

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES


FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

CONAKRY, 24 - 26 NOVEMBER, 1983

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F I N A L            R E P O R T

1. I N T R O D U C T I O N

1. The Council of Ministers held its Fourteenth Session from 24 to 26 November, 1983, in the Salle du 2 Octobre, Palais du Peuple, Conakry, People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea.
2. All Member States were represented at this Session.
  - Peoples Republic of Benin
  - Republic of Cape Verde
  - Republic of Ivory Coast
  - Republic of The Gambia 
  - Republic of Ghana
  - People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea

- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- Republic of Upper Volta
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Republic of Niger
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Sierra Leone
- Republic of Togo

The following were also present as observers:

- West African Economic Community (CEAO)
- Mano River Union (MRU)

The List of Participants is attached to this report.

## II: OPENING CEREMONY

3. The Session was declared open by the current Chairman of the Council, Dr. Mamouna Malick TOURE, Minister of Foreign Trade of the People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea. On behalf of the People and Government of Guinea, and the Supreme Leader of the Revolution and Head of State, His Excellency, President AHMED SEKOU TOURE, he welcomed Honourable Ministers, Distinguished Delegates and Observers to the Meeting. In his opening speech, the Chairman stressed the need for the Community, at this point in its existence, to intensify sub-regional cooperation and work towards the true integration of the economies of the States of the Community. This requires that each State honour its commitment to the Community and effectively implement the Acts and Decisions of the authorities of the Community. The Chairman also appealed to all delegations to take necessary action to ensure that their respective governments pay their outstanding contributions to the Community.

The text of the Minister's speech is attached to this Report.

III: ELECTION OF BUREAU

4. The following Bureau was elected :

Chairman	:	Guinea
Rapporteurs	:	Mali
	:	Nigeria

IV: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The Agenda proposed by the Secretariat was adopted as follows:

1. Election of Bureau
2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
3. Report of the Executive Secretary
4. Report on the Implementation of Decisions by Member States
5. Report of the Financial Controller
6. Report of the External Auditors
7. Report of Technical Committees and Commissions
  - (a) Committee of Experts on Staff Regulations
  - (b) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money & Payments Commission
  - (c) Joint Meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money & Payments Commission and the Industry, Agriculture & Natural Resources Commission
  - (d) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission
  - (e) Transport, Telecommunications & Energy Commission
  - (f) Committee of Governors of Central Banks
  - (g) Finance Experts
8. Report of the Board of Directors of ECOWAS Fund
9. Any Other Matters

V. OUTCOME OF THE DELIBERATIONS

Consideration of the Reports of the Executive Secretary, the  
Financial Controller and the External Auditors (Item 3, 5 and 6)

6. Council took note of the Reports presented by the Executive Secretary, the Financial Controller and the External Auditors.

7. Concerning the management of external financial assistance, especially that of UNCTAD, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to submit to the next session of Council a document on all aspects of this form of assistance. The document should be sent to all Member States before the end of January, 1984 and should indicate the volume, the form and mode of utilisation of funds received from external sources, as well as the relevant projects or the agreements covering this assistance.

8. As regards the payments made by the Executive Secretariat to UNCTAD for the project on computerisation of external trade statistical data of Member States, Council deplored the manner in which the transaction was effected and requested that in future such payments should be made strictly according to well-established financial procedures.

9. With regard to the problem of non-payment of contributions by Member States, which seriously affects the operations of the Institutions of the Community, especially the Executive Secretariat, Council recommended that the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government should get in touch with his colleagues and stress to them the gravity of the situation. All delegations were also requested to brief their respective governments about the problem with a view to paying contributions and arrears outstanding.

10. Council decided that in future, the reports of both the Financial Controller and the External Auditor should contain, in addition to an account of the problems encountered in the preceding financial year, a record of the difference between

approved and actual expenditure over the preceding years, as well as the corrective measures taken.

11. Furthermore, the financial and management accounts and the record on fixed assets shall first be submitted to the Committee of Finance Experts for due consideration and the necessary recommendations to the Council of Ministers.

12. As regards the remuneration of the External Auditor, Council decided to maintain the fees at 14,500 UA and pay the External Auditor a lump sum covering the expenses incurred by him, while preparing his report, on the following basis:

- i) the audit period for the two Institutions is fixed at six (6) weeks. The period covers both the drawing up of the audit report and its submission to the Technical Commission and the Council of Ministers.
- ii) The External Auditor may be accompanied by the following members of staff:
  - Two (2) Accountants
  - One (1) Secretary
  - One (1) Clerk
- iii) The per diem for the six-week period shall be calculated on the basis of the per diem paid to Deputy Executive Secretaries.

The per diem of the members of staff accompanying the External Auditor shall be computed on the basis of the per diem paid to ECOWAS staff of corresponding category.
- iv) First class air fare for the External Auditor and economy class air fare for his staff shall be paid for by the Community.

13. On the question of the management of the Provident Fund, Council deplored the poor manner in which it was being handled and requested the Chief Executives of the Institutions of the Community to do everything possible to improve the situation.

14. Council further invited the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund to make available to the Financial Controller quarterly bank statements of accounts.

15. The principle of subscribing to an insurance policy to guarantee the Community's household furniture and equipment in the residences of staff members was rejected. It would be incumbent on the beneficiaries of such assets to assume responsibility for their safety.

16. Council rejected the proposal by the External Auditors that the Financial Controller should be a co-signatory to Community accounts outside the Community.

17. Council also decided that the chapter on "contingency" contained in the Budget proposals should be maintained and that the utilisation of the relevant appropriations should be strictly limited to expenditure not specifically provided for in other sections of the budget. It was stressed that the transfer of funds from one Chapter to another must be done with the prior approval of the Chairman of Council, in conformity with the provisions of the Financial Regulations.

18. The Chief Executives of the Executive Secretariat and the Fund were requested to prepare the accounts and financial statements for the 1983 Financial Year by February 1984, and place them at the disposal of the External Auditor within that time limit.

#### Implementation of Decisions by Member States (Item 4)

19. On this Item, Council once again observed that the implementation of Acts and Decisions of the policy-making bodies of the

Community had been rather slow. The Executive Secretariat was requested to send on time a list of all Acts and Decisions of the policy-making bodies of the Community to Member States to enable them report to Council the progress made on their implementation. Each Member State would have to prepare progress reports on the application of the Acts and Decisions of the Community to be presented to the appropriate Commissions. The Executive Secretariat would then prepare a summary document to be submitted to each session of Council. Where any Member State encounters difficulties with the application of Acts and Decisions of the Community, it may appeal to the Executive Secretariat for necessary assistance.

Reports of Technical Committees and Commissions (Item 7)

Committee of Experts on Staff Regulations (7.a)

20. The report on the work of this Committee submitted by the Executive Secretariat, was adopted. Article 38 of the Draft Staff Regulations was amended by Council to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 38: MATERNITY LEAVE  
(OLD ARTICLE 43)

A female staff member :

- (i) shall be entitled to absent herself from her duties six weeks immediately preceding the date of confinement upon producing an acceptable medical certificate that her confinement will probably take place within six weeks;
- (ii) shall be excused from working during the six weeks following confinement. In any case, the staff member will be entitled to a total of twelve weeks' leave;
- (iii) shall receive maternity leave on full pay for the entire duration of her absence in accordance with the above provisions."

21. The new draft text of the Staff Regulations was adopted, therefore, and will come into force on 1st January 1984.

Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments  
Commission (7.b)

22. The report was presented by the Chairman of the Commission and adopted without amendment.

Joint Meeting of Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money  
and Payments Commission and the Industry, Agriculture  
and Natural Resources Commission (7.c)

23. The report of this Joint Commission which considered the Draft Protocol on Community Enterprises was presented by the Chairman of the Meeting.

24. The attention of Council was drawn to the fact that the relevant documents on this matter had been made available to each delegation, and were to be forwarded to their respective national authorities for careful consideration with a view to discussing them at the next meeting.

Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission  
(7.d)

25. The report presented by the Executive Secretariat was adopted by Council after an amendment by the delegation of Niger requesting that the Tarna Seed Centre be replaced by the Lossa Centre (Niger).

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission (7.e)

26. The report presented by the Executive Secretariat was adopted with the following amendments:

"It is to be understood that Member States will be responsible for financing the Sorting Centres."

Council agreed to recommend to the Authority that the title of the Commission be amended by replacing the word "Telecommunications" with "Communications" in paragraph 1(c) of Article 9 of the Treaty.

Committee of Governors of Central Banks (7.f)

27. The report presented by the Executive Secretariat was adopted by Council, which also approved the terms of reference of studies to be carried out in the area of monetary cooperation.

Committee of Finance Experts on the Budget of the Secretariat (7.g)

28. Council expressed serious concern at the very high rents which place a great strain on the budget of the Executive Secretariat.

Council, therefore, strongly appealed to the Federal Government of Nigeria to give the Executive Secretariat every assistance needed to resolve the problem.

29. Furthermore, Council considered that the smooth functioning of the Community depended in large measure on the type of facilities offered by the host country of the headquarters. The Executive Secretariat was consequently requested to produce a detailed report for presentation to Council on all the difficulties resulting from the fact of it operating in Lagos.

30. In order to assist in arriving at a satisfactory solution to the problem of high rents, the Executive Secretariat was requested to prepare for the next session of Council a detailed report on the following alternatives:

- 1) payment of a housing allowance to professional staff;
- 2) construction of staff quarters.

31. With respect to the issue of Headquarters Agreement, Council decided after a lengthy debate, to appeal to the Federal Government of Nigeria to have this Agreement signed within the shortest possible time.

32. Council decided, that as in the case of the Fund, the sum of 10,000 U.A. be included in the Secretariat's budget for training, and that the provision for maintenance of staff quarters be deleted from the budget of the Fund.

33. The 1984 budget approved for the Executive Secretariat amounted to the sum of 6,536,129 U.A., for both Revenue and Expenditure.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund (Item 8)

34. This report was adopted by Council. The Chairman of Council was mandated to rectify the total for the ECOWAS Fund Budget for 1984, taking into account the modifications made to the estimates for the Heading "Maintenance of Residences".

35. Council also decided that pending consideration by the Board of the Memorandum from the Managing Director of the Fund on the inclusion in the budget of provision for a Treasury Department, the status quo be maintained, whereby the Treasurer would retain all the benefits of his office but will be accountable to the Director of Finance. Ghana and Nigeria expressed a reservation on the issue.

Any other matters (Item 9)

36. No issues were raised under this Item of the Agenda.

Date and Venue of Next Session of Council

37. The next session of Council would take place in Conakry at a date to be fixed by the Chairman of Council.

Adoption of Report

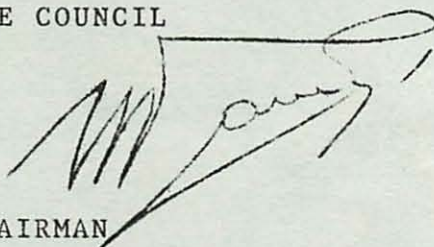
38. This Report was adopted.

Closing Session

39. In his closing speech the Chairman of Council expressed his satisfaction with the encouraging results achieved at this Session. He expressed the hope that all Member States would do everything possible to ensure a diligent application of the Acts and Decisions of the policy-making bodies of the Community.

DONE AT CONAKRY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

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THE CHAIRMAN

DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

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V O T E O F T H A N K S

The Council of Ministers meeting at its Fourteenth Session in Conakry from 24 to 26 November, 1983, wishes to express its profound gratitude to His Excellency, AHMED SEKOU TOURE, Supreme Leader of the Revolution, Secretary-General of the Party-State, President of the People's Revolutionary Republic of Guinea, to the Government and People of Guinea for the African hospitality and for the facilities placed at its disposal for the success of its deliberations.

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C/DEC.1/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE REVISED ECOWAS STAFF REGULATIONS

THE COUNCIL

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

RECALLING various decisions taken since the adoption of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations (ECW/CM/5A(REV.1) which affect some provisions of the said Staff Regulations;

DESIROUS of having only one set of written rules governing the treatment of officials of the Community irrespective of the Community Institution in which such officials might be serving;

HAVING examined the Report of the Second Meeting of the Staff Establishment Committee:

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1: The ECOWAS Staff Regulations of ECW/CM/5A(REV.1) are hereby amended and replaced by the new document ECW/CM.1/5AREV.2

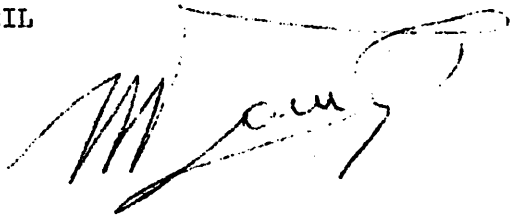
ARTICLE 2 : The new ECOWAS Staff Regulations shall become applicable as from the 1st of January, 1984 and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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C/DEC.2/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE ECOWAS FORUM  
ON INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE PROMOTION

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty concerning the creation of the Council  
of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the importance of the ECOWAS Intra-Community Trade Liberalisation  
Programme;

CONSIDERING the role that the economic operators should play in the promotion  
of trade within the Community and also in the integration of the economies of  
Member States;

D E C I D E S :

ARTICLE 1 : The holding of an ECOWAS Forum on Trade Promotion on a regular  
basis is hereby instituted.

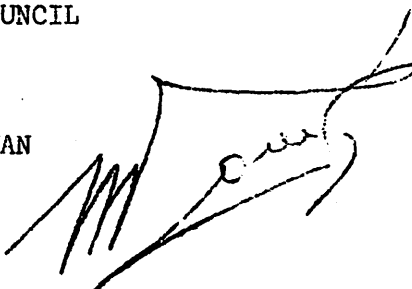
ARTICLE 2 . The modalities concerning the frequency, organisation and the  
holding of the sessions of the Forum are left to the initiative of the Federation  
of West African Chambers of Commerce in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat.

ARTICLE 3 : This 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.

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C/DEC.3/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE LIST OF PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty concerning the creation of the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/5/82 dated 26 May, 1982 relating to the list of priority industrial products for the application of the Trade Liberalisation programme, especially its Article 2.2 ;

UPON recommendation of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money & Payments Commission;

D E C I D E S ;

ARTICLE 1: The products enumerated hereunder are accepted forthwith as priority industrial products and added to those similarly designated in Decision C/DEC.3/5/82 of 26 May, 1982;

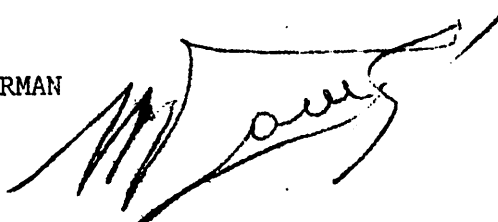
- ex 25.01 - edible salt, table salt
- ex 68.12 - asbestos-cement products, cellulose-cement and related products for construction
- ex 68.13 - asbestos, asbestos products for construction
- ex 94.04 - foam mattress.

ARTICLE 2 : This Decision comes into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

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C/DEC.4/11/83 DECISION ON BREEDING CENTRE FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF SELECTED CATTLE SPECIES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article No. 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty constituting  
the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and  
functions;

CONSIDERING Decisions No. A/DEC.4/5/82 and A/DEC.6/5/82  
relating to Regional Agricultural Development Strategy and to  
Breeding Centres for the Production of Selected Cattle Species  
respectively;

CONSIDERING the importance of animal protein in the ECOWAS  
nutritional programme;

HAVING STUDIED the report of the Commission on Agriculture,  
Industry and Natural Resources (Sub-Commission on Agriculture);

DECIDES :

Article 1

The eight Centres chosen are to be divided into two groups:

(i) Operational Centres

- Upper Ogun Ranch (Nigeria)
- Marahoue Ranch (Ivory Coast)
- Yanfolila Ranch (Mali)
- Livestock Development Projects (The Gambia)
- Famoila State Farm (Guinea)
- Potta Cattle Ranch (Nigeria)

(ii) Non-Operational Centres

- Kedougou Breeding Centre (Senegal)
- Kaedi Breeding Centre for the Moor Zebu (Mauritania)

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat is authorised to carry out feasibility studies on each of the centres chosen.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat is requested to divide its aid to the centres into two phases:

- during the first phase the aid is to be given to centres belonging to the first group;
- the other centres are to receive aid during the second phase.

Article 4

The Executive Secretariat is to undertake studies aimed at developing the breeding of animal species with a short reproductive cycle, of the AZAOUAK ZEBU species, and of BORGU bulls.

Article 5

The Executive Secretariat is to make the necessary arrangements for the creation of a data bank on agriculture and livestock production.

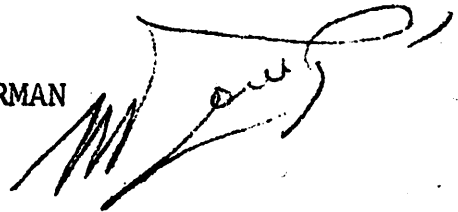
Article 6

This 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.

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C/DEC.5/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE  
FOR PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT ON MAIL ROUTING STUDIES

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING the problems encountered by postal authorities  
as regards infrastructure and mail routing services;

CONVINCED of the worthiness of the objective assigned to  
the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS by the Authority of Heads of  
State and Government;

CONVINCED that the formulation of a coherent and realistic  
programme is the only means of transforming the global strategy  
adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government into  
concrete action capable of achieving development objectives in  
the field of postal services;

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of November 1983 session of  
the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission;

DECIDES :

Article 1

The Executive Secretariat shall do its utmost to assist Member States raise the funds necessary for financing the projects identified in the report on mail routing studies.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall intensify its effort to collect information which will facilitate the physical and financial assessment of priority projects and shall improve the coordination and scheduling of Sub-Regional Projects.

Article 3

Member States are hereby invited to provide the Executive Secretariat with all information necessary for the periodic assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the established programme.

Article 4

Donor countries and financing institutions are hereby being appealed to participate wholeheartedly and constructively in the development of postal services in the West African Sub-Region.

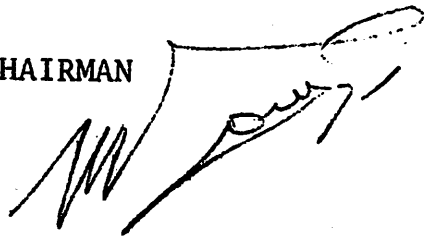
Article 5

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C/DEC.6/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF  
PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR AIR-MAIL SERVICES

THE COUNCIL,

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

CONSIDERING the need to ensure rapid, safe and regular  
delivery of mail;

AWARE of the arrangements made by some postal authorities  
with airlines for the transportation of mail at reduced rates;

DECIDES :

Article 1

The Executive Secretariat shall make all the necessary  
arrangements with airlines in the sub-region with a view to:

- (a) obtaining preferential rates for airmail services;
- (b) ensuring better airmail services between Member States.

Article 2

Member States which have experience in this field are hereby invited to forward to the ECOWAS Secretariat all relevant information that would ensure the extension of this service to all ECOWAS Member States.

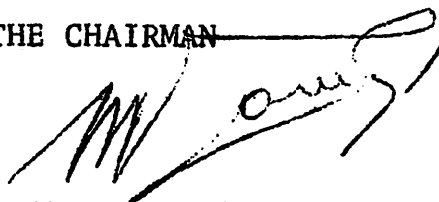
Article 3

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C/DEC.7/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE 1984 BUDGET OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

THE COUNCIL,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty creating the  
Council of Ministers and fixing its composition and functions;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Committee of Financial  
Experts responsible for examining the budget of the Executive  
Secretariat for 1984;

DECIDES :

Article 1

The Budget of the Executive Secretariat for 1984 stands at  
six million, five hundred and thirty-six, one hundred and twenty-  
nine Units of Account (U.A.6,536,129).

Article 2

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C/DEC.8/11/83 DECISION ON SELECTED SEED MULTIPLICATION CENTRES

THE COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING Decisions No. A/DEC.4/5/82 and No. A/DEC.5/5/82 on the Regional Agricultural Development Strategy and the Production of Selected Seed and the choice of centres respectively;

CONSIDERING the serious shortage of selected seeds from improved varieties in the sub-region;

MINDFUL of the need to upgrade the Centres chosen by the Community with a view to producing a sufficient quantity of good quality selected seed;

AFTER HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Executive Secretariat on the pre-feasibility studies on the seven (7) centres chosen;

DECIDES :

Article 1

The Centres are designed to produce Selected R1 seeds from improved varieties.

Article 2

The RICHARD TOLL Centre shall be replaced by the FANAYE Centre (Senegal).

The BABOUGOU Centre shall be replaced by the MOLODO Centre (Mali) and the TARNA Centre shall be replaced by the LOSSA Centre (Niger).

Article 3

Further studies must be carried out on the ZARIA (NIGERIA) and ROKUPR (SIERRA LEONE) Centres as in the case of the other centres, paying particular attention to their equipment, personnel and financial requirements.

Article 4

The Executive Secretariat shall undertake feasibility studies on each of the Centres.

(i) The feasibility studies will make proposals on the legal status of the Centres and take a proposal on which of 2 or 3 crops they should specialise in producing in order to make the Centres more efficient and profitable.

(ii) Where possible, conclusions of previous studies (soil and climate) should be added to the feasibility studies in order

to give precise indications as to the types of seed suitable for the different centres. Where such preliminary studies are not available, they should be carried out to enable final assessment to be made as to the viability of the centres.

Article 5

The Executive Secretariat is requested:-

- to assess, within the shortest possible time the production potential of and the demand for selected seeds of cereals and other planting materials in Member States;
- to establish a sub-regional Seed Multiplication Committee responsible for the implementation and coordination of a Community Seed Development programme.

Article 6

Member States are called upon to formulate short-term legislation on seed trade at national level leading eventually to legislation on seeds at the sub-regional level.

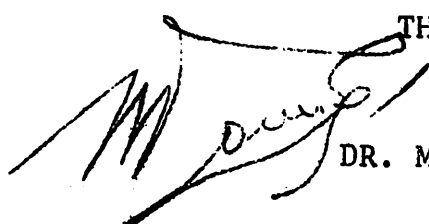
Article 7

The present Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and the National Gazette of all Member States.

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C/RES.1/11/83 RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF  
ARTICLE 9(1)(c) OF THE ECOWAS TREATY

THE COUNCIL,

MINDFUL of Article 9(1)(c) of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing  
the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission;

CONSIDERING that several Member States have different  
departments dealing separately with Telecommunications and  
Postal Matters;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND TO THE AUTHORITY :

To amend Article 9(1)(c) of the ECOWAS Treaty to read  
as follows:

"The Transport, Communications and Energy Commission".

DONE AT CONAKRY, THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

THE COUNCIL

Honourable Ministers,  
Mr. Executive Secretary,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure once again to welcome you to Guinea, on behalf of the People of this country, of its Party-State and of the Supreme Leader of the Revolution, President AHMED SEKOU TOURE. I performed this same office only a few days ago, and today I would like to reaffirm the total preparedness of the Guinean People to make your stay in our Capital, Conakry, as pleasant as possible.

Once again I crave your indulgence for the inadequacies which you are sure to have noticed in the facilities which you have been offered here.

The holding at once and the same time, in Conakry, of the 12th Congress of the Democratic Party of Guinea, and of the different ECOWAS meetings have, in effect, created a great number of problems.

The meetings of experts and the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fund are over, and we are about to begin the session of the Council of Ministers. I feel I should, at this juncture, give you my overall impression of these proceedings, for it has been very much on my mind. I feel we are going slowly - much too slowly. We have held a great number of meetings at considerable cost both to the Executive Secretariat and to our different Member States. I cannot help thinking, however, that despite the sacrifices made by our toiling masses, the results of our endeavours here are well below the level of our hopes and expectations.

We have taken the decision to act in concert, working towards economic integration, towards the revitalisation of exchanges of all kinds, secure in the conviction that only thus can we achieve the development of our states.

We have all therefore embraced the noble ideals which we feel reflect the legitimate aspirations of the Peoples who have given us mandate to strive for their welfare. We must acknowledge, however, that when we come together at these meetings, the unity of action to which our peoples aspire, is sadly absent.

We have to acknowledge that it is with great difficulty that we come to agreement on those concrete achievements which would enable us to present results - however limited - to those who have placed their confidence in us, and made us the propelling force in the drive towards development.

I should therefore like, at the beginning of this session to appeal to your spirit of understanding and stress the need for us to constantly bear in mind the objectives of unity and economic integration which we fixed for ourselves and also remember that it is imperative for us to satisfy the legitimate development needs of our peoples.

No real progress has been made in respect of our programme of activity which includes trade liberalisation and promotion, immigration problems and development in the fields of Agriculture, Industry, Transport and Communication etc. We must therefore try to bring this period of stagnation to an end.

However, the major problem before us is that of obtaining funds. The Secretariat is not receiving contributions from Member States and it therefore finds itself in a very critical financial situation. It is quite obvious that this non-payment of contributions will only hold up the activities of our organization.

This is why I wish to make a special appeal to all Delegates to urge their respective Governments to pay up their contributions.

Finally, I should like to solicit your cooperation in assisting me to conduct the proceedings of this meeting successfully.

I extend to you once more the sentiments of friendship of the People of Guinea and declare the 14th Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers open.

Thank you.

COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST :/ ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

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