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PROTOCOLS, DECISIONS & DIRECTIVES

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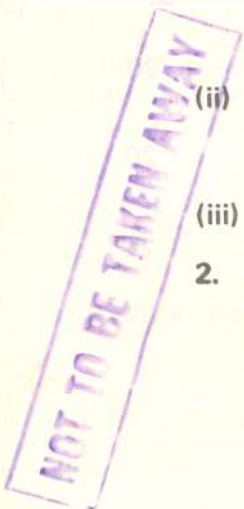
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A/SP/1/5/81 SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF ORIGINATING PRODUCTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES.

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING that Community origin is conferred on products with a view to liberalizing intra-Community trade.

CONVINCED of the importance of a handicraft sector in the economies of Member States of the Community;

DESIROUS of promoting intra-Community trade in handicraft and to extend a preferential treatment to these products;

ANXIOUS to conclude an additional Protocol amending Article 2 of the Protocol relating to the definition of the Concept of originating products of Member States;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOW:

Article 1

Article 2 of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of originating products of Member States is amended as follows:

"NEW ARTICLE 2"

1. The promotion of trade in goods originating in Member States as well as the collective economic development of the Community requires indigenous ownership and participation. Goods shall be accepted as originating in Member States for purposes of trade liberalization if:
 - a) they have been wholly produced as defined in Article V of this Protocol ; or
 - b) they have been produced in a Member State other than by any of the operations and processes listed in Article IV of this Protocol or with the material from a foreign or undetermined origin used in the process of production of goods whose CIF value does not exceed 60% of the total cost of the material employed in the production or with the material of Community origin whose value must not in any case be less than 40% of the total cost of the material used in the process of production or with the raw material of Community origin representing in quantity at least 60% of the whole raw material used in the production ; or
 - c) if the goods have been produced from material of a foreign or undetermined origin and having received in the process of production a value added of at least 35% of the ex-factory price before tax of the finished product; and

2. If the Enterprises producing these goods attain a desirable level of indigenous ownership and participation, the Commission shall, on the basis of appropriate statistics, make proposals to the Council of Ministers to determine orientation and levels to ownership and participation.

3. Traditional handicraft shall also be considered as originating products.

Traditional handicraft means articles generally made by hand with or without tools, instruments or devices operated directly by the craftsman.

The raw materials used are essentially of Community origin.

The list of products is attached as an Annex to this Protocol.

This list may be extended to new products that satisfies the above definition in the future.

4. All the conditions for the acceptance of products originating from Member States for trade within the Community are subject to amendments periodically by the Council."

ARTICLE II

DEPOSIT AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This supplementary Protocol shall enter into force provisionally upon signature by the Heads of State and Government of Member States and definitely upon ratification by at least seven signatory Member States in conformity with the constitutional regulations in force in each Member State.
2. This Protocol as well as the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat which will forward certified true copies of this supplementary Protocol to all the Member States and will inform them of the date of the deposit of instrument of ratifications and shall register this supplementary Protocol with the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations Organization as well as any other organization approved by the Council.
3. This supplementary Protocol is annexed to the Treaty as an integral part thereof

LIST OF TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT APPROVED FOR FULL EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT TAX AND DUTIES

CHAP - 41	RAW HIDES AND SKINS (other than furskins) and Leather
EX - 41 - 02	Skins and raw hides (worked by hand)
02	Equine leather (worked by hand)
03	Sheep and lamb skins (tanned)
05	Tanned reptile skins (crocodiles, Iguanas, snakes)

- CHAP - 42 **ARTICLES OF LEATHER; SADDLERY AND HARNESS; TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS ARTICLES OF ANIMAL GUT**
- EX - 42 - 02 Saddlery and Harness of any material (for example saddles, harness, collars, traces, knee-pad, boots etc.) for any kind of animal.
- 02 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers. Leather sheaths and cases for arms, musical instruments, binoculars, jewellery, bottles, collars, brushes, etc.
Leather made ladies handbags. Wallets, purses, toilet cases, tool cases and other articles of leather?
- 03 Leather belts.
Leather bracelets and straps.
- 05 Book markers and book covers of leather
- 06 Bladder work (tobacco pouch, small containers etc)
- CHAP - 43 **FURSKINS AND ARTIFICIAL FUR, MANUFACTURES THEREOF**
- EX - 43 - 03 Blankets, coverlets, bedside rugs, carpets, puff covers, game pouches made of furskin.
- CHAP - 44 **WOOD AND ARTICLES OF WOOD, WOOD CHARCOAL**
- EX - 44 - 24 Wooden cooking utensils (spoons, forks, salad cutlery, plates and dishes, pots, cups and saucers, spice containers and other ordinary containers used in the kitchen, napkin rings, pestles etc.)
- EX - 44 - 27 Fancy goods and small cabinet work (cases, small boxes, Jewel cases, pen boxes, hangers, standard and other lamps etc. Ornament articles, shelves, wooden jewellery and wooden parts of such objects and articles.
- CHAP - 46 **ESPARTO WARE AND BASKET WORK AND WICKERWORK**
- Mats (produced by weaving or by placing plaiting materials side by side)
- EX - 46 - 03 Basket work and wickerwork made of vegetable fibres (baskets, baskets without bow handle, frails, tool baskets, handbags, trays, plates stands, glass-stands, bottle-stands, boxes for sewing articles, lamps-shades etc.
- CHAP - 55 **COTTON**
- EX - 55 - 09 Other cotton materials containing at least 85% weight of cotton worked by hand, dyed or printed by hand.
- CHAP - 58 **CARPETS, MATS, MATTING AND TAPESTRIES, PILE AND CHENILLE FABRICS, NARROW FABRICS, TRIMMINGS, TULLE AND OTHER NET FABRICS, LACE, EMBROIDERY**
- Carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted (made up or not) Of wool or fine animal hair; of other textile materials.
- CHAP - 62 **OTHER MADE UP TEXTILES ARTICLES**
- EX - 62 - 01 Travelling rugs and blankets with wool or fine animal hair; with cotton
- 02 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, curtains and other furnishing articles
- 03 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods.
- 04 Tarpaulins, sails, awinds, sun-blinds, tents and camping goods.
- CHAP - 64 **FOOTWEAR, GAITERS AND THE LIKE; PARTS OF SUCH ARTICLES**
- EX - 64 - 02 Sandals including light sandals with leather soles. Leather babouches, turkish slippers.
- CHAP - 65 **HEADGEAR AND PARTS THEREOF**
- EX - 65 - 06 Other headgear whether or not lined or trimmed Leather hat
Straw hat
- CHAP - 66 **UMBRELLAS, SUNSHADES, WALKING STICKS, WHIPS, RIDING CROPS AND PARTS THEREOF**
- 02 Walking sticks, canes, whips, riding crops, and the like.
- CHAP - 67 **PREPARED FEATHERS AND DOWN AND ARTICLES MADE OF FEATHERS OR OF DOWN; ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS; ARTICLES OF HUMAN HAIR**
- 01 Skins and other parts of birds with their feathers or down, feathers, parts of feathers, down, and articles thereof (hand fans)

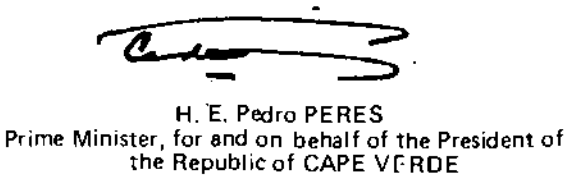
- CHAP -- 69 CERAMIC PRODUCTS**
 organs, mouth-blown sound signalling instruments.
- EX -- 69 -- 12** Tableware and other articles of a kind commonly used for domestic or toilet purposes; of other kinds of pottery (vases and water coolers - pottery)
- 13** Statuettes and other ornaments, and articles of personal adornment.
- CHAP -- 74 COPPER AND ARTICLES THEREOF**
- EX -- 74 -- 19** Other copper work.
- CHAP -- 82 TOOLS, IMPLEMENTS, CUTLERY, SPOONS AND FORKS OF BASE METAL PARTS THEREOF**
- EX -- 82 -- 01** Hand tools, the following: spades, shovels, picks hoes, forks and rakes; axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools; scythes, sickles, hay knives, grass shears and other tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry.
- 09** Knives with cutting blades, serrated or not (including pruning knives)
- CHAP -- 83 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF BASE METALS**
- EX -- 83 -- 06** Statuettes and other ornaments of a kind used indoors of base metal.
- EX -- 83 -- 11** Bells and gongs, non-electric of base metal and parts thereof, of base metal
- CHAP -- 92 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SOUND RECORDERS OR REPRODUCERS, TELEVISION IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS OR REPRODUCERS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF SUCH ARTICLES**
- EX -- 92 -- 02** Other string musical instruments (such as CORA, guitar, etc.)
- 06** Percussion musical instruments (balofons, drums, tom-toms etc.)
- 08** Musical instruments not falling within any other heading of this chapter (for example, fairground
- CHAP -- 93 ARMS AND AMUNITION; PARTS THEREOF**
- EX -- 93 -- 01** Side arms (for example swords, cutlasses and bayonets) and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof.
- CHAP -- 95 ARTICLES AND MANUFACTURES OF CARVING OR MOULDING MATERIALS**
- EX -- 95 -- 01** Work of pearl
 Worked ivory (including articles thereof).
 Worked bones (including articles thereof).
 Horns, antlers, corals (natural or agglomerated) and other animal carving materials.
- 06** Worked vegetable carving material and articles of those materials.
- 07** Naturally carved yellow amber and articles thereof.
- CHAP -- 96 BROOMS, BRUSHES, POWDER-PUFFS AND SIEVES**
- EX -- 96 -- 01** Brooms and brushes consisting of twigs or other vegetable materials merely bound together with or without handle (including fly-whisks).
- EX -- 96 -- 06** Hand sieves and hand riddles of any material.
- CHAP -- 97 TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTS REQUISITES; PARTS THEREOF**
- EX -- 97 -- 02** Dolls
- 06** Appliances, apparatus, accessories and requisite for gymnastics or athletics, or for sports and outdoor games.
- CHAP -- 98 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES ARTICLES**
- EX -- 98 -- 11** Smoking pipes, pipe bowls, stems and other parts of smoking pipes, cigar and cigarette holders and parts thereof.
- 12** Combs, hair-slides and the like.


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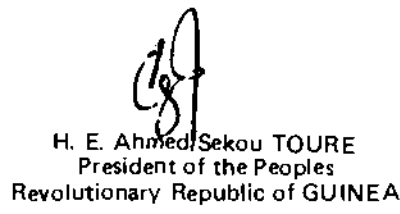
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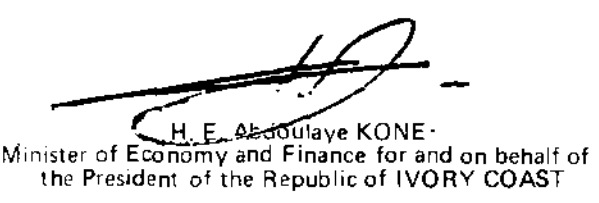
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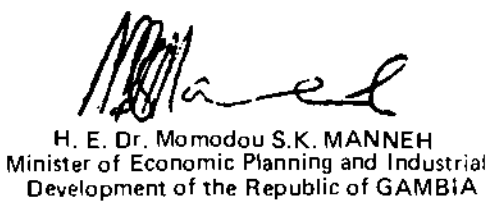

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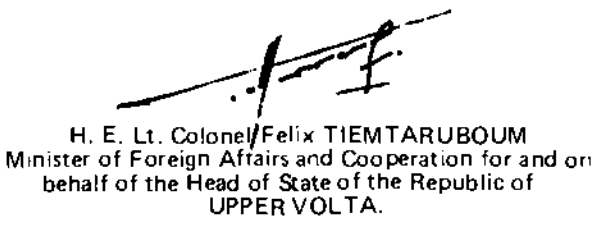

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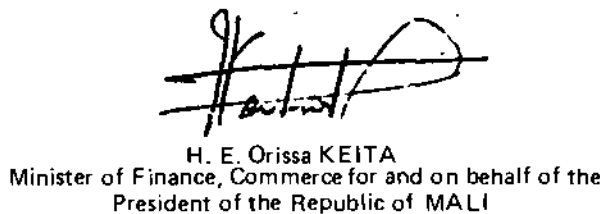

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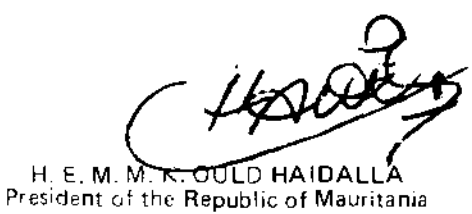

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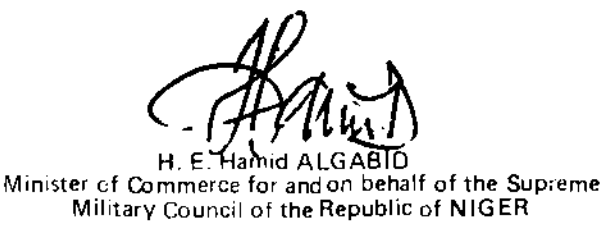

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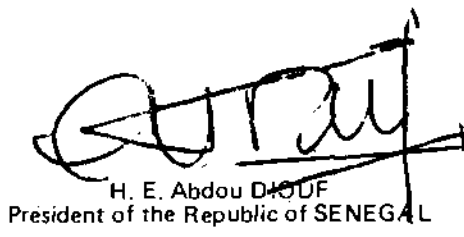

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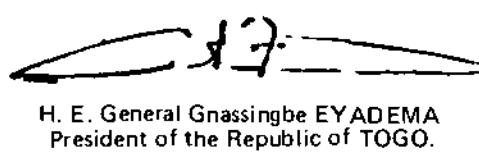

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A/SP2/5/81 ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL AMENDING ARTICLE 4 OF THE TREATY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES:

RECALLING Article 4 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States which sets out the various institutions of the Community;

RECALLING further that Article 4 contemplates the establishment of other commissions or bodies by the Authority in addition to those specifically created under this Article;

CONVINCED of the urgent need to create an organ responsible for the defence of the Community in the light of the continuous threat of armed conflict and aggression from outside the Community;

DESIRING to conclude an additional protocol amending sub-paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States signed at Lagos on 28th day of May, 1975;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

INSTITUTIONS

Paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The institutions of the Community shall be:

- (a) The Authority of Heads of State and Government;
- (b) The Council of Ministers;

- (c) The Defence Council;
- (d) The Executive Secretariat;
- (e) The Tribunal of the Community; and
- (f) The following Technical and Specialised Commissions:

- The Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission;
 - The Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission;
 - The Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission;
 - The Social and Cultural Affairs Commission;
 - The Defence Commission;
- and such other Commissions or bodies as may be established by the Authority of Heads of State and Government or are established or provided for by this Treaty.

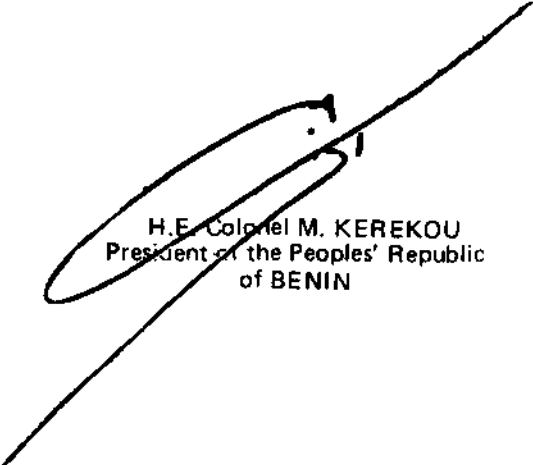
Article 2

DEPOSIT AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This additional Protocol shall enter into force provisionally upon signature by Heads of State and Government of Member States and definitively upon ratification by at least seven Member States in accordance with the constitutional procedure applicable for each signatory State.
2. This additional Protocol and all Instruments of Ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States which shall transmit certified true copies of this Protocol to all Member States and notify them of the dates of deposits of the Instruments of Ratification and shall register this additional Protocol with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and such other organisations as the Council of Ministers shall determine.
3. This additional Protocol shall be annexed to and shall form an integral part of the Treaty.

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

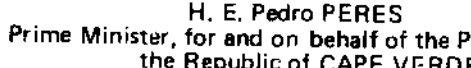
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A/SP3/5/81 PROTOCOL RELATING TO MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ON DEFENCE

P R E A M B L E

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES;

RECALLING Article 2 of the United Nations Charter which calls upon all Member States to refrain in their international relations from resorting to the use of threats or force either against the territorial integrity or the independence of all States in any manner that is incompatible with the aims of the United Nations or from interfering in the internal affairs of other States;

RECALLING Article 3 of the Charter of the Organisation of African Unity which calls upon Member States to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State and its inalienable right to an independent existence;

MINDFUL of the Treaty setting up the Economic Community of West African States;

RECALLING the Protocol on Non-Aggression signed in Lagos on 22nd April 1978 in accordance with which Member States resolved not to use force as a means of settling their disputes;

CONVINCED that economic progress cannot be achieved unless the conditions for the necessary security are ensured in all Member States of the Community;

CONSIDERING that Member States belong to the same geographical area;

CONSCIOUS of the serious continuous threats of aggression on the African continent in general and their own countries in particular;

CONSCIOUS of the serious risks that the presence of foreign military bases on the African continent may constitute as support forces to external aggression;

FIRMLY RESOLVE to safeguard and consolidate the independence and the sovereignty of Member States against foreign intervention.

CONSCIOUS of the fact that external defence of their states depends entirely on each sovereign state, and that such a defence will be more effective with the coordination and pooling together of the means of mutual assistance provided by respective Member States within the framework of this Protocol;

DESIROUS of maintaining the ties of friendship existing amongst Member States and of strengthening their cooperation in all fields on the basis of equality, mutual interests and respects;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

CHAPTER I

DEFINITIONS

Article 1

Within the context of this Protocol, "Treaty" means the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States;

"Community" means the Economic Community of West African States;

"Authority" means the Authority of Heads of State and Government as defined in Article 5 of the Treaty;

"Member State" or "Member States" means a Member State or Member States of the Community;

"Executive Secretary" means Executive Secretary of the Community as defined in Article 8 of the Treaty;

"Aggression" means the use of armed force by any State against the sovereignty and territorial integrity or political independence of another State or by any other manner incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations and OAU;

"Assistance on Defence" means all military aid (material, technical and personnel).

CHAPTER II

OBJECTIVES

Article 2

Member States declare and accept that any armed threat or aggression directed against any Member State shall constitute a threat or aggression against the entire Community

Article 3

Member States resolve to give mutual aid and assistance for defence against any armed threat or aggression.

Article 4

Member States shall also take appropriate measures such as specified in Articles 17 and 18 of the present Protocol in the following circumstances:

- (a) In case of armed conflict between two or several Member States if the settlement procedure by peaceful means as indicated in Article 5 of the Non-Aggression Protocol mentioned in the Preamble proves ineffective;
- (b) In case of internal armed conflict within any Member State engineered and supported actively from outside likely to endanger the security and peace in the entire Community. In this case the Authority shall appreciate and decide on this situation in full collaboration with the Authority of the Member State or States concerned.

CHAPTER III INSTITUTIONS

Article 5

The institutions for the implementation of this Protocol shall be:

The Authority
The Defence Council
The Defence Commission

SECTION I – THE AUTHORITY

Article 6

1. The Authority on the occasion of the annual ordinary meeting of ECOWAS shall examine general problems concerning peace and security of the Community;
2. The Authority may also hold extraordinary sessions on defence matters where circumstances so require;
3. The Authority shall decide on the expediency of military action and entrust its execution to the Force Commander of the Allied Forces of the Community (AAFC);
4. Decisions taken by the Authority shall be immediately enforceable on Member States.

SECTION II – THE DEFENCE COUNCIL

Article 7

1. A Defence Council of the Community shall be established by the Authority.
2. It shall consist of Ministers of Defence and Foreign Affairs of Member States. However, in cases of crisis, the Defence Council shall be chaired by the current Chairman of the Authority and it shall be enlarged to include any other Minister from Member States according to the circumstances. The Executive Secre-

tary and the Deputy Executive Secretary in charge of military matters shall be in attendance at meetings of the Council.

Article 8

1. The Defence Council shall meet on the convocation by its Chairman to prepare the items of the Agenda of Sessions of the Authority dealing with defence matters.
2. In an emergency, the Defence Council shall examine the situation, the strategy to be adopted and the means of intervention to be used.

Article 9

In case of armed intervention, the Defence Council assisted by the Defence Commission shall supervise with the authority of the State or States Concerned, all measures to be taken by the Force Commander and ensure that all necessary means for the intervention are made available to him. The actions of the Force Commander shall be subject to competent political authority of the Member State or States concerned.

Article 10

At the end of the operation, the Defence Council shall write a factual report to be addressed to the Authority.

SECTION III – THE DEFENCE COMMISSION

Article 11

1. A Defence Commission shall be established by the Authority and shall consist of a Chief of Staff from each Member State.
2. The Defence Commission shall be responsible for examining the technical aspect of defence matters.
3. The Defence Commission shall establish its Rules of Procedure especially in respect of the convening of its meetings, the conduct of the business and the implementation of duties as assigned to it by the Defence Council.

CHAPTER IV

ADMINISTRATION

Article 12

1. The Defence Council shall appoint a Deputy Executive Secretary (Military) at the Executive Secretariat for a period of four years renewable only once.

2. The Deputy Executive Secretary (Military) shall be a senior serving military officer.
3. He shall be in charge of the administration and follow-up of the decisions taken by the Authority and in accordance with the present Protocol and under the authority of the Executive Secretary.
4. He shall update plans for the movement of troops and logistics and initiate joint exercises as provided for in paragraph 3 of Article 13 below.
5. He shall be assisted in the discharge of his functions by the necessary staff members and personnel as determined by the Defence Council.
6. He shall prepare and manage the military budget of the Secretariat.
7. He shall study and make proposals to the Executive Secretariat in respect of all matters relating to personnel and equipment within his jurisdiction.

CHAPTER V

MODALITIES OF INTERVENTION AND ASSISTANCE

Article 13

1. All Member States agreed to place at the disposal of the Community, earmarked units from the existing National Armed Forces in case of any armed intervention.
2. These Units shall be referred to as the Allied Armed Forces of the Community (AAFC).
3. In order to better realise the objectives set forth in this Protocol, the Member States may organise, from time to time, as may be approved by the Authority, joint military exercises among two or more earmarked Units of the AAFC.

Article 14

The Allied Armed Forces of the Community shall be under the command of the Forces Commander appointed by the Authority on the proposal of the defence Council. He shall be entrusted with powers that are conferred upon him by the Authority.

He together with the Chief of Defence staff of the assisted country, shall be the joint Chief of Defence Staff of the Allied Armed Forces and shall be responsible for the implementation of armed intervention and assistance as decided by the Authority. He shall have at his disposal all necessary means of defence.

Article 15

1. Intervention by A.A.F.C. shall in all cases be justified by the legitimate defence of the territories of the Community.
2. It shall therefore be carried out in accordance with the mechanism described in Articles 16, 17 and 18 below.

Article 16

When an external armed threat or aggression is directed against a Member State of the Community, the Head of State of that country shall send a written request for assistance to the current Chairman of the Authority of ECOWAS, with copies to other Members. This request shall mean that the Authority is duly notified and that the A.A.F.C. are placed under a state of emergency. The Authority shall decide in accordance with the emergency procedure as stipulated in Article 6 above.

Article 17

1. When there is a conflict between two Member States of the Community, the Authority shall meet urgently and take appropriate action for mediation. If need be, the Authority shall decide only to interpose the A.A.F.C. between the troops engaged in the conflict.

Article 18

1. In the case where an internal conflict in a Member State of the Community is actively maintained and sustained from outside, the provisions of Articles 6, 9 and 16 of this Protocol shall apply.
2. Community forces shall not intervene if the conflict remains purely internal.

CHAPTER VI

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Article 19

The implementation of this Protocol shall be supplemented by additional Protocols.

Article 20

- 1. Undertakings devolving from the provisions of this Protocol shall not be interpreted as being against the spirit of Conventions or Agreements binding one Member State to another third State or States; provided such Conventions and Agreements are not in conflict with the spirit of this Defence Assistance.
- 2. Nonetheless, a Defence Agreement concluded with some other State shall be denounced by the Member State concerned as soon as such other State shall have been identified by the Authority as an aggressor against a Member State.
- 3. Member States shall undertake to end the presence of foreign military bases within their national territories as soon as the Community is in the position to meet their requirements in matters relating to defence.

- 2. Any such proposals shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary who shall communicate them to other Member States not later than thirty days after the receipt of such proposals. Amendments or revisions shall be considered by the Authority after Member States have been given one month's notice thereof.

Article 23

- 1. Any Member State wishing to withdraw from the Protocol shall give to the Executive Secretary one year's written notice. At the end of this period of one year, if such notice is not withdrawn, such a State shall cease to be a party to the Protocol.
- 2. During the period of one year referred to in the preceding paragraph, such a Member State shall nevertheless observe the provisions of this Protocol and shall remain liable for the discharge of its obligations under this Protocol.

Article 24

- 1. This Protocol shall enter into force provisionally at the signing by the Heads of State and Government, and definitively after ratification by not less than seven (7) signatories, in accordance with the Constitutional Laws of each Member State.
- 2. This Protocol, as well as all instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat which shall transmit certified true copies to all Member States and notify them of the dates of deposits of the instruments of ratification and shall register it with the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), as well as the United Nations (UN) and any other Organisation as the Authority shall decide.
- 3. The Present Protocol shall be annexed to and shall form an integral part of the Treaty.

CHAPTER VII

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 21

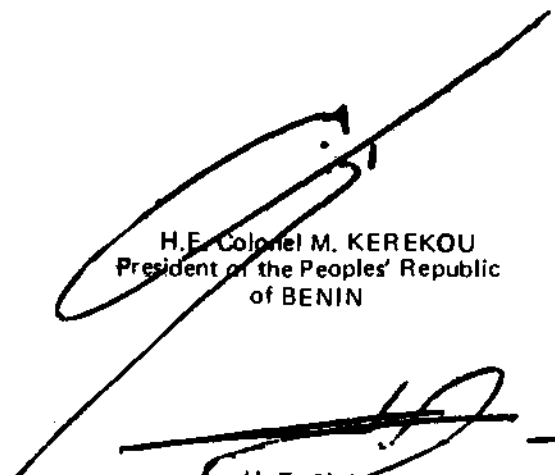
- 1. Any Member State which accedes to the Treaty automatically accedes to this Protocol and to the Protocol of Non-Aggression signed in Lagos on the 22nd April, 1978.
- 2. On the other hand, any Member State signatory to this present Protocol and having ratified it, or having acceded to it, becomes party to the above-mentioned Non-Aggression Pact.

Article 22

Any Member State may submit proposals for the amendment or revision of this Protocol.

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

DONE AT FREETOWN THIS 29TH DAY OF MAY 1981 IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.




H.E. Colonel M. KEREKOU
President of the Peoples' Republic
of BENIN

H. E. Pedro PERES
Prime Minister, for and on behalf of the President of
the Republic of CAPE VERDE




H. E. Abdoulaye KONE
Minister of Economy and Finance for and on behalf of
the President of the Republic of IVORY COAST



H. F. Dr. Momodou S.K. MANNEH
Minister of Economic Planning and Industrial
Development of the Republic of GAMBIA



H. E. Dr. Hilla LIMMAN
President of the Republic of GHANA




H. E. Ahmed Sekou TOURE
President of the Peoples
Revolutionary Republic of GUINEA

H. E. Commandant Joao Bernardino VIERA
President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau



H. E. Lt. Colonel Felix TIEMTARUBOUM
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation for and on
behalf of the Head of State of the Republic of
UPPER VOLTA.




H. E. Master Sergeant S. K. OOE
Chairman, Peoples Redemption Council and Head of
State of the Republic of LIBERIA

H. E. Drissa KEITA
Minister of Finance, Commerce for and on behalf of the
President of the Republic of MALI



H. E. M. M. K. OULD HAIDALLA
President of the Republic of Mauritania



H. E. Hamid ALGABID
Minister of Commerce for and on behalf of the Supreme
Military Council of the Republic of NIGER



H. E. Alhaji Shehu SHAGARI
President of the Federal Republic of NIGERIA



H. E. Abdou DIOUF
President of the Republic of SENEGAL



H.E. Or. Siaka STEVENS
President of the Republic of SIERRA LEONE



H. E. General Gnassingbe EYADEMA
President of the Republic of TOGO.

(a) DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATES

A/DEC 1/5/81 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION IN RESPECT OF TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the establishment, composition and functions of the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

MINDFUL of Article 12 and Article 13 paragraph 4 of the ECOWAS Treaty;

MINDFUL of the Protocol relating to the Definition of the Concept of originating products at ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING Resolution No 43 of the Council of Ministers relating to Trade Liberalization in respect of Traditional Handicrafts;

DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:**Article 1**

The Trade Liberalization Scheme for Traditional Handicrafts shall be established as follows:—

- i) total exemption from import duties and taxes;
- ii) free movement without any quantitative restriction;
- iii) no compensation for losses of revenue resulting from their importation.

Article 2

Entitlement to the above scheme shall be subject to the presentation of a certificate of origin in respect of the said products.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force with effect from 29th May 1981, and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

Done in Freetown this 29th day of May 1981 in single original in the English and French languages both texts being equally authentic

For the Authority



H. E. Or. Siaka Stevens
The Chairman

A/DEC 2/5/81 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO THE HARMONISATION OF HIGHWAY LEGISLATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty of ECOWAS establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions

DECIDES**Article 1**

To recommend the adoption of the following recommendations relating to the harmonisation of highway legislation in all Member States.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

The setting up of an appropriate machinery in the Member States to be responsible among other things for:

- registration of vehicles
- issue of driving licence
- organising of technical inspection of vehicles
- compilation of statistics on movement of goods and passengers by road
- organising of road safety measures and the relevant studies
- supervision of the enforcement of highway legislations
- implementation of agreements and conventions on road transport
- organisation of road traffic studies

2. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Within the framework of the proposed harmonisation of road legislations in the sub-region, the adherence by all Member States to the Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs.

3. TRAFFIC RIGHT OF WAY AT ROUNDABOUT

Introduction of the practice of driving on the right hand side of the road and use of directional signs on approaches of roundabouts for the control of traffic.

4. ROAD SIGNS AND MARKINGS

The progressive introduction of international road signs and markings on inter-state as well as national highways.

5. EQUIPMENT

For purposes of safety, provision on private and commercial vehicles of the following:

- reflectorised licence plates
- two triangular warning signs
- safety belts (installation of which would be gradual)

- one fire extinguisher which shall be progressively introduced for private cars
- one emergency first aid kit
- an extra rear signalling for vehicles transporting goods
- owner address and registration number clearly visible (vehicles transporting goods and passengers)
- the use of yellow headlights
- one safety back-up bar
- a long vehicle sign at the end of the reflectorised rear panel for vehicles transporting goods.

8. INSPECTION

The introduction of compulsory vehicle inspection, the establishment of adequately equipped inspection centres and the setting up of an efficient control system to ensure compliance with laid down inspection periods.

7. DRIVING LICENCE

The adoption of the three-part driving licence for reasons of uniformity and in compliance with the provisions of the Vienna Conventions and the eventual elimination of the international driving licence, within the Community consequently, the following minimum number of conditions shall be imposed:

CATEGORIES	AGE	VEHICLE MARK	OBSERVATION
A1	14	Auto-cycle under 50cc	
A	16	Motorcycle of or above 50cc	
B	18	Private vehicle	
C	18	Goods transport	
D	21	Public Transport	
C1	21	Heavy Trucks	
E	18	Private car with trailer	

The driving permits C and D shall be renewed as follows:

- every 5 years for drivers under 45 years of age
- every 3 years for drivers of 45 to 55 years of age
- every year for drivers over 55 years of age

Professional licences should be operative solely within the boundaries of the States concerned.

8. VEHICLE DOCUMENTS

The compulsory possession of the following documents for the purposes of facilitating identification and control of vehicles within the Community:

- an international Motor Vehicle Certificate containing the characteristics of the vehicle and address of the owner
- a valid certificate of inspection
- a third party liability vehicle insurance
- an international Cover letter for the transport of goods
- a transport card in respect of transport vehicle in two languages

All the documents shall be prepared in two languages of which one shall be the official language of the country and of ECOWAS (English and French).

Article 2

The present Decision shall come into force ONE YEAR after signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Freetown this 29th day of May, 1981, in Single Original in the English and French Languages both texts being equally authentic.

For the Authority



H.E. Dr. Siaka Stevens
The Chairman

A/DEC 3/5/81 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO THE ENERGY PROGRAMME

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty of ECOWAS establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:

DECIDES

Article 1

The Executive Secretary is directed to carry out the following Energy Programme:-

SHORT TERM

1. Carry out an assessment and analysis of the energy sector in ECOWAS. Its components will be:-

- i) Quantitative determination and evaluation of both conventional and new energy resources, of energy production, consumption, exports and imports.
- ii) Projections, either from national plans or by estimates based on plans of similar countries or approximate energy needs and the possible contribution by each of the different sources for the decade of the 80's.

iii) Supply of oil and the reduction of oil bills policies.

2. Identify and draw up plans for the implementation of "Survival" energy projects in ECOWAS: The plan should consider the technical, economic and social aspects of the energy problem and determine financing requirements, estimates of market penetration and expected effects (such as replacement of imported oil, increased supply of fuelwood and contribution to arresting deforestation). Examples of possible "survival" projects are:

- Identifying and promoting the adoption of methods for the increased efficient utilization of energy in transport, industry, buildings, etc.
- Improved cooking stoves
- More efficient charcoal production
- Ethanol production
- Replacement of electric by solar hot water heaters
- Small hydro-electric power installations to replace diesel power
- Utilization of agricultural; forestry and urban wastes.
- Increased oil exploration
- Use of coal or flared gas, etc.

3. Study of the energy problems and needs of the rural areas in ECOWAS and making concrete proposals in meeting those needs.
4. Study of the feasibility of establishing small scale industries of improved cooking appliances.
5. Preparation of an integrated ECOWAS energy policy in the areas of production, distribution and research.

LONG TERM

1. Carry out an inventory of both the training resource facilities available and requirements in the Community and study the feasibility of establishing a Regional Institute for the training of technicians and personnel in the field of energy.
2. Prepare joint programmes for the exchange of information and personnel in the Community.
3. Draw up long term and "survival" energy projects in the Community. Possible "long-term" projects would include:
 - Methanol production
 - Photovoltaic systems development and installation
 - Solar Desalination
 - Wind power development
 - Solar air-conditioning and refrigeration
 - Solar ponds
 - Solar cookers
 - Biogas production
 - Solar Thermodynamic power production
 - The "Survival" projects
 - Ocean-thermal conversion
 - Inter-connection electricity networks
4. Establishment of small and medium sized enterprises devoted to energy production and related activities.
5. Study into the problems of inter-connection of electricity transmission network in the Community.

Article 2

The Executive Secretary is authorised to take all necessary measures for the execution of the Energy Programme mentioned in Article 1.

Article 3

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

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For the Authority



H. E. Dr. Siaka Stevens
The Chairman

A/DEC 4/5/81 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO ECOWAS MEDIUM TERM POSTAL PROGRAMME

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions

DECIDES

Article 1

To approve medium term postal programme as follows:

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| 1981 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study on postal links by road
Accra - Lome - Cotonou - Lagos
Lome-Quagadougou-Cotonou-Niamey
Dakar - Bamako - Ouagadougou - Niamey - Conference on postal routings in West Africa |
| 1982 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study on a sub-regional routing plan for ECOWAS
Study on the establishment of regional transit centres - Study on postal delivery and institution of postal code for Member States |
| 1983 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study on the definition of vehicles for Automobile Rural Post Office - Consideration of intra-Community Postal regulations - Seminar on compensation procedures |
| 1984 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study on setting up of Regional Advanced P and T Training Schools and harmonisation of training programmes and reinforcing of national training schools - Study on the harmonisation of Postal legislations - Study on parcels and mails rate-fixing |

Article 2

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

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For the Authority



H. E. Dr. Siaka Stevens
The Chairman

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For the Authority



H. E. Dr. Siaka Stevens
The Chairman

A/DEC 5/5/81 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING ECOWAS TENDER BOARD

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty of ECOWAS establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, and defining its composition and functions;

DECIDES

Article 1

The establishment of a standing ECOWAS Tender Board for the examination of tenders in respect of Community projects.

Article 2

The composition of the Tender Board shall be as follows:

- The Chairman of the appropriate Technical Commission – Chairman
- The Executive Secretary
- The Managing Director of the Fund
- The Financial Controller
- The Schedule Officer concerned
- The "host" country, i.e. the country in which the project is sited as well as representatives of other Member States involved in the project
- The out-going Chairman of the Council

Article 3

The present decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in

A/DEC 6/5/81 DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition;

DECIDES

Article 1

The appointments of Messrs A. D. OUATARA as Executive Secretary and the Firm of R.A. DILLSWORTH as External Auditors are hereby renewed with effect from 1st January 1981 for another term.

Article 2

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community.

Done in Freetown this 29th day of May 1981 in Single Original in the English and French Languages, both texts being equally authentic

For the Authority



H. E. Dr. Siaka Stevens
The Chairman

(b) DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**C/DEC 1/5/81 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY****THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Treaty of ECOWAS establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions

MINDFUL of the importance of the development of agriculture and food production within the sub-region.

DECIDES:**Article 1**

- The approval of the following Agricultural Programme:
- specific activities geared towards the eradication of hunger (development of food crops, livestock, fishing, etc.),
- popularisation of seed varieties and more productive animal species,
- financing of research programmes to improve the genetic potential as well as agricultural projects in general,
- establishment of Community enterprises for the production and processing of agricultural products
- establishment of food products, storage and other main products.

Article 2

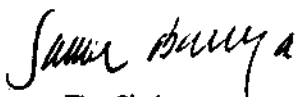
- The Executive Secretary shall take all necessary measures to implement the above-mentioned programme.

Article 3

- The present decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Freetown this 27th May, 1981 in Single Original in the English and French Languages, both texts being equally authentic

For the Council of Ministers


The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banyia)

C/DEC 2/5/81 DECISION RELATING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision No. A/DEC 21/5/80 adopted by ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government in Lome on 28th May 1980 relating to the establishment of the Special Fund for Telecommunications;

CONSIDERING the need to adopt rules to govern the financing, management and operations of the Special Fund for Telecommunications;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the Board of Directors of ECOWAS Fund;

DECIDES**Article 1**

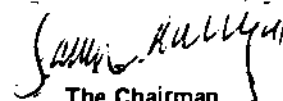
The adoption of the Rules and Regulations of the Special Fund for the Development of Telecommunications in ECOWAS Member States

Article 2

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For Council of Ministers


The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banyia)

C/DEC 3/5/81 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO THE SALARY REVIEW AND POST ADJUSTMENT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

AWARE that the Council has accepted in principle the upward review of salaries of ECOWAS staff and the adoption of an ECOWAS Post Adjustment Scheme;

HAVING examined the report of the Committee of Finance Experts on the matter;

DECIDES

Article 1


- (i) The granting of an interim post adjustment award of 10% and 18% for ECOWAS Staff in Lome and Lagos respectively, with effect from 1st June 1981;
- (ii) The re-examination of the issues of upward revision of salaries of ECOWAS Staff, and the practical implementation of the ECOWAS Post Adjustment Scheme at the November 1981 meeting;
- (iii) The provision, among other things, of the following information by the Secretariat to the Committee to enable it make realistic recommendations to the Council at its November 1981 meeting:—
 - a) a proper basis for salary comparison, the nearest acceptable organisation for comparison shall be OAU. The salary structure for OAU adjusted for cost of living in Lagos and Lome should be provided. In addition the salary structure for other international organisations represented in Lagos and Lome should be provided,
 - b) salaries applicable in Nigeria and some Member States with an indication of how they compare with ECOWAS salaries,
 - c) cost of living deflators for other international organisations with offices in Lagos and Lome, and
 - d) cost of living indices in Lagos and Lome;

Article 2

The present Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community.

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For Council


Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)

C/DEC 4/5/81 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND BUDGET NOMENCLATURE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

DECIDES

Article 1

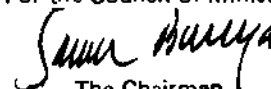
The document relating to Financial Regulations and Budget Nomenclature is hereby adopted for use by institutions of the Community.

Article 2

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the Fund shall take necessary measures for the effective application of this document.

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For the Council of Ministers


The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)

C/DEC 5/5/81 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

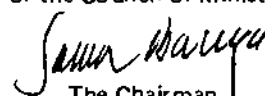
MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Committee of Governors of ECOWAS Central Banks;

MANDATES the Executive Secretary to undertake further studies towards the attainment of currency convertibility within the sub-region.

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For the Council of Ministers


The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)

C/DEC 6/5/81 DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers determining its composition and functions;

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fund held in Banjul between 4th and 5th May, 1981;

DECIDES

Article 1

That the report of the Board of Directors of the Fund be adopted subject to the Authority taking a final decision on the issue of the obligations of the host government towards the Community with regard to the construction of permanent premises of the Fund and the Secretariat.

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For the Council of Ministers



The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)

C/DEC 7/5/81 DECISION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions.

DECIDES

- that the report of the External Auditors be accepted
- that subsequent reports to the Council be submitted through the Executive Secretariat.

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For the Council of Ministers



The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)

C/DEC 8/5/81 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Treaty of ECOWAS establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING Article 8 of the Treaty of ECOWAS governing the appointment of Statutory Officers;

HAVING been informed that the appointments of these officers are due to expire in the second half of the year;

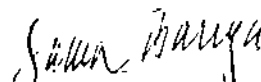
DECIDES

To renew the appointment of the following:

- i) Dr. J. NTI, Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) with effect from September 1981
- ii) Dr. D. SAKHO, Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs) with effect from July 1981
- iii) Souradjou Ibrahim, Deputy Managing Director with effect from November, 1981 and
- iv) Mr. I. O. ADEYALE, Financial Controller with effect from November 1981

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For the Council of Ministers



The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)

C/DEC 9/5/81 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RELATING TO THE CATEGORIES OF STAFF TO BE ISSUED WITH ECOWAS LAISSEZ PASSER

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MINDFUL of Article 6 of ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions,

CONSIDERING the Memorandum submitted by the Executive Secretary on the categories of staff to be issued with ECOWAS Laissez Passer;

DECIDES

Article 1

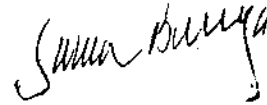
- (a) that the Laissez Passer with red cover be issued to:
- (i) the Statutory Appointees
 - (ii) the permanent Professional International Civil Servants as defined in the Staff Rules and Regulations of the Community;

(b) the Laissez Passer with blue cover be issued to:

- (i) Experts and Consultants on missions for the Community and
- (ii) staff in the General Service category such as Secretaries/Administrative Assistants and Protocol Officers.

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For the Council of Ministers



The Chairman
(Hon. Dr. S. S. Banya)