

~~ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES~~

TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

FREETOWN, 23 - 25 NOVEMBER, 1981

FINAL REPORT

NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY

1. The Tenth Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers was held at the Bintumani Conference Centre in Freetown, Sierra Leone from the 23rd to 25th November, 1981. The session was attended by all Member States; in addition, observers from the Mano River Union, the CEAO, the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry, ECA and UNCTAD were present - see the attached list of participants (Appendix 1).

OPENING CEREMONY

2. The Chairman of the Council, Honourable Dr. Sama S. BANYA opened the meeting by welcoming his colleagues and their delegations to Freetown on behalf of the President, His Excellency Dr. Siaka STEVENS, the Government and people of Sierra Leone.

3. In his opening remarks, the Chairman gave a brief account of the activities of the Community since his assumption of office in May, 1981. Apart from the activities directly concerned with the execution of the Community Work Programme, he announced the successful outcome of the meeting of the Special Ministerial Committee appointed to consider the derogation requests of CEAO and MRU, which was held under his chairmanship in Lagos on 11 and 12 August, 1981. Council was informed by the Chairman of the ongoing efforts by the Community to find an amicable solution to the problem created quite recently through the flooding of Guinean territory by a Malian project. A report was also made on his efforts to recover

the money involved in the purchase by the former Managing Director of the Fund, of the undelivered Mercedes Benz. The Chairman explained that the earlier Council directive, that the Specialised Commissions should meet two months before Council could not be complied with due to the holding of numerous other meetings of the many inter-governmental organisations of this sub-region. Finally, he drew the attention of Council to the ever-growing need for Member States to show greater commitment to ECOWAS by acquitting themselves of their Community obligations - copy of his opening speech is attached as Appendix II.

4. Statements were made by two observer organisations : the Mano River Union and the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The MRU Secretary General, Mr. Ernest EASTMAN drew attention in his speech to the need for close cooperation among West African institutions. As an indication of the preparedness of his Organisation to work towards the harmonious coming together of the countries of the sub-region, Mr. Eastman pointed out that MRU endorsed the recommendations of the Lagos Special Ministerial Committee meeting on Derogation in spite of the adverse effects one of the recommendations would have on the existing MRU trade liberalisation scheme. The representative of the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry stated that his Federation looked forward to the successful implementation of the Community programmes - especially road, telecommunications and trade liberalisation - because this would enhance the flow of goods and capital within the sub-region. He expressed the hope that ECOWAS would promote a West African industrialisation strategy based on the use of small-scale technology in small-scale industries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. Council elected Benin and Liberia as rapporteurs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. Council adopted the following Agenda :

1. Report of the Executive Secretary
2. Report of the Financial Controller

3. Implementation of decisions and fulfilment of Member States' obligations to the Community
4. Report of the Special Ministerial Commission on Derogation
5. Reports of the Technical and Specialised Commissions :
 - (i) Transport, Telecommunications, Energy
 - (ii) Agriculture, Industry, Natural Resources
 - (iii) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments
 - (iv) Joint Session of the Trade, Customs Commission and the Industry Sub-Commission.
6. Social and Cultural Affairs
7. Report of the Finance Committee
8. Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund
9. Any other matters
10. Date and venue of the next meeting.

Item 1 : Report of the Executive Secretary

7. Upon invitation by the Chairman, the Executive Secretary presented an interim 1981/82 Report which gave an account of the activities of the Community since the last session of the Council. The Executive Secretary stated that in spite of some major obstacles, the Community Work Programme was being implemented satisfactorily as would be noted from the reports of the Specialised Commissions. He expressed the hope that everything would be done by ECOWAS to take advantage of the prevailing sympathetic consideration by the international community of the serious economic plight of Africa, South of the Sahara. Finally, he urged Council to consider some measures being proposed for the improvement of the functioning of the Community concerning integration objectives and strategies, institutional arrangements and procedures and implementation of ECOWAS decisions at the national level.

Council took note of the Report of the Executive Secretary and decided to refer to it, as and when specific Agenda Items, commented on by him in the Report, were discussed.

9. The Chairman of Council directed that consideration of the Reports of the :

- Special Ministerial Commission on Derogation
- Financial Controller
- Finance Experts

be done in camera. Following is the final outcome of the deliberations of Council.

Item 2 : Report of the Financial Controller

10. Council took note of the Report of the Financial Controller and regretted that :

(i) there was still not complete harmony between the department under the Financial Controller and the other departments in the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund;

(ii) the two Institutions of the Community were not properly following the laid-down Financial Regulations.

11. Council, therefore, requested the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director to establish and operate an efficient internal audit system, to observe strict adherence to the Financial Regulations and to cooperate fully with the Financial Controller. The Financial Controller was directed that in future his Reports should be detailed with figures to support his presentation.

12. Council also appealed to Member States to endeavour to send to the institutions of the Community for appointment qualified personnel in order to enhance the work of the institutions; and also that the incompetent ones brought to their notice be withdrawn to be replaced by more qualified and experienced persons.

13. Council further made the following recommendations for the future management of funds of the Community :

(i) Pre-auditng of all payment vouchers of every payment claimed by officials of the Community and strict adherence to this procedure by the Accounts Department;

(ii) Repayment of all advances paid to ECOWAS officials and delegates of Member States;

(iii) Strict adherence to procedure for payment of gratuity to statutory staff of the Community on a basis of expressed and written authority by competent organ of the Community;

(iv) definitive justification for all recommended increases in wages to staff of the Community institutions;

(v) quantification in monetary and percentage terms of recommended increases in salaries and allowances payable to officials of the Community institutions.

Item 3 : Implementation of Decisions and Fulfilment of Member States' Obligation to the Community

14. Council expressed concern about the decision making and implementation procedures of the Community. Council recognised the need for every Member State to take internal legislative and administrative measures to facilitate the consideration of ECOWAS matters and the implementation of Community policy decisions and programmes at the national level. Council therefore urged that the existing national ECOWAS Committees in Member States should be more effective in their activities to ensure a permanent link with the institutions of the Community and a smooth functioning at national levels of ECOWAS activity programmes.

15. Member States were requested to make reports at future meetings on measures being taken at the national level to implement Community decisions and the problems encountered.

Item 4 : Report of the Special Ministerial Committee on
Derogation

16. Council took note of the Report and directed that immediate steps should be taken to begin the proposed studies whose objective would be the convergence of the three (3) systems as envisaged in the following recommendations of the Special Ministerial Committee :

- review of the trade liberalisation mechanisms of the three (3) Organisations;
- review of the compensation mechanisms;
- harmonisation of the internal taxation of Member States;
- establishment of a Common External Tariff;
- establishment of supporting measures for the trade liberalisation programme : definition of a coherent economic development policy for the sub-region.

The first two studies should be undertaken within a period of one year as from November 1981 to enable the length of the adjustment period to be fixed. The other studies should be completed before the end of the adjustment period. During the Study Period, the following measures should be taken :

- simultaneous application of the three (3) systems : CEAO and MRU shall apply their internal regulations among their respective Member Countries; in their relation with other ECOWAS Member States, CEAO and MRU countries shall apply ECOWAS regulations;
- consolidation of the current rates and lists of products that constitute the CEAO and MRU trade preferential systems. With respect to the admission of new products, the two organisations shall apply ECOWAS rules.
- application of the Customs and Statistical documents of ECOWAS as from 1st January, 1982.

17. It was agreed that the decision of the Authority would be required with respect to the recommendations.

Item 5 : Reports of the Technical and Specialised Commissions

(i) Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

18. After presentation by the Sub-Commission Chairman, Council took note of the report of the 13th Meeting of Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission (Transport Sub-Commission). Council considered the document relating to an Agreement on the establishment of an ECOWAS Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card and directed that prior to the formal adoption of this Agreement in May, 1982, the Executive Secretary should convene a meeting of insurance companies operating within the sub-region to determine the modalities of implementation of such a scheme. With regard to the draft Convention Regulating Inter-State Road Transportation between ECOWAS Member States, Council requested all Member States to send any amendments they might have to the Executive Secretary for incorporation into the draft document before its adoption in May, 1982.

19. Council also took note of the Report of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission after it was presented by the Chairman of that Sub-Commission. In endorsing the recommendations contained in the report, Council authorised the Executive Secretary to undertake the proposed studies aimed at the establishment of industries within the sub-region to manufacture telecommunication equipment parts. Council urged Member States to take steps to make their contributions to the Special Telecommunications Fund by 31 March 1982 (Upper Volta reserved her position on this particular issue).

(ii) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources

20. The report of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission (Agricultural Sub-Commission) was presented

by the Chairman of that Sub-Commission. After taking note of the Report, Council deliberated on the importance of the agricultural sector in the West African economy, the growing food problem of the sub-region and the need for firm and concerted action at both the national and Community levels. Council, therefore directed the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of Ministers of Agriculture before the next Council meeting which would be expected to define a Community agricultural development strategy and specific guidelines for actions to be taken to improve the food and agricultural situation. The Executive Secretary was requested to present the report on this proposed meeting to the next session of Council.

(iii) Consideration of the Report of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission

21. After the Chairman of the Commission had presented this report, discussions centred on the issues on which certain Member States had expressed reservations, namely :

- the list of industrial products which can be considered as priority industrial products within the framework of the trade liberalisation programme;

- the definition of the concept of Community citizenship.

(a) As far as the first point was concerned, Council felt that the document submitted to it on this matter was acceptable. However, Senegal, Mauritania and Upper Volta reiterated their views and maintained their reservations, promising to give a favourable reply before the May 1982 Session of the Council, as soon as ECOWAS Customs Tariffs for all Member States was made available to each State, to enable them to assess the impact of liberalisation of such products on the Public Finance of their respective States.

(b) As for the second point which deals with the document on citizenship, Niger withdrew its reservations in view of the fact that its remarks were taken into account in redrafting the document on ECOWAS Citizenship.

22. At the end of the debate, the Council adopted the report.

(iv) Consideration of the Report of the Joint Meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission and the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission

23. After the Chairman of the Joint Commission had presented the report, the Council took note of the report.

Item 6 : Social and Cultural Affairs

24. Upon invitation by the Chairman, the Executive Secretary presented his Memorandum on Social and Cultural Affairs. Council appreciated the need to get the ordinary people of the sub-region involved in the activities of the Community and the importance of initiating social and cultural programmes that would bring the different peoples of West Africa together. The Executive Secretary was therefore authorised to convene a meeting of the appropriate officials of Member States to discuss the possible areas of social and cultural activities that the Community might usefully get involved in and to propose a Community social and cultural cooperation programme.

Item 7 : Report of the Finance Committee

25. The report of the Committee of Finance Experts on the Executive Secretariat Budget was presented by its Chairman to Council. Council took note of the Report and discussed the proposals made by the Experts. The following decisions were arrived at :

1. Salary Increase : Council approved a salary increase of 11% to Directors, 13% to professionals on the P grade, 15% to staff members on G grade and 7.5% to staff members on M grade. These increases will be applicable in all institutions of the Community; that is the Executive Secretariat in Lagos and the ECOWAS Fund in Lome.

2. Post Adjustment : Council approved a differential of 3% between Lagos and Lome staff members in the D, P and G categories; that is the professional and General Service Staff members based in Lagos would receive an 3% Post Adjustment.

3. The above decisions on salaries and post adjustment replace the interim awards of 18% for Lagos and 10% for Lome that were made in May 1981.

4. All the other proposals made in relation to local staff should not be applied until the relevant Articles in the ECOWAS Staff Regulations have been amended and the Community institutions have discussed the matter with the competent authority of the host country.

5. It was not yet time to set up a Department in charge of defence matters and therefore only a token sum should be indicated in the Budget for 1982.

26. After some amendments were made to the figures proposed by the Finance Experts, Council approved the 1982 Secretariat Budget and fixed the total estimated expenditure at 7,296,489 units of account. The final amended figures should be communicated to Member States as soon as possible.

Item 8 : Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund

27. The Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund was presented on behalf of its Chairman by the Acting Head of the Ghanaian delegation. Council decided to request the next Summit of the Authority to review its decision of May 1980 concerning the signing of cooperation agreements between ECOWAS and other institutions within the sub-region.

Item 9 : Any other Matters

28. Council approved the application for observer status requested by Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) and West African Employers Association.

Item 10 : Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

29. Council decided to meet in Cotonou in the Peoples' Republic of Benin in May 1982.

Item 11 : Closing Remarks

30. In his closing remarks, the Chairman praised members for the satisfactory outcome of the session. He was particularly happy to note that after years of discussions, definite decisions have been taken on community citizenship and a list of industrial products. The Chairman hoped that ECOWAS would continue to make progress as the years go by.

Done in Freetown the 25th day of November, 1981.

FOR THE COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN

HON. DR. S. S. BANYA

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

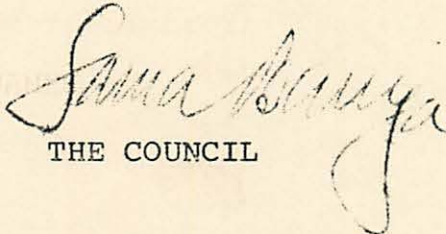
10TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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VOTE OF THANKS

The ECOWAS Council of Ministers meeting in Freetown from the 23rd to the 25th November, 1981 expresses its sincere gratitude to His Excellency Dr. Siaka STEVENS, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Government and people of Sierra Leone for the warm welcome accorded the different delegations during their stay in Freetown. The Council expresses its appreciation and thanks to the Sierra Leone Government for the excellent facilities put at the disposal of the Council for the success of its deliberations.

DONE IN FREETOWN, 25 NOVEMBER, 1981


THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

10TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

FREETOWN, 23-26 NOVEMBER, 1981

DECISION No. C/DEC.1/11/81 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIES FOR MANUFACTURING TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

HAVING TAKEN note of the report of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission, the sub-commission on Telecommunications meeting in Freetown from 26-31 October, 1981;

CONSIDERING the difficulties facing the Telecommunications Administration of Member States in the supply of spare parts for maintenance and the running of National and Inter-States Telecommunications network;

DESIROUS of attaining self-sufficiency in the field of production of Telecommunications equipment within the sub-region;

D E C I D E S:

Article 1: The Executive Secretary is authorised to carry out without further delay a feasibility study on the needs of common telecommunications equipment with a view to establishing a unit for the production of these equipments for the sub-region.

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- B. Internal indirect taxes collected on imported goods
- a) discriminatory
 - by their nature and/or
 - by their rates
 - b) non-discriminatory
- C. Taxes of equivalent effect to customs duties such as taxes on import licences.

Article 2

The duties and taxes classified in category (A) of Article 1 correspond to customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect referred to in Article 13 of the ECOWAS Treaty that must be reduced progressively and finally eliminated within a period of eight years beginning on 28th May, 1981.

However Member States which, under the title "Customs Duties and Taxes of Equivalent Effect", have merged actual customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect and other non-discriminatory internal taxes would break down the said taxes and duties to enable them reduce and eliminate the protective element in their tax systems.

Article 3

The internal indirect taxes classified in category (B) correspond to internal indirect taxes collected on imported goods in a discriminatory manner by their nature and/or by their rates (B - a). These discriminatory taxes by their rate shall have to be adjusted within a period of one year at the expiration of the consolidation period in conformity with the provisions of Article 7 of the Treaty.

Article 4

In accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the Treaty, the internal indirect taxes classified in category (B - b) which are non-discriminatory shall be retained in each Member State and shall not be reduced or eliminated.

Article 5

Only the import duties and taxes and indirect internal taxes referred to in articles 2 and 3 above shall be compensated for, for losses in revenue suffered by Member States as a result of the implementation of the trade liberalisation programme in conformity with the provisions of Article 25 of the Treaty.

Article 6

The tables relating to the nomenclature of import duties and taxes and internal indirect taxes in force in each Member State in accordance with the decision relating to the consolidation of duties and taxes of equivalent effect and non-tariff barriers are attached to this decision.

Article 7

The Member States shall take all the necessary administrative and legal measures for the implementation of this decision and that of the trade liberalisation programme and inform the Executive Secretariat.

Article 8

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall be published in the official journal of the Community and that of each Member State.

DONE AT FREETOWN ON THE 26TH OF NOVEMBER 1981

FOR THE COUNCIL


THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

FREETOWN, 23 - 26 NOVEMBER, 1981

DECISION No. C/DEC.2/11/81 ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF IMPORT DUTIES AND TAXES AND INDIRECT INTERNAL TAXES AND DUTIES TO BE REDUCED AND ELIMINATED OR HARMONISED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 13 AND 17 OF THE ECOWAS TREATY.

THE COUNCIL

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

MINDFUL of Article 13 and 17 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to Customs Duties, Fiscal Duties and Inland Revenues,

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.8/5/79 on the consolidation of Customs Duties and Taxes of equivalent effects and non-tariff barriers;

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.18/5/80 relating to trade liberalisation in respect of industrial products of ECOWAS Member States;

D E C I D E S:

The classification of import duties and taxes and internal indirect duties and taxes to be reduced progressively and eliminated or harmonised within the framework of trade liberalisation is worked out as follows:

- A. Customs Duties and Taxes of equivalent effect:
- a) Actual Customs Duties
 - b) Entry Fiscal Duties
 - c) Service Taxes

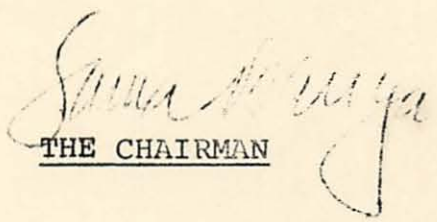
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Article 2: The Executive Secretary shall cooperate closely with the specialised inter-governmental organisations in the field of telecommunications in this respect with a view to rationalising the use of the available financial and human resources.

Article 3: This decision shall enter into force at the date of its signature and shall be published in the official journal of the Community and in the gazette of Member States.

DONE AT FREETOWN THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1981
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FOR THE COUNCIL


THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

FREETOWN, 23-26 NOVEMBER 1981

DECISION No. C/DEC.3/11/81 RELATING TO STUDIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN RESPECT OF TRADE LIBERALISATION MECHANISMS IN CEAO, MRU, ECOWAS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMS AND STATISTICAL POLICY MEASURES OF ECOWAS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSIDERING Article 12 of the Treaty relating to Trade Liberalisation;

CONSIDERING Article 20 of the Treaty relating to the treatment of the most favoured nation;

CONSIDERING Article 59 of the Treaty relating to relationship with other regional groupings and third countries;

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.18/5/80 of 20th May 1980 relating to the trade liberalisation scheme in respect of industrial products;

CONSIDERING the request for derogation from the implementation of the provisions of article 20 of the Treaty presented by CEAO and MRU;

CONSIDERING the difficulties of the immediate implementation of the provisions of article 20 of the Treaty of ECOWAS and the incompatibility of the trade liberalisation systems in force in ECOWAS, CEAO and MRU;

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CONSIDERING the necessity for harmonising the 3 trade liberalisation systems;

CONSIDERING the final report of the session of the Council of Ministers of May 24 - 27, 1981 especially the decisions relating to the said derogation and establishing a special ministerial committee;

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the deliberations of the meeting of the special ministerial committee on the derogation from the implementation of the provisions of article 20 of the Treaty held in Lagos on 11 - 12 August 1981;

DECIDES

Article 1

The Executive Secretary of ECOWAS shall undertake jointly with the Secretaries General of CEAO and MRU the studies indicated below with a view to the harmonisation of the trade liberalisation mechanisms in force in the 3 organisations

1. During the period of November 1981 - 1982:
 - review of the trade liberalisation mechanisms of the three organisations;
 - review of the compensation mechanisms.

The Executive Secretary shall report to the Council of Ministers during their November 1982 session on the result of the said studies with a view to allowing Council to fix the necessary period for the harmonisation of the 3 trade liberalisation mechanisms.

2. As from November 1982:
 - harmonisation of the internal taxation systems in Member States;
 - establishment of a common external tariff;

- setting up of supporting measures for the trade liberalisation programme:
 - definition of a coherent economic development policy for the sub-region;
- the studies involved in paragraph 2 above should be completed before the end of the period necessary for harmonisation.

Article 3


Member States shall take all the necessary measures for the implementation of the customs and statistics policy measures of ECOWAS from 1st January 1982.

Article 4

This decision shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT FREETOWN ON 26TH NOVEMBER 1981

FOR THE COUNCIL


THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

FREETOWN 23 - 26 NOVEMBER, 1981

Decision N° C/DEC/4/II/81 relating to the Salaries and other Conditions of Service of ECOWAS Staff.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

HAVING examined the report of the Committee of Finance Experts,

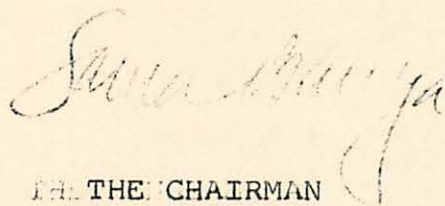
DECIDES

- (i) To grant salary increases to ECOWAS Staff as follows:-
 - D category 11%
 - P category 13% and
 - G category 15%.
- (ii) To make a Post Adjustment award of 8% to staff in these categories stationed in Lagos.
- (iii) To raise the differential between the salaries of staff in the Auxilliary category (M) and those of their local counterparts from 2½% to 7½%.

- (iv) These awards replace the interim awards of 18% for Lagos and 10% for Lome that were made in May, 1981 for these categories.
- (v) To appoint an Establishment Committee made up of representatives from Member States, to review allowances and other conditions of service of ECOWAS Staff.
- (vi) The effective date of the salary increases and post adjustment shall be January 1st, 1982.

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FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



THE CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
FREETOWN, 23 - 26 NOVEMBER, 1981

Decision N° C/DEC5/II/81 relating to ECOWAS activities in Social and Cultural Affairs.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

RECALLING

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

DECIDES

that the Executive Secretary should summon meetings of Directors of Education, Youth and Sports and of Culture to draw up a programme of activities in the areas of education and training, games and sports, and of culture, and to work out the modalities of organising and implementing such programmes with the aim of bringing ECOWAS nearer to the people of the sub-region.

DONE AT FREETOWN, THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1981, IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE COUNCIL



CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

FREETOWN, 23 - 26 NOVEMBER 1981

Decision N° C/DEC 6/II/81 of the Council of Ministers relating to the adoption of the Budget of the Secretariat for the year 1982.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

CONSIDERING Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers, its composition and functions;

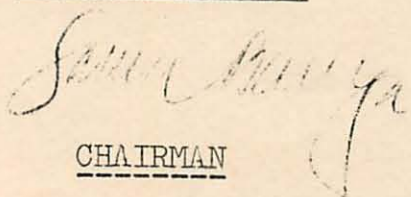
HAVING examined the report of the Committee of Finance Experts ;

DECIDES

to adopt the Budget of the Executive Secretariat for the year 1982 established at 7 296 489 U.A.

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FOR THE COUNCIL


CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX 1

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

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DIXIEME SESSION DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES

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