPs);

**DETERMINED** to address the issue of internal displaced persons as this constitutes a major challenge to regional integration and national development in the region;

**CONSIDERING** the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (Kampala Convention) of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 adopted by the Special Summit of the African Union which reaffirms the fundamental principle that African countries must bear the responsibility of providing protection and assistance to IDPS;

**NOTING** that in order to realise the vision and promise contained in the Convention, the Executive Council of the African Union adopted a plan of Action (2010 – 2012) in which it expressly stressed that Regional Economic Communities (RECs) have a vital role to play in implementing the provisions of the Convention;

**DESIROUS** therefore of ensuring that ECOWAS Member States sign and ratify the Kampala Convention and implement the obligations arising from States by the Convention;

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**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the First Ministerial Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance and Internal Displacement in West Africa which was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 5 – 7 July 2011;

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**ARTICLE 1:**

1. Member States who have not already done so, should sign and ratify the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally displaced Persons in Africa.
2. Member States should also sign and ratify all other International Treaties and Conventions relating to internally displaced persons, including the OAU Convention governing specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa

**ARTICLE 2:**

Member States undertake to respect the principles enunciated by the Kampala Convention especially as they relate to State responsibility for the prevention of internal displacement, protection of displaced persons, provision of humanitarian assistance and funding durable solution for internal displacement.

**ARTICLE 3:**

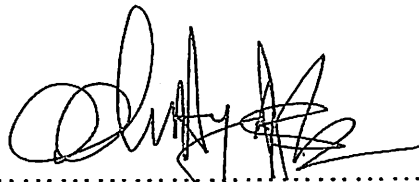
The ECOWAS Commission in collaboration with Member States will support African Union efforts in disseminating IDP Convention in order to facilitate its incorporation into their national body laws as well as its implementation.



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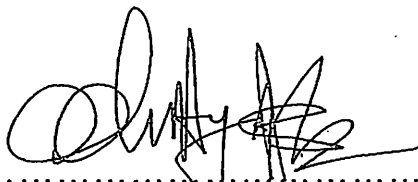
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