

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

FINAL REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held its opening ceremony at the Conference Hall of the CEAO Headquarters in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 25 June, after which it resumed substantive discussion at Hotel Silmande from 25 to 27 June, 1989.

2. The following Member States were represented:

The People's Republic of BENIN
BURKINA FASO
The Republic of CAPE VERDE
The Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE
The Republic of THE GAMBIA
The Republic of GHANA
The Republic of GUINEA
The Republic of GUINEA BISSAU
The Republic of LIBERIA
The Republic of MALI
The Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA
The Republic of NIGER
The Federal Republic of NIGERIA
The Republic of SENEGAL
The Republic of SIERRA LEONE
The TOGOLESE REPUBLIC

The following organisations and institutions attended the meeting as Observers: Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), West African Development Bank (BOAD), Brussels Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors, Economic Community of West Africa (CEAD), ECOBANK International Incorporated, ECA-MULPOC (Niamey), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Lagos Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors and High Commissioners, OCEGE, Pan-African News Agency (PANA) and West African Clearing House (WACH).

A list of participants is annexed to this Report.

II. OPENING SESSION

3. At the Opening Session, Honourable Mrs BINTOU SANNGOH, the Burkinabe Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Burkinabe Government and People, welcomed all delegates to Burkina Faso. She urged West African countries not to be daunted by the economic crisis, the hostile international environment and the natural disasters affecting the economies of the sub-region, adding that these difficulties should be seen as challenges which could be met effectively only through concerted action. The Burkinabe Minister stated that ECOWAS offered the appropriate platform for the consultation, coordination and harmonisation required for overcoming these development problems and for bringing about collective self-sufficiency.

4. The Honourable Minister said she was encouraged to make this proposal by the renewed faith in the sub-regional organisation that each ECOWAS Member State had shown in recent months. Citing some of the achievements of ECOWAS since its establishment, the Minister stated that much more could have been done and she called on Member States to give ECOWAS all the support it needs. The Welcome Address of the Burkinabe Minister is attached to this Report.

5. The Chairman of the Council of Ministers and the Gambian Minister of Economic Planning and Industrial Development, Honourable Mbemba JATTA also welcomed all delegations to the twenty-fifth Session of Council. The Honourable Chairman, in a brief review of the functioning of the Community, informed Council of the flurry of cooperation activities in the last six months, all in a bid to revitalise ECOWAS and make it contribute effectively to the economic recovery efforts of its Member States. Honourable Mbemba JATTA emphasised that sub-regional integration was the only way out of the serious development problems facing the West African countries.

6. The Honourable Chairman, therefore, invited Council to reflect deeply on the obstacles impeding progress in ECOWAS. He pointed out the imperative need to rationalise the integration process in West Africa and called on his colleagues to prepare the ground for the required political decision by the Authority on the issue of institutional rationalisation.

7. He also emphasised the need for an effective implementation of Community Acts and Decisions. In this regard, he drew attention to the preparatory activities of the past twelve months which had now brought the Community to the threshold of its trade liberalisation scheme; he expressed the hope that when the scheme takes off on 1st January, 1990 as envisaged, its implementation would be smooth. Similarly, the Honourable Chairman informed Council of the proposals of the ECOWAS Ministers of Planning and Ministers of Internal Affairs aimed at improving the implementation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme and the important Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons.

8. The Chairman of Council informed his Honourable Colleagues of the new life the Executive Secretary, Dr Abass BUNDU, was breathing into the Institutions of the Community

COUNTRY/PAYS	NOM/NAME	FUNCTION & ADDRESS/ FONCTION & ADRESSE
ECOWAS FUND	M. FALL	MANAGING DIRECTOR
	M.A.B. KAH	DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR
	DR. OUSMANE DIALLO	DIRECTEUR DES OPERATIONS
	MRS. R. OSEI-BOATENG	LEGAL ADVISER
	S. BALDE	DIRECTEUR DES FINANCES
	A. G. ELEGBEBE	TREASURER
	DRABO	DIRECTEUR DE DEPARTMENT DES ETUDES ET ANALYSE DE PROJETS
	T. O.S. JOHN	INTERNAL AUDITOR
	YAO KOUAME	DIRECTEUR DE PROJET
	ALIEU JALLOW	INTERPRETER
	DUNSTANETT L. MACUALEY	HEAD OF CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION
	M. H. JALLOW	HEAD OF LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION DIVISION
	KRA KONAN PAUL	CHEF DIVISION ADMINISTRATION PRETS
	JACQUES F. TOKPLO	INTERPRETER

5. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions.
6. Memorandum on the status of Ratification of Protocols
7. Memorandum on Attendance of Ministers at Council of Ministers' meetings.
8. Report of the Eleventh meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks of ECDWAS Member States.
9. (i) Memorandum on Recognition and Granting of Observer Status to the Federation of West African Associations for the Advancement of Handicapped Persons.

(ii) Memorandum on the General Assembly of the West African Women's Association (WAWA)
10. Memorandum on Rationalisation of Institutional Arrangements for Economic Integration in West Africa.
11. Memorandum on the Possible Implications of Adopting New Contribution Coefficients for the Budgets of the Institutions of the Community
12. Memorandum on the Status of Contributions to the Budgets of the Institutions of the Community;
13. Report of the Board of Directors
14. Memorandum on the Ratification of the Appointment of the Executive Secretary

15. Memorandum on the Re-appointments of Statutory Appointees:
 - (i) Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration
 - (ii) Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Affairs
 - (iii) Deputy Managing Director, ECOWAS Fund
 - (iv) Financial Controller
16. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees
17. Memorandum by the Government of the Republic of The Gambia on the Proposed Convention on Mutual Assistance in Judicial Matters;
18. Report of the Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors and High Commissioners in Lagos.
19. Preparation of Draft Agenda for the Twelfth Session of the Authority.
20. Any Other Business.
21. Adoption of the Report

V.. OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 1 : Report of the Executive Secretary

11. The Executive Secretary, Dr. Abass BUNDU presented his Annual Report for the period 1988/1989 captioned "A Time for Implementation". Dr. BUNDU paid tribute to the courageous

efforts of ECOWAS Member States at economic recovery but regretted that not enough had been achieved to overcome the economic crisis facing the sub-region. He urged that the recommendations made by the ECOWAS Ministers of Planning at their Dakar May, 1989 meeting should be given serious consideration, so that the current national economic reform programmes could be turned into engines of growth and equity. In particular, the Executive Secretary drew attention to the proposal of the Ministers of Planning for frequent consultations among national policy-makers to ensure better coordination and a more regionally-oriented approach to economic development.

Referring to the need for a change in the prevailing hostile international environment, Dr. Bundu called on ECOWAS Member States to make a concerted effort to influence international assistance programmes, such as the ninth replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA-9). He expressed the hope that the leaders of other highly industrialised countries would follow the recent shining debt-forgiveness example of the French President, Mr. Francois Mitterand, since it was obvious that without substantial debt reduction, ECOWAS Member States would not be able to meet their debt service obligations and satisfy their developmental objectives at the same time.

12. The Executive Secretary also drew attention to the need for Member States to give the highest priority to economic integration as a development tool. He called for a revitalisation of ECOWAS. In this context, Dr. Bundu announced his intention to appraise the current Community programmes with a view to re-orientating and prioritising the cooperation activities of the Community, and thus give the integration process a sharper focus. The Executive Secretary urged that, in the mean time, Member States should redouble their efforts at meeting their financial obligations to the Community, ratifying and implementing such Community cooperation arrangements as the trade liberalisation scheme, free movement of persons, and accelerating the monetary cooperation programme. The Statement of the Executive Secretary is attached to this Report.

13. Council took note of the Annual Report of the Executive Secretary after expressing entire satisfaction with its quality and with the very able manner in which it was presented. The new Executive Secretary was highly commended for mastering, within so short a time, the problems and challenges confronting the Community and its Member States, and for the dynamism he was infusing into the sub-regional integration process. Council congratulated Dr Abass Bundu on his appointment.

14. The ensuing discussion on the Annual Report concentrated on the serious economic difficulties facing Member States and how the sub-region could tackle these development challenges more effectively. Council agreed that a virile and well-focussed integration drive offered a viable development strategy. Indeed, the threat that the completion in 1992 of an integrated European market posed to ECOWAS Member States was viewed as a direct challenge to the West African sub-region to unite and accelerate its own process of integration. Council called for a concerted approach to, and the adoption of common positions on international issues, such as the replenishment of IDA-9, negotiation of national reform programmes with the Bretton Woods institutions, and the re-negotiation of the ACP/EEC Convention.

15. In this context, Council agreed to recommend to the Authority to adopt a resolution calling on the industrialised nations, in particular, the Group of Seven, to contribute generously to the Ninth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) and to ensure that Africa's current share of IDA resources under IDA-8 (50%) was at least maintained under IDA-9 in order to help sustain the reform programmes being implemented by African countries. Council also agreed to recommend to the Authority to call on all Member States of the Community to make strong and urgent representations, through bilateral and multilateral channels, to the donor countries regarding the importance they attach to an adequately funded IDA-9 to their development programmes.

16. Council agreed that in the years immediately ahead, the promotion and expansion of intra-Community trade should be accorded the highest priority in the implementation of the priority agenda of Community co-operation programmes, including the necessary support measures in related trade-development sub-sectors. These include the trade liberalisation scheme, free movement of persons and goods, monetary co-operation programme, economic recovery programme as well as programmes in the fields of agriculture and industry.

17. Council also agreed in principle with the proposal to establish an Information Division within the Executive Secretariat and asked that the financial implications be worked out for consideration at its next meeting in November 1989.

Item 2 : Reports of Technical Commissions

(i) Agriculture, Industry and Natural Resources Commission

18. Following the presentation of the Commission's reports, Council stressed the importance of the proposed agricultural programmes and projects to facilitate the achievement of sub-regional food self-sufficiency by the year 2000, which is a principal objective of the Community. Council therefore requested the Executive Secretariat to intensify its search for resources to finance the seed production and cattle-breeding centres whose implementation is being delayed.

19. Council adopted the Commission's report and approved the following recommendations:

- the preparation of an ECOWAS Industrial Master Plan on the basis of the terms of reference presented;
- the support programme for agricultural development;

- the harmonisation of pricing policies for agricultural products;
- the ECOWAS Assistance Programme for the Control of Animal Diseases; and
- the ECOWAS Assistance Programme for Plant and Wildlife Protection.

20. Concerning the banning of the dumping of nuclear and industrial waste in Member States, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to concentrate on monitoring the implementation of the 1988 resolution of the Authority. (A/RES.1/6/88). Council called on all Member States which have not yet done so to enact appropriate national legislation banning the dumping of nuclear and industrial toxic waste in their territories. The Executive Secretariat was directed to prepare a progress report for submission to the next meeting of Council in November, 1989.

ii) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

21. After its presentation, Council adopted the Commission's report and approved the following recommendations:

- the establishment of modalities for the registration of industrial enterprises, and allocation of Approval Numbers to industrial products eligible to benefit from the Trade Liberalisation Scheme;
- the allocation of Numbers to Industrial Enterprises and Products approved to benefit from the Intra-ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

- the implementation of Decision A/DEC.8/5/79 of 29 May, 1979 on the Consolidation of Customs Duties and Taxes of Equivalent Effect and of Non-tariff Barriers; and
- the proposed amendment of Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of the Community and declaring January 1, 1990 as the take-off date of the scheme.

22. Council did not, however, accept the recommendation relating to the establishment of a Community guarantee system for inter-state road transit of goods. The Executive Secretariat was requested to collect the relevant legislative instruments from each Member State and draft a single harmonised Community guarantee system to be applied by all Member States. This draft should be presented for consideration at Council's next meeting in November, 1989.

iii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

23. The Executive Secretariat presented the two reports of the above Commission. Council adopted both reports and approved the feasibility report on the Lome Maintenance Centre.

24. On the question of Community assistance or direct involvement in the implementation of these decisions, Council directed the Executive Secretariat to work out their financial implications for the consideration of Council at its next session in November, 1989.

iv. Administration and Finance Commission

25. Following the presentation of the two reports involved, Council adopted both of them and approved the recommendations

of the Commission. It was agreed, however, that any Community official who felt aggrieved by the decision on classification and upgrading of posts may appeal to the management of the Community Institutions for re-consideration. Management shall report its decision to Council at its next session.

26. Concerning paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Duagadougou June 1989 Report which dealt with the elongation of the salary scale of staff, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to study the financial implications of the recommendations and prepare a memorandum on the matter for presentation at the next session of Council in November, 1989. In the particular case of the D post, the Executive Secretariat was requested to examine the possibility of splitting this post into two (2) grades, namely D1 and D2 with a shorter salary scale than that recommended.

27. Council deferred further discussion and decision on the draft new "Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to its next session in November, 1989. In the mean time, the Executive Secretariat was requested to propose amendments, taking into consideration the observations made by various delegations.

Item 3 : Report of the Ministers of Planning on the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme

28. After its presentation, Council adopted the report of the meeting of the Ministers of Planning on the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme held in Dakar, Senegal, from 15 to 16 May 1989. That meeting had been convened half-way through the life of the Programme in order to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme at both national and Community levels.

29. Council approved the recommendations contained in the report subject to the following observations. It was felt that the capability of the Community's Institutions in project preparation, evaluation and appraisal should be strengthened. The Fund should, as much as possible, concentrate in co-financing of projects with agencies and donors which have already shown a capacity for project appraisal. Moreover, Council welcomed the willingness of the World Bank to help with the establishment of a regional studies fund and a project preparation facility in the Fund. This would go a long way to remedying the difficulty Member States often encounter in the preparation of bankable projects.

30 Council also observed the need to press ahead with the necessary economic reforms and not let the "fall-out" from the recent economic downturn divert attention. The Secretariat was advised to be more cost conscious with regard to hosting seminars and workshops particularly in areas where the Community could take account of facilities offered by other organizations. The proposed seminar on SAPs and ERPs should be considered in this light.

Item 4 : Report of the Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers responsible for Internal Affairs and State Security

31. After its presentation, Council adopted the report of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers responsible for Internal Affairs and State Security held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 4 to 5 April, 1988. That meeting had been convened to examine and propose solutions to the problems encountered in the implementation of the Acts and Decisions on the Free Movement of Persons, the Right of Residence and Establishment.

Council approved the recommendations contained in the report.

Item 5 : Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions

32. After its presentation, Council adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions and approved its recommendations. Council also decided that the Memorandum of the Management of the Fund on the subject should also be attached to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

33. Council drew particular attention to the urgent need for Member States to pay their outstanding contributions to the budget for the construction of the Community's two headquarters, and that the failure to do so would result in the stoppage of work with serious legal and heavy financial implications for the Community as a whole.

Item 6 : Status of Ratification of Protocols and Conventions

34. After its presentation, Council adopted the memorandum on the status of ratification of ECOWAS Protocols and Conventions signed since 1978. Out of 23 Protocols and Conventions, only 16 had been ratified by 7 or more Member States thus bringing them into force. Council emphasised the need for Member States to take urgent action to ratify all outstanding Protocols and Conventions without further delay and, in any event, not later than 31 December 1989 when the instruments of ratification must have been deposited with the Executive Secretariat.

Item 7 : Attendance of Ministers at Meetings of the Council of Ministers from 1979 to 1988

35. After its presentation, Council took note of the memorandum on the attendance of Ministers at meetings of the Council of Ministers from 1979 to 1988 which it found

instructive. Council decided to appeal to Ministers to improve on their attendance at future meetings. It directed the Executive Secretariat to endeavour as much as practicable, to despatch notices and documents of meetings at least one month in advance, and to look into alternative arrangements, including venue and timing, of the end of year meetings of the Council of Ministers.

Item B : Report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks of ECOWAS Member States

36. Following its presentation, Council adopted the report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks of ECOWAS Member States held in Accra, Ghana, from 17 to 19 May, 1989. That meeting reviewed progress in the implementation of the Monetary Co-operation Programme adopted by the Authority at its meeting held in Abuja in July, 1987. Council took note of the progress so far made and approved the recommendations contained in the report including, in particular, those relating to the completion by the Secretariat of the study on the introduction of a credit and guarantee mechanism in the West African Clearing House by the end of August, 1989; the need to expedite the necessary follow-up work by setting up a technical Task Force to assist the Secretariat and the Co-ordinating Committee in undertaking specific studies relating to the implementation of certain aspects of the programme; the updating of basic data contained in the first study, and the determination of the extent of exchange rate and other adjustments required by each country for harmonisation. The other recommendations are contained in the report of the Committee of Governors.

Item 9 : (i) Memorandum on Recognition and Granting of Observer status to the Federation of West African Associations for the Advancement of Handicapped Persons

37. After the presentation of the above-mentioned memorandum, Council agreed to recommend to the Authority to grant formal recognition and observer status to the Federation of West African Associations for the Advancement of Handicapped Persons.

(ii) Memorandum on the General Assembly of the West African Women's Association (WAWA)

38. Following the presentation of the above-mentioned memorandum, Council agreed to adopt the memorandum and to recommend to the Authority to accord official recognition to WAWA Headquarters in Dakar, the Republic of Senegal.

Item 10 : Memorandum on Rationalisation of Institutional Arrangements for Economic Integration in West Africa

39. After the presentation of the above memorandum, Council noted the memorandum. Council also adopted a proposal that, on the basis of additional studies, a flexible and pragmatic scheme of rationalisation should be prepared providing for gradual merging, phasing out or restructuring of the West African IGOs.

40. Council approved the recommendation that a political decision was now both necessary and urgent; and that any further studies on the matter should be predicated on an initial political decision about the future of IGOs in the sub-region.

Item 11: Memorandum on the Possible Implications of Adopting New Contribution Co-efficients for the Budgets of the Institutions of the Community

41. After its presentation, Council took note of the above-mentioned memorandum and agreed to pass on the updated co-efficients of contributions by Member States to the budgets of the Community to the Authority for decision. It also agreed that the accompanying memorandum should be sent to the Authority as well.

Item 12 : Memorandum on the Status of Contributions to the Budgets of the Institutions of the Community

42. After its presentation, Council adopted the above memorandum. It recalled the decision of the Authority at its 9th Session in July, 1986 at Abuja in which the Authority had requested every Member State to settle all its outstanding contributions to the Executive Secretariat budget not later than 31 March, 1987.

43. Although this decision had elicited some positive responses, Council noted that some very substantial arrears were still outstanding as at 25 June, 1989. A table showing these arrears was circulated to the representatives of Member States at the meeting of the Council of Ministers on 26 June, 1989.

44. Council approved the Executive Secretariat's proposal that a fresh effort was now needed. It therefore agreed to recommend to the Authority to request all Member States in arrears of contribution to pay these arrears as soon as possible, and in any case, before the end of June, 1990. Those Member States who may not be able to settle all their arrears immediately, the Authority may decide to allow them to pay such arrears in equal quarterly instalments over a period of one year beginning from 1 July, 1989.

Item 13 : Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund

45. Following the presentation of the report of the Board of Directors by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Council agreed to take note of the Report and the recommendations contained therein.

Item 14 : Memorandum on the Ratification of the Appointment of the Executive Secretary

46. In considering this memorandum, Council agreed to take note of the nomination of the Honourable Dr. Abass Chernor BUNDU to the post of Executive Secretary of the Community by the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and of his appointment to the post by the Chairman of the Authority for a term of four years with effect from 1 February, 1989. Council unanimously and warmly agreed to request the Authority to ratify the decision of the Chairman of the Authority.

Item 15 : Memorandum on the Re-appointment of Statutory Appointees

47. In considering this memorandum, and in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of Article B of the ECOWAS Treaty, Council unanimously decided:

- (a) to re-appoint Mr. Desire Kadre QUEDRAOGO as Deputy Executive Secretary in the Executive Secretariat for a second term of four (4) years as from 7 September, 1989 ;
- (b) to re-appoint Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA as Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) in the Executive Secretariat for a second term of four (4) years effective from 12 September 1989.

- (c) to appoint Mr. Gilles BAILLET as Financial Controller of the Community's Institutions to complete the remainder of the first four-year term of his predecessor in office and to serve a second four-year term as from 14 December, 1989.
- (d) to re-appoint Mr. Mustapha A. B. KAH as Deputy Managing Director of the Fund for a second term of four (4) years as from 1 December, 1989.

Item 16 : Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees

48. After its presentation, Council adopted the above report and endorsed its recommendations. Concern was, however, expressed about the duration of the Committee. It was also suggested that consideration should be given to rotating the membership of the Committee as necessary.

Item 17 : Memorandum by the Government of the Republic of The Gambia on the Proposed Convention on Mutual Assistance in Judicial Matters

49. Following the presentation of the above-mentioned memorandum by the Honourable Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia, Council agreed to take note of the proposal submitted by the Government of The Gambia and requested the various delegations to bring it to the attention of the relevant authorities of their Governments. The matter could be discussed again at the next meeting of Council in November, 1989.

51. In the mean time, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to seek confirmation of the interest and support the United Nations Centre for Social Developement and Humanitarian Affairs in Vienna was prepared to give to the proposal.

Item 18 : Report of the Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors and High Commissioners in Lagos

52. Following the presentation of the above report by the Chairman of the Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors and High Commissioners in Lagos, Council agreed to take note of the report. It commended the initiative of the Executive Secretary and the diplomatic envoys of ECOWAS Member States in Lagos to establish the Committee. However, it was agreed that because of its implications, the report should be referred by the various delegations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of their Government for consideration and advice. The matter could be discussed again at the next meeting of Council in November, 1989.

Item 19 : Provisional Agenda of the Authority

53. Council agreed to adopt a provisional agenda for consideration and adoption by the Authority.

Item 20 : Any Other Business

Draft Resolution on Terrorism

54. The Delegation of the Togolese Republic introduced a draft resolution on Terrorism for consideration by Council. Members of Council exchanged views on the proposal. The initiative of the Togolese Delegation was welcomed by some delegations but it was felt that because of its importance and the wider legal and technical implications it raised, the proposal should be referred by each delegation to the relevant authorities of their Governments for consideration.

Item 21 : Adoption of the Report

54. This Report was adopted.

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.1/6/89 ON THE RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF

MR. ADELINO MANO QUETA AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,

ADMINISTRATION, OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF

WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 8 of the Treaty on the appointment of Statutory Officers;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.5/11/85 of the Council of Ministers on the appointment of Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA as Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, of the Community with effect from 12 September 1985;

CONSIDERING that the term of office of Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA expires on 11 September 1989;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The appointment of Mr. Adelino Mano QUETA as Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby renewed for another term of four (4) years with effect from 12 September 1989.

Article 2

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.2/6/89 ON THE RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
MR. DESIRE KADRE OUEDRAOGO AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Article 8 of the Treaty on the appointment of Statutory Officers ;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.4/11/85 of the Council of Ministers appointing Mr. Désiré Kadre OUEDRAOGO as Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Affairs, with effect from 7 September, 1985 ;

CONSIDERING that the term of office of Mr Désiré Kadre OUEDRAOGO expires of 6th September, 1989 ;

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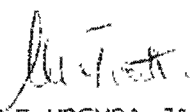
Article 1

The appointment of Mr. Désiré Kadre OUEDRAOGO as Deputy Executive Secretary Economic Affairs, of the Economic Community of West African States, is hereby renewed for another term of four (4) years, with effect from 7 September, 1989.

Article 2

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 each Member States.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.3/6/89 ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. GILLES
BAILLET AS FINANCIAL CONTROLLER OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES AND THE RENEWAL OF
HIS MANDATE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Article 8 of the Treaty on the appointment
of Statutory Officers;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.7/6/86 on the appointment of
Mr. Boubacar DELA as Financial Controller of the
Economic Community of West African States;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the Republic of Niger
has nominated Mr. Gilles BAILLET for appointment as
Financial Controller in replacement of Mr. BOUBACAR DELA,
whose mandate expires on 13th December 1989;

CONSIDERING that Mr. Gilles BAILLET assumed duty as
Financial Controller at the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat
on the 16th April, 1989;

D E C I D E S

Article 1:

Mr. Gilles BAILLET is hereby appointed as Financial
Controller of the Economic Community of West
African States with effect from 16th April, 1989
to 13th December, 1989.

Article 2:

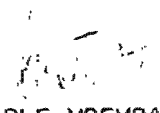
The mandate of Mr. Gilles BAILLET as Financial Controller of the

Economic Community of West African States is hereby renewed for another term of four (4) years with effect from 14th December, 1989 ;

Article 3

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

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC/4/6/89 ON THE RENEWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
MR. MUSTAPHA A. B. KAH AS DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND
FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Article 28 of the Protocol of the ECOWAS Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development relating to the appointment of Statutory Officers to the Institution ;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 6/11/85 of the Council of Ministers appointing Mr. Mustapha B. KAH as Deputy Managing Director of the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development of the Economic Community of West African States with effect from 1st December 1985 ;

CONSIDERING that the term of office of Mr. Mustapha A. B. Kah expires on 30 November 1989,

D E C I D E S

Article 1

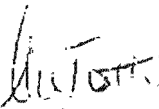
The appointment of Mr. Mustapha A. B. KAH as Deputy Managing Director of the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby renewed for another term of four (4) years with effect from 1st December 1989.

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Article 2

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.5/6/89 ON THE HARMONISATION OF
AGRICULTURAL PRICING POLICIES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 of the Authority of
Heads of State and Government on the ECOWAS agricultural develop-
ment strategy;

CONSIDERING the importance of the agricultural sector
in the economies of Member States of the Community;

AWARE of the need to harmonise agricultural pricing
policies as a means of achieving the economic integration of
the sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Industry, Agriculture and
Natural Resources Commission;

D E C I D E S

Article 1:

Each Member State is hereby requested to set up an
Agricultural Produce Price Analysis Unit.

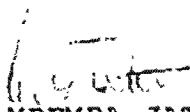
Article 2:

Member States shall improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of agricultural statistics by upgrading their statistical services, and shall communicate such statistics and any modifications to their agricultural pricing policy to the Executive Secretariat at regular intervals.

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.6/6/89 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STUDY FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ECOWAS INDUSTRIAL MASTER PLAN

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

AWARE of the strategic importance of industrialisation in the process of economic and social development of the Member States of the Sub-region;

CONCERNED with the low level of industrialisation and the difficult situation currently facing the industrial sector of Member States of the Sub-region;

DESIROUS of finding appropriate solutions to the problem of industrialisation **in the** entire Sub-region;

MINDFUL of the need for rational and harmonious planning of industrial development in the Sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The terms of reference for the study for the preparation of ECOWAS Industrial Master Plan as annexed to this decision, are hereby adopted.

Article 2:

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 each Member State.

DONE AT QUAGADDOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1969



HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A STUDY FOR THE PREPARATION
OF AND INDUSTRIAL MASTER PLAN FOR ECOWAS

I. INTRODUCTION

Since independence, the Member States of the Sub-region have undertaken various industrialisation plans and programmes aimed at satisfying the domestic demand for manufactured products. This led to a number of industrial units being installed in various countries in the sub-region dictated largely by purely national policy considerations. For various reasons, including inadequate technical expertise, lack of qualified local personnel, insufficient funds, inadequate knowledge of the market under utilisation of existing industrial unit capacity most of these industrial units, for the most part, failed to live up to expectation. This was also true of States which possessed substantial manpower resources and raw materials. Additionally, the Member States of the sub-region failed to take account of the complementarity of their resources to the extent they established identical industries not only to satisfy local needs, but also for exports to neighbouring countries. This second objective was naturally difficult to achieve since each Member State sought to protect the established unit.

While recognising that there could be no lasting economic development in the sub-region without industrialisation, and that the industrialisation of the sub-region necessarily requires the integration of the markets and production units of the various Member States, the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS adopted an industrial cooperation policy in May 1983 as an industrial development framework for the sub-region (Decision A/DEC. 4/4/83).

The general directives underlying the policy were as follows :

- i) that industrial co-operation is a component of sub-regional economic development involving the integration of markets as well as the means of production ;

ii) that in promoting sub-regional industrial development emphasis should be placed on the following sub-sectors :

- a) Food Production ;
- b) Food industries ;
- c) Agro-chemical industries ;
- d) Farms equipment industries ;
- e) Building materials industries ;
- f) Wood industries ;
- g) Telecommunications and electronics industries ;
- h) Petro-chemical industries ;
- i) Pharmaceutical industries ;
- j) Automobile and related industries.

To translate the industrial co-operation policy into concrete action, a five-year (1987-1991) industrial development programme was adopted in November 1986. It defines the ways and means to be adopted with a view to a harmonious industrial development, particularly through the preparation of a sub-regional industrialisation master plan within the period 1991-2010.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objective is the harmonisation and integration of industries in the sub-region. The study should therefore :

- indicate the sectors most viable for Member States ;
- provide orientations which would make it possible to avoid the establishment of competitive industrial units and lead instead to the creation of complementary industries ;

- propose the creation of complementary industries with a view to making the best use of the resources of the sub-region ;
- ensure the establishment of an economic balance in the development of the sub-region.

III. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

PHASE I

1. Inventory of industrial enterprises in the sub-region

The study should make a comprehensive list of industries in the sub-region and arrange them according to the priorities established by the Community's decision making bodies ; this would give an indication of the level of industrialisation in each Member State.

The study should take stock of all industries in the sub-region, taking into account the conditions in each Member State. In particular, the inventory should contain information on the following :

- sector of activity
- nature of company
- location
- authorised capital and distribution (nationals, citizens of the Community and others)
- production capacity
- real production capacity over the past 3 years,
- turnover over the past 3 years
- value added over the past 3 years
- total investment
- raw materials or main semi-finished products used in the manufacturing process :

- . nature
- . quantity
- . origin (ECOWAS and others)
- market :
 - . national requirements
 - . exportable quantity or quantity exported (destination).
- employees :
 - Number of executives, supervisory staff and others.

Taking into account the priority sectors determined by the Community, the study would arrange the industrial enterprises according to the following sectors :

1. Food industries
2. Agro-chemical industries
3. Farm equipment industries
4. Building materials industries
5. Wood industries
6. Petro-chemical industries
7. Pharmaceutical industries
8. Telecommunications and electronic industries
9. Iron and steel industries
10. Automobile and related industries.

The first part will be contained in a separate volume which will serve as a guide to Member States of the sub-region, economic promoters and donor agencies.

A map indicating the location of the main industrial units in the region will be prepared.

2. Analysis of the industrial situation in the sub-region

The study should analyse the basic economic data in each Member State likely to lead to co-operation and integration of industries in the sub-region (exchange of primary commodities, semi-finished and finished products) ;

Analysis of the capital structure and legal status of enterprises ;

- Examination of enterprises to be rehabilitated or restructured with a view to facilitating the integration of the industries of two or more countries of the sub-region ;

- Analysis of the raw material potentialities of the sub-region (agriculture, mineral, animal, etc.)

After taking full stock of all the industrial units in the sub-region, the study should make an inventory of projects likely to be of interest to two or more countries for the purpose of establishing co-operation arrangements between them, taking into account the supply of raw materials and the marketing of semi-finished products.

After analysing all the data, the study should indicate possible areas of short, medium and long-term cooperation and integration for the period 1991-2010.

3. Co-operation or integration of existing units.

The study should make proposals for the harmonisation of industrial programmes and for the optimum use of the resources in the various Member States of the sub-region. Co-operation should provide conditions conducive to the achievement of collective autonomy by creating an atmosphere for the consolidation of the efforts of each Member State of the Community.

Emphasis should be placed on possible inter-relations between industrial units which could lead to integration. Raw material potentialities likely to be processed by other units in the sub-region should be identified, as well as the possibility of an exchange of semi-finished products.

All these proposals must be arranged in time (short, medium and long-term), and the cost of implementation of each proposed action should be estimated, taking into account its financial viability.

Terms of reference for approved proposals must be worked out.

PHASE II

The study will define sectoral programmes likely to lead to the implementation of the actions identified during the first phase. For this purpose, the priority sectors should be arranged in series to enable the development of production branches and the planning of actions in time.

The study will also define measures aimed at supporting the approved actions, for instance :

- fiscal measures to be adopted ;
- solutions to the problem of funding industrial projects;
- measures to facilitate the free circulation of products
- measures aimed at cutting down production costs of enterprises ;
- establishment of infrastructures likely to contribute to the effective integration of the sub-regional industrial sectors, etc...

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
QUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1985

DECISION C/DEC.7/6/85 ON THE SUPPORT PROGRAMME
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDEFUL of Decision C/DEC.1/6/86 of the Council of Ministers on the adoption of the Action Programme for the short and medium-term development of agricultural and natural resources;

MINDEFUL of the need to assist Member States of the Community to upgrade their units responsible for the development of agricultural production in the Sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The principle of financing projects aimed at consolidating national seed production units in Member States through subventions granted from the resources of the Community is hereby approved.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for drawing up support programmes for the other sectors involved in the deve-

lonment of agricultural production (fertilizers, pesticides, agricultural equipment, training, etc). The programmes shall be converted into projects which shall be submitted to external donors for financing.

Article 3

Member States shall set up a Sub-regional seed production Committee.

Article 4

All Member States are hereby requested to adhere to the International Commitment on phyto-genetic Resources.

Article 5

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OHAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1965


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.8/6/89 ON THE ECOWAS SUPPORT PROGRAMME
FOR THE SUPPORT OF ANIMAL DISEASES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 dated 4/5/1982 on the adoption of a Sub-Regional Agricultural development strategy ;

CONCERNED at the numerous obstacles to the development of livestock breeding in the ECOWAS sub-region ;

AWARE of the negative effects of persistent drought, and the outbreak of numerous animal diseases resulting in a high mortality rate and in economic losses ;

COGNISANT of the inadequacy of financial, material and human resources available for the implementation of programmes for the control and eradication of animal diseases ;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The ECOWAS support programme for the control of animal diseases is hereby adopted as follows :

ECOWAS Support Programme 1990 - 1991

- creation or upgrading of national animal statistics units
- Preparation by ECOWAS within two years and with the assistance of the appropriate international organisations of a feasibility study on the four laboratories identified

by the Executive Secretariat in ECOWAS Member States :
DAKAR HANN (Senegal), BINGERVILLE (Côte d'Ivoire),
BAMAKO (Mali) and VOM (Nigeria), with a view to :

- a) assessing investment made ;
 - b) increase vaccine production capacity
 - c) establishing and/or upgrading structures for the control of animal feeds or food items of animal origin;
- Identification of and assistance to animal health programme being implemented in Member States (control of parastatosis in specific areas, control of rabies in big urban centres, etc...)
- organisation of seminars and training courses on animal health (methods of controlling the major diseases, epidemiology, veterinary public health).
- Inventory in 1990 and 1991 and creation or upgrading of animal statistics units in each Member States ;
- Institutionalisation of a biennial meeting of animal health officers from ECOWAS Member States ;
- Inventory of on-going animal health programmes and assistance to such programmes in Member States;
- Search for funds for training purposes and organisation of short training courses and seminars on animal health ;
- establishment of an ECOWAS Emergency Fund for intervention in the event of natural disasters with negative repercussions on animal health in the sub-region;

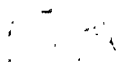
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- The recruitment of a veterinary officer to strengthen the Natural Resources Division of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat

Article 2

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DONE AT GUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC. 9/6/89 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOME
SUB-REGIONAL MAINTENANCE CENTRE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.12/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 28 May 1979 approving the ECOWAS Priority Telecommunications Programme, INTELCOM;

CONSIDERING the profitability of investments is dependent upon proper maintenance of equipment ;

CONSIDERING the positive results of the feasibility study on the Lome Sub-regional Maintenance Centre for Member States of ECOWAS and APTU (African Post and Telecommunications Union) and the report of the consultative meeting held from 12 to 16 December 1988 to consider the feasibility study on the Lome Sub-regional Maintenance Centre for the twenty (20) Member States of ECOWAS and APTU ;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission,

D E C I D E S

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Article 1

The final version of the feasibility study on the Lome Sub-Regional Maintenance Centre for the twenty (20) Member States of ECOWAS and APTU is hereby approved.

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Article 2

There is hereby established a Committee comprising Togo, Nigeria, ECOWAS, APTU and ITU to monitor progress and initiate negotiations with donors, sponsors and suppliers of telecommunications equipment for the construction of this Centre under the most favourable conditions possible for Member States.

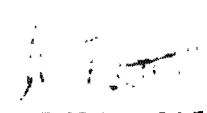
Article 3

The work programme for the Monitoring Committee for the period from March 1989 to March 1990 is attached to this decision

Article 4

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
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ANNEX

MONITORING COMMITTEES WORK PROGRAMME

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
March - April 1989	Preparation of detailed draft terms of reference for the studies - Legal status (by UAPT) - buildings of the Centre (by Togo) - Centre equipment (By UIT)
June 1989	A meeting of the Committee in Lome - Preparation of the Committee's rules of procedure - adoption of terms of reference for detailed studies on : . Legal status of the Centre . the centres buildings . the centres equipment
July to September 1989	Search for financing for the detailed studies.
October 1989	Start of Consultations for the detailed studies
December 1989	A meeting of the Committee for the opening of tender and selection of consultants Preparation of work programme for the following year
March 1991	Meeting of the Committee to consider the files on the detailed studies

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU 25 -- 27 JUNE, 1989

DECISION C/DEC.10/6/89 ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION
OF QUOTA AND NON-QUOTA POSTS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 8, paragraph 7 of the ECOWAS Treaty
on the desirability of ensuring an equitable geographical distribution
of appointments to posts in Community Institutions among Member States;

CONSIDERING the need for the Community to secure the services of highly
qualified and technically competent persons;

CONSIDERING, therefore, the need to review the existing quota system
used in the recruitment of senior staff into the Institutions of the
Community and redistribute quota and non-quota posts;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance Commission, meeting
in Ouagadougou from 17 to 22 June, 1989,

D E C I D E S

Article 1

- a) The posts of Director and of professional staff on grade P5 shall
be quota posts.

- b) Professional posts from grades P1 to P4 and all posts in the Linguistic Division and in the Community Computer Centre, shall be non-quota posts.

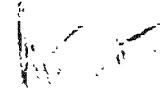
Article 2

Recruitment to professional posts specified in Article 1 (b) above, shall be on a competitive basis with due regard to the provisions of Article 8 (7) of the ECOWAS Treaty.

Article 3

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE, 1989

DECISION C/DEC 11/6/89 ON SELECTION AND RECRUITMENT CRITERIA
FOR STAFF OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance
Commission meeting in Ouagadougou from 17th to 22nd June,
1989:

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The basic minimum criteria for the selection and
recruitment of staff of the Community Institutions shall
be determined as follows :

1 QUOTA POSTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF			
CATEGORY	QUALIFICATIONS	CONDITIONS	REMARKS
D1	- Bachelor's Degree	+ 12 Years professional experience	1 candidate selected out of 3
	- Higher qualification than the First Degree, or certificates delivered by higher professional training schools	+ 10 Years professional experience	
P5	- Bachelor's Degree	+ 10 Years professional experience	1 candidate selected out of 3
	- Higher qualifications than the Bachelor's degree, or certificates delivered by higher professional training schools	+ 8 Years professional experience	

2. NON-QUOTA POSTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF, CATEGORIES P1 - P4

P4	- Bachelor's degree	+ 6 Years professional experience	Vacancies to be advertised in Member States
	- Recognised equivalent qualification		
P3	- Bachelor's degree	+ 5 years professional experience	"
	- Recognised equivalent qualification		
P2	- Bachelor's degree	+ 4 Years professional experience	"
	- Recognised equivalent qualification		
P1	- Bachelor's degree	+ 3 Years professional experience	"
	- Recognised equivalent qualification		

3. G. CATEGORY - LOCALLY RECRUITED STAFF

CATEGORY	QUALIFICATIONS	CONDITIONS	REMARKS
G6	- WASC/GCE (OL) + appropriate professional training leading to the award of a certificate - Recognised equivalent qualification	- Non-quota post + 7 Years experience	Local recruitment by examination
G5	- WASC/GCE (OL) + appropriate professional training leading to the award of a certificate - Recognised equivalent qualification	- Non-quota post + 6 Years experience	Local recruitment by examination
G4	- WASC/GCE (OL) + appropriate professional training leading to the award of a certificate - Recognised equivalent qualification	+ 5 Years experience "	"
G3	- WASC/GCE (OL) + appropriate professional training leading to the award of a certificate - Recognised equivalent qualification	+ 4 Years experience	"

G2	- WASC/GCE (OL) or equivalent + appropriate professional training leading to the award of a certificate	+ 3 Years experience	
	- WASC/GCE (OL) or equivalent + appropriate professional training leading to the award of a certificate	+ 3 Years experience	
G1	- WASC/GCE (OL)	+ 2 Years experience	

Article 2

In addition to the basic minimum criteria, the Head of the Community Institution in which the vacancy is to be filled, may stipulate such requirements as he deems fit, having due regard to the nature of the post and the level of responsibility attached to it.

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.12/6/89 ON PROMOTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER
CATEGORIES OF STAFF OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the need for the Institutions of the Community, in filling vacancies, to promote serving officers and other staff who possess the highest level of efficiency and competence ;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance Commission,

D E C I D E S

Article 1 :

Officers and other categories of staff of Community Institutions selected on the basis of efficiency and professional experience shall be eligible for promotion on a competitive basis.

Article 2

Officers and other staff referred to above may only be promoted provided :

- they possess the requisite qualifications and have spent at least 2 years in their present post ;
- there is a vacant post ;
- the post is included in the budget.

Article 3:

Where a vacancy occurs as a result of a promotion exercise, such vacancy shall be filled only with the authorisation of the decision-making bodies of the Community, by its approval in the Annual Budget of the Institution concerned.

Article 4:

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989


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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC.13/6/89 ON THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMME IN WEST AFRICA

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSIDERING Resolution A/RES.1/11/84 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the Economic Recovery Programme in West Africa ;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.4/11/86 of the Council of Ministers on the adoption of the Economic Recovery Programme in West Africa ;

CONVINCED of the imperative need to pursue appropriate measures to combat the social and economic crisis in the sub-region ;

HAVING EXAMINED the Report of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Planning held in Dakar on 15 and 16 May 1988 on the implementation of the Economic Recovery Programme ;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

In order to ensure more effective implementation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme, the following measures shall be taken at national and Community levels ;

GENERAL POLICY MEASURES .

At National level :

1° The different relevant sectoral Ministries and Departments as well as the private sector - through the Camber of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry - should be fully informed and involved in the implementation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme.

2° An effective national mechanism involving the above sectors should be set up for the monitoring and implementation of the Programme, through which problems can be identified promptly and appropriate solutions found.

3° The ECOWAS economic recovery measures should be included in the national budgets and development plans of Member States.

4° Member States shall ensure that macro-economic objectives of national recovery programme under way are made, compatible with sectoral development objectives.

5° Mechanism shall be set up to monitor the social dimension and consequences of structural adjustment.

B. At Community Level

1° Assistance shall be given in the strengthening of National ECOWAS Units in order to render them more effective.

2° Priority shall be given to the implementation of ECOWAS economic recovery policies and projects in the work programmes and budgets of the institutions.

3^o Assistance shall be given in the mobilisation of financial resources required for the implementation of certain short-term activities in the Economic Recovery Programme. The Community Institutions should therefore endeavour as much as possible to have direct access to Regional Funds such ACP/CEE Regional Fund and the UNDP 4th Programme cycle.

General measures

A seminar shall be organised on on-going structural adjustment programme (SAPs) in Member States. This seminar should enable Member States to exchange experience in macro-economic management, and explore the possibility of developing common approaches to the negotiations of Structural Adjustment Programme.

The Investment Programme

1) Projects which do not feature in national investment programmes are hereby withdrawn from the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme. In this regard, all Member States are requested to send their short-term investment programmes to the Institutions of the Community.

2) Priority will be given to purely regional projects and national projects that have regional impact.

3) The Fund Management is hereby authorised to mobilise commercial loans for the financing of private sector projects with high internal rates of return.

4) Institutions of the Community are urged to provide every assistance possible to Member States in the preparation of projects included in the Investment Programmes of Member States where appropriate studies do not yet exist for such projects.

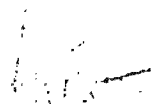
5) Member States are requested to pay in full their contributions to the first and second tranches of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund.

6) Member States are urged to give their support to projects initiated by private promoters and assist them to obtain guarantees from first rate banks or sub-regional guarantee institutions.

Article 2

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 each Member State

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989



HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

DECISION C/DEC 14/6/89 ESTABLISHING THE MODALITIES FOR THE
ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS TO INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND
PRODUCTS APPROVED TO BENEFIT FROM THE TRADE
LIBERATION SCHEME

The COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the Protocol on the definition of the
concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member
States and of the subsequent Acts and Decisions
amending the said Protocol;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.15/5/80 of the Authority
of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS, dated
28 May 1980, fixing the level of participation
in the share capital of industrial enterprises
eligible for the preferential treatment provided
for in the intra-Community trade liberalisation
scheme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of the Authority
of Heads of State and Government dated 30 May
1983 on the adoption and implementation of a single
intra-Community trade liberalisation scheme for
industrial products originating from Member States
of the Community

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/5/80 of the Council
of Ministers dated 25 May 1980 relating to the
proof and verification of the Community origin
of products and procedures for the movement of
g goods within the Community;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/6/88 of the Council
o of Ministers dated 21 June 1988, defining the
procedure for the approval of industrial enterprises,
and products eligible for the ECOWAS trade
liberalisation scheme,

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/12/88 listing the
a approved industrial enterprises and products
eligible for the ECOWAS trade liberalisation
scheme;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs,
Immigration, Money and Payments Commission.

D E C I D E S

Article 1 -----

Industrial enterprises and products eligible
for the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme shall be
registered and shall receive approval numbers in
accordance with the information contained in the table
below :

Member State	Enterprise	Product	Year
Country Code	Number	Number	
(3 figures)	3 (figures)	(2 figures)	(2 figures)

A code number shall be allocated to each Member
in accordance with the country codification system
of the United Nations adopted by ECOWAS.

- Enterprises shall receive numbers containing three figures in chronological order from 001 to 999.
- Industrial products shall receive two-figure numbers 0* - 99, chronological order.
- The year of approval shall be shown by a reference number consisting of the two last figures of the year.

Article 2

- i) Registration numbers for enterprises and approval numbers for industrial products allocated by decision of the Council of Ministers shall be shown on the Certificate of Origin and the standard customs declaration forms adopted by ECOWAS. In accordance with the provisions of Article 1.11 of Decision A/DEC.15/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, dated 28 May 1980
- ii) The list of approved enterprises and industrial products approved by the Council of Ministers as well as the approval numbers, shall be published in the official Journal of the Community and notified to all Member States by the Executive Secretariat.

Article 3

- i) Registration of an industrial enterprise and allocation of a number to its products shall not in any way be considered permanent.
- ii) The approval shall lapse where there is any case of violation of the criteria for approval of enterprises and industrial products or where there is any attempt of fraud in the trading of these

products, following a complaint lodged by one or several Member States.

- iii) Withdrawal of approval shall be signified in a decision of the Council of Ministers.

Article 4

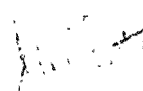
The rate of reduction of customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect to be applied to each approved product shall conform to those fixed by Article 5 of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and government, dated 30 May 1983.

Such taxes shall enter into force with effect from 1st January of the year following the approval of the product.

Article 5

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for implementation of this Decision which shall enter 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 OUAGADOUGOU, 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989.


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE, 1989

**DECISION C/DEC.15/6/89 ON THE ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS
TO ENTERPRISES AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS APPROVED TO
BENEFIT FROM THE INTRA-ECOWAS TRADE LIBERALISATION
SCHEME**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establish-
ing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and
functions;**

**MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of the Authority of
Heads of State and Government dated 30 May, 1983 on the adop-
tion and implementation of a single intra-Community trade
liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from
Member States of the Community;**

**MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/12/88 listing the enter-
prises and industrial products approved to benefit from the
intra-ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;**

**MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.14/6/89 establishing the
modalities for the allocation of numbers to industrial enter-
prises and products approved to benefit from the trade libe-
ralisation scheme;**

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigra-
tion, Money and Payments Commission;**

LISTE DES ENTREPRISES ET PRODUITS INDUSTRIELS AGREES

LIST OF AGREED ENTREPRISES AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

ETAT MEMBRE D'EXPORT/ENTREPRISE EXPORTING MEMBER STATE/COMPANY	N° NOMEN- CLATURE	PRODUIT/PRODUCT DESIGNATION/DESCRIPTION	N° D'AGREMENT			
			CODE PAYS	NUMERO ENTREPRISE	NUMERO PRODUIT	ANNEE YEAR
<u>BENIN</u>						
Usine Africaine de Confiserie	17-04	Autres sucreries sans cacao/ Other non-cocoa based confectionery	204	001	01	88
P.E.B. (Plastiques et Elastomère du Bénin)	94-04	Matresses/Matelas	204	002	01	88
	94-04	Mousse/Foam	204	002	02	88
IBER - S.A. (Industrie Béninoise de Réfrigération)	84-15	Refrigérateurs/Refrigerators	204	003	01	88
	84-12	Climatiseurs/Air conditioners	204	003	02	88
MANUCIA	36-06	Allumettes/Matches	204	004	01	88
<u>BURKINA FASO</u>						
PLSU PLAT	39-07	Sacs Plastiques/Plastic Bags	225	001	01	88
SBMC (Société Burkinabè de manufacture de cuir)	41-02	Peaux (Cuir)/Hides (leather	225	002	01	88
<u>CAP VERT</u>						
SOCAL	64-02	Chaussures en cuir naturel/ Natural leather shoes	132	001	01	88
	64-02	Chaussures en cuir synthé- tiques/Synthetic leather shoes	132	001	02	88

16. Council agreed that in the years immediately ahead, the promotion and expansion of intra-Community trade should be accorded the highest priority in the implementation of the priority agenda of Community co-operation programmes, including the necessary support measures in related trade-development sub-sectors. These include the trade liberalisation scheme, free movement of persons and goods, monetary co-operation programme, economic recovery programme as well as programmes in the fields of agriculture and industry.

17. Council also agreed in principle with the proposal to establish an Information Division within the Executive Secretariat and asked that the financial implications be worked out for consideration at its next meeting in November 1989.

Item 2 : Reports of Technical Commissions

(i) Agriculture, Industry and Natural Resources Commission

18. Following the presentation of the Commission's reports, Council stressed the importance of the proposed agricultural programmes and projects to facilitate the achievement of sub-regional food self-sufficiency by the year 2000, which is a principal objective of the Community. Council therefore requested the Executive Secretariat to intensify its search for resources to finance the seed production and cattle-breeding centres whose implementation is being delayed.

19. Council adopted the Commission's report and approved the following recommendations:

- the preparation of an ECDWAS Industrial Master Plan on the basis of the terms of reference presented;
- the support programme for agricultural development;

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OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.1/6/89 ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT
OF DR. ABASS BUNDU AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Article 8 of the said Treaty relating to the appointment of statutory officers;

MINDFUL of the Final Communiqué of the 11th Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Lomé from 23 to 25 June 1988 requesting the Republic of Sierra Leone to nominate another Sierra Leone national to replace the out-going Executive Secretary, Mr. Momodu MUNU;

MINDFUL of the letter dated 15 November 1988 by which the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government appointed Dr. Abass BUNDU as Executive Secretary of the Community for a term of four (4) years with effect from 1st January, 1989;

P R O P O S E S

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve and adopt the attached draft Decision on the ratification of the appointment of Dr. Abass BUNDU as Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE 1989

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.1/6/89 RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE
APPOINTMENT OF DR. ABASS BUNDU AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Article 8 of the Treaty relating to the Appointment of Statutory
Officers;

MINDFUL of the Final Communiqué of the Authority of Heads of State and
Government at its 11th Session held in Lomé from 23rd to 25th June, 1988
whereby the Republic of Sierra Leone was requested to nominate another
Sierra Leonean to replace Mr. Momodu MUNU, the out-going Executive Secre-
tary;

MINDFUL of the letter dated 15th November 1988 written by the current
Chairman of Authority of Heads of State and Government appointing Dr.
Abass BUNDU as the Executive Secretary of the Community for a term of
four (4) years with effect from 1st January, 1989;

CONSIDERING that Dr. Abass BUNDU assumed duty as the Executive Secretary
of the Community on the 1st day of February, 1989, and that there is
a need for the Authority to ratify his appointment;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT:

To adopt the attached rescheduling of arrears of payments for the construction of the headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund in Lome.

DONE IN OUAGADOUGOU THIS
27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE, 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.2/6/89 ON THE HARMONISATION
OF AGRICULTURAL PRICING POLICIES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the ECOWAS agricultural development strategy;

CONSIDERING the importance of the agricultural sector in the economies of Member States of the Community;

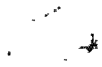
CONSIDERING the need to monitor price trends for agricultural produce or for specific groups of products and to harmonise Community markets for agricultural produce;

REQUESTS Member States to act in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat to:

1. set up sub-regional Inter-State Technical Committees to monitor price trends for agricultural produce or for specific groups of products;

2. ensure speedy implementation of Decision
A/DEC.22/5/80 of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads
of State and Government on the establishment of
an information service for the harmonisation of
Community markets for agricultural produce.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989


HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES 3/6/89 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION A/DEC.8/5/79
DATED 29 MAY 1979 ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES
OF EQUIVALENT EFFECT AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

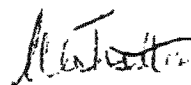
RECALLING that customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect imposed on goods imported under the Community tariff regime, and non- tariff barriers are consolidated as from 28 May, 1979 ;

RECALLING also that these customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect have been included in the tariff nomenclature adopted by ECOWAS and distributed to all Member States ;

A P P E A L S

to Member States to take all necessary steps to ensure the effective implementation of Decision A/DEC.8/5/79 dated 29 May 1979 on the consolidation of customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect, and non-tariff barriers.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989



HON. MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE, 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.4/6/89 RELATING TO THE LIQUIDATION
OF OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER
STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING the provisions of Article II of the Proto-
col relating to the contributions by Member States to the Budget
of the Economic Community of West African States which stipulate
that "contributions due from Member States shall be paid into
the budget of the Community within three months from the begin-
ning of the financial year which they relate";

RECALLING the concern expressed by the Authority at
its Ninth Session in July 1986 at Abuja on the substantial
arrears in contributions, and the consequent decision requiring
every Member State to clear all outstanding balances as at that
date, before 31 March, 1987;

CONCERNED at the continued accumulation of arrears,
which currently exceed three times the annual budget of the
Executive Secretariat ;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and
Government:

To adopt the attached draft Decision relating to the
liquidation of all outstanding financial contributions of
Member States.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE, 1989

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.2/6/89 RELATING TO THE LIQUIDATION
OF OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

CONSIDERING the provisions of Article III of the Proto-
col relating to the contributions by Member States to the Budget
of the Economic Community of West African States, which stipu-
late that "contributions due from Member States shall be paid
into the budget of the Community within three months from the
beginning of the financial year into which they relate";

RECALLING the concern it expressed at its Ninth Session
in July 1986 at Abuja, and the consequent decision requiring
every Member State to clear all outstanding balances, as at that
date, before 31 March 1987;

CONCERNED at the continued accumulation of arrears, which
currently exceed three times the annual budget of the Executive
Secretariat;

D E C I D E S

Article 1:

All Member States with outstanding balances in their contributions to the budget of the Executive Secretariat are hereby called upon to pay these arrears as soon as possible, and in any case before the end of June 1990. Those Member States unable to settle all their arrears immediately may pay such arrears in equal quarterly instalments over a period of one year beginning from 1 July 1989.

Article 2:

The Executive Secretary is directed to monitor the implementation of this decision and to report on it to the Thirteenth Session of the Authority.

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989

H.E. ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA

CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, - JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.5/6/89 RELATING TO THE INTERIOR DESIGN
AND DECORATION OF THE ECOWAS FUND HEADQUARTERS
IN LOME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSCIOUS of Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/5/81 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the establishment of a standing ECOWAS Tender Board,

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions,

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/6/88 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to financing of Extra Works in respect of the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund in Lome,

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On the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community at its meeting held in Ouagadougou on 24 June 1989.

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT:

To approve the amount of one billion three hundred and ten million francs CFA (FCFA 1,310,000,000) as the maximum estimated cost for the Interior Design and Decoration of the ECOWAS Fund Headquarters in Lome, made up as follows:

	<u>In Millions</u> <u>of FCFA</u>
- Furniture and Wall Fittings	700
- Gable Decorative Structures	20
- Neon Signs	20
- Three-Dimensional Structure	100
- Simultaneous Interpretation Equipment	140
- False Ceiling under Arch	35
- Tiles in Conference Hall	80
- Statue of 2 Women	60
- Gate with Automatic Leverage	15
- Supply of Works of Art from Each Member State (10 million francs CFA per Country) for the Exhibition Boxes and Lounges (for information purpose only)	-
- Cinema equipment	<u>140</u>
	1,310

The examination of tender in respect of the Interior Design and Decoration shall be done by the ECOWAS Tender Board.

DONE IN OUAGADOUGOU THIS
27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MDEMBA JATTA
FOR COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

**TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT**

OUAGADOUGOU 29 - 30 JUNE 1989

**DRAFT DECISION No.A/DEC.3/6/89 RELATING TO THE INTERIOR
DESIGN AND DECORATION OF THE ECOWAS FUND HEADQUARTERS
IN LOME**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

**CONSCIOUS of Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority of
Heads of State and Government relating to the Construction
of the Headquarters of the Institutions of the Community,**

**MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/5/81 of the Authority of Heads
of State and Government relating to the establishment of
a standing ECOWAS Tender Board,**

**MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of
Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction
of the Headquarters of Community Institutions,**

**MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/6/88 of the Authority of
Heads of State and Government relating to financing of
Extra Works in respect of the construction of the
Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund in Lome,**

**On the recommendation of the 25th Session of the Council
of Ministers held in Ouagadougou from 25 to 27 June 1989**

.../2.

Article 2

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

Article 2 The examination of Tenders in respect of the Interior Design and Decoration shall be done by the SCORAS Tender Board.

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS
30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.6/6/89 RELATING TO RESCHEDULING OF
ARREARS OF PAYMENTS OF CONTRIBUTION FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS OF
THE ECOWAS FUND IN LOME

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSCIOUS of Decision A/DEC./17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/6/88 of the Authority of Heads of States and Government relating to financing of extra works in respect of the Construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS Fund in Lome;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions held in Ouagadougou on 24th June 1989;

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PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT:

To adopt the attached rescheduling of arrears of payments for the construction of the headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund in Lome.

DONE IN OUAGADOUGOU THIS
27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

TABLE II

CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS
RESCHEDULING OF ARREARS OF PAYMENTS FOR THE LOME HEADQUARTERS
STATEMENT AS AT 20/06/1989

MEMBER STATES	OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS F CFA	N E W D A T E S			
		30/09/89	31/12/89	30/06/90	31/12/90
BENIN	60 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000
BURKINA FASO	-	-	-	-	-
CABO VERDE	5 000 000	2 500 000	2 500 000	-	-
COTE D'IVOIRE	-	-	-	-	-
THE GAMBIA	6 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	-	-
GHANA	258 000 000	64 500 000	64 500 000	64 500 000	64 500 000
GUINEA	58 000 000	58 000 000	-	-	-
GUINEA BISSAU	30 000 000	7 500 000	7 500 000	7 500 000	7 500 000
LIBERIA	134 000 000	33 500 000	33 500 000	33 500 000	33 500 000
MALI	38 000 000	9 500 000	9 500 000	9 500 000	9 500 000
MAURITANIA	72 000 000	18 000 000	18 000 000	18 000 000	18 000 000
NIGER	-	-	-	-	-
NIGERIA	-	-	-	-	-
SENEGAL	-	-	-	-	-
SIERRA LEONE	88 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000
TOGO	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	749 000 000	233 500 000	175 500 000	170 000 000	170 000 000

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.4/5/89 RELATING TO RESCHEDULING OF
ARREARS OF PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS IN LOME

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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

CONSCIOUS of Decision A/Dec.17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads
of State and Government relating to the construction of
Headquarters of Community institutions;

MINFUL of Decision C/Dec.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers
relating to the procedure for the construction of the
Headquarters of Community institutions;

MINFUL of Decision A/Dec.3/6/80 of the Authority of Heads of
state and Government relating to the financing of extra works
in respect of the construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS
Fund in Lome;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 25th session of the Council of
Ministers held in Ouagadougou from 25 to 27 June 1989;

DECIDES

Article 1

Member States shall pay their contributions for the
construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS Fund in Lome in

accordance with the attached schedule.

Article 2

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 each Member States.

DONE IN OUAGADOUGOU THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.7/6/89 RELATING TO RESCHEDULING OF ARREARS OF

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE
HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSCIOUS of Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the construction of the Headquarters of Community institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions.

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/7/87 relating to the financing of the construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS Executive Secretariat;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions held in Ouagadougou on 24 June 1989;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

To adopt the attached Rescheduling of arrears of payments for the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat in Abuja.

DONE IN DUAGADDUGOU THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

TABLEAU III

CONTRIBUTION A LA CONSTRUCTION DES SIEGES
SIEGE D'ABUJA - REECHELONNEMENT DES ARRIERES
SITUATION AU 20/06/1989

ETATS MEMBRES	SOLDE A PAYER DES CONTRIBU- TIONS F CFA	NOUVELLES DATES D'ECHÉANCE			
		30/09/89	31/12/89	30/06/90	31/12/90
BENIN	68 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000
BURKINA FASO	-	-	-	-	-
CAP VERT	20 000 000	5 000 000	5 000 000	5 000 000	5 000 000
COTE D'IVOIRE	130 000 000	130 000 000	-	-	-
GAMBIE	52 000 000	13 000 000	13 000 000	13 000 000	13 000 000
GHANA	258 000 000	64 500 000	64 500 000	64 500 000	64 500 000
GUINEE	58 000 000	29 000 000	14 500 000	14 500 000	-
GUINEE BISSAU	30 000 000	7 500 000	7 500 000	7 500 000	7 500 000
LIBERIA	134 000 000	33 500 000	33 500 000	33 500 000	33 500 000
MALI	38 000 000	9 500 000	9 500 000	9 500 000	9 500 000
MAURITANIE	72 000 000	18 000 000	18 000 000	18 000 000	18 000 000
NIGER	31 500 000	10 500 000	10 500 000	10 500 000	-
NIGERIA	298 261 000	100 000 000	100 000 000	98 261 000	-
SENEGAL	108 000 000	108 000 000	-	-	-
SIERRA LEONE	88 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000
TOGO	36 000 000	36 000 000	-	-	-
T O T A L	413 761 000	601 500 000	313 000 000	311 261 000	188 000 000

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.5/6/89 RELATING TO THE RESCHEDULING OF
ARREARS OF PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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

CONSCIOUS of Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority of Heads
of State and Government relating to the construction of the
Headquarters of Community institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers
relating to the procedure for the construction of the
Headquarters of Community institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/4/87 relating to the financing of
the construction of the Headquarters of ECOWAS Executive
Secretariat;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 25th Session of the Council of
Ministers held in Ouagadougou from 25 to 27 June 1989

DECIDES

Article 1

Member States shall pay their contributions for the
construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat
in Abuja in accordance with the attached schedule.

Article 2

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

MONITORING COMMITTEES WORK PROGRAMME

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
March - April 1989	Preparation of detailed draft terms of reference for the studies - Legal status (by UAPT) - buildings of the Centre (by Togo) - Centre equipment (By UIT)
June 1989	A meeting of the Committee in Lomé - Preparation of the Committee's rules of procedure - adoption of terms of reference for detailed studies on : . Legal status of the Centre . the centres buildings . the centres equipment
July to September 1989	Search for financing for the detailed studies.
October 1989	Start of Consultations for the detailed studies
December 1989	A meeting of the Committee for the opening of tender and selection of consultants Preparation of work programme for the following year
March 1991	Meeting of the Committee to consider the files on the detailed studies

P R O P O S E S

to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to approve and adopt the attached draft Supplementary Protocol amending and complementing the provisions of Article 7 of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment.

DONE AT DUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1959

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.6/6/89 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AMENDING AND COMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, RIGHT OF RESIDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Protocol A/P1/S/79 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

CONSIDERING the need for harmonious development in all areas of ECOWAS activity including Free Movement of Persons, Goods, Services and Capital, which is the foundation of such development;

AWARE of the need to seek appropriate solutions to problems which may arise during implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment and the need to prevent Member States from taking unilateral measures which may obstruct the proper implementation of the provisions of this Protocol;

BEING of the opinion that, pending the constitution of the Community Tribunal provided for under Article 11 of the Treaty, and appropriate mechanism should be set up to settle recurrent or serious cases of violation of the provisions of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE 1989

A/SP1/1/89 DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AMENDING AND COMPLETING
THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE PROTOCOL ON FREE MOVEMENT,
RIGHT OF RESIDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

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

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Protocol A/P1/5/79 on the Free Move-
ment of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/7/85
establishing a code of conduct for the implementation of the
Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and
Establishment;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/7/86 on the implementation
of the second phase (Right of Residence) of the Protocol on Free
Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

CONSIDERING the need for harmonious development in all areas of
ECOWAS activity including Free Movement of Persons, Goods, Services
and Capital, which is a cornerstone of such development;

CONSIDERING the pressing need to foster active and effective
cooperation through exchange of information and adoption of a
common strategy by the Immigration Departments of Member States;

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AWARE of the need to seek appropriate solutions to problems which may arise in the implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment and the need to prevent Member States from taking unilateral measures likely to obstruct the proper implementation of the provisions of this and the related Protocols;

BEING of the opinion that, pending the constitution of the Community Tribunal referred to in Article 11 of the Treaty, a mechanism should be set up to settle recurrent or serious cases of violation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment;

DESIROUS of signing a Supplementary Protocol amending the provisions of Article 7 of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 : Definitions

Within this Supplementary Protocol, "Treaty" means the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African State.

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

"Member State of States" means Member State or States of the Economic Community of West African States.

"Authority" means the Authority of Heads of State and Government established by Article 5 of the Treaty.

"Chairman of the Authority" means the current Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States. •

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TO APPROVE and ADOPT the attached decision on the choice of Republic of Senegal as host country of West African Women's Association.

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

PROPOSES that the Authority of Heads of State and Government adopt the attached draft Decision changing to 1st January 1990 the implementation date of the trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.9/6/89 ON THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 9 OF DECISION A/DEC.1/5/85 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME FOR PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.9/5/79 dated 29 May 1979 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS relating to the consolidation of import duties and non tariff barriers;

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Community Member States;

AWARE of the need and desirability of amending the implementation date of the trade liberalisation Scheme for industrial products originating from Community Member States;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION by Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission:

"Executive Secretary and Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretary and the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States as stipulated in Article 8 of the Treaty.

Article 2 :

The provisions of Article 7 of Protocol A/21/5/79 on Free Movement of Persons, the Right of Residence and Establishment have been amended and completed as follows:

Amended Article 7

1. Any dispute that may arise among Member States regarding the interpretation and application of this Protocol shall be amicably settled by direct agreement.
2. In the event of failure to settle such a dispute amicably, the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government may upon receiving a complaint from a Member State of the Community of systematic or serious violations of the provisions of the Protocols on Free Movement of Persons, the Right of Residence and Establishment on the part of another Member State, request the Executive Secretary to urgently despatch to the Member States concerned a fact-finding mission comprising officials from at least three Member States, acceptable to the parties concerned, and officials of the Executive Secretariat, to investigate the complaint.

A report shall be compiled by the fact-finding mission and submitted by the Executive Secretary to the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, and to the Governments of all Member States with a view to finding appropriate solutions to the problems identified.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE 1989

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.6/6/89 AMENDING ARTICLE 9 of DECISION
A/DEC.1/5/83 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF A SINGLE TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,
MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty
establishing the Authority of Heads of State and
Government and defining its composition and function;

MINDFUL of Article 12, 13, 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS
Treaty;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.88/5/79 dated 29 May
1979 of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State
and Government on the consolidation of customs
duties and taxes of equivalent effect, and non-
tariff barriers;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May
1983 of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State
and Government on the adoption and implementation
of a single trade liberalisation scheme for
industrial products originating from Member States
of the Community;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.9/6/89 dated 27 June
1989 of the Council of Ministers amending Article
9 of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 relating to the adoption
and implementation of a single trade liberalisation
scheme for industrial products originating from
Member States of the Community:

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government is hereby amended as follows :

The implementation date of the trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States of Community shall be 1st January 1990.

Article 2

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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, 30 JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

LISTE DES ENTREPRISES ET PRODUITS INDUSTRIELS AGREES

LIST OF AGREED ENTREPRISES AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

ETAT MEMBRE D'EXPORT/ENTREPRISE EXPORTING MEMBER STATE/COMPANY	N° NOMEN- CLATURE	PRODUIT/PRODUCT DESIGNATION/DESCRIPTION	N° D'AGREMENT			
			CODE PAYS	NUMERO ENTREPRISE	NUMERO PRODUIT	ANNEE YEAR
<u>BENIN</u>						
Usine Africaine de Confiserie	17-04	Autres sucreries sans cacao/ Other non-cocoa based confectionery	204	001	01	88
P.E.B. (Plastiques et Elastomère du Bénin)	94-04	Matresses/Matelas	204	002	01	88
	94-04	Mousse/Foam	204	002	02	88
IREF - S.A. (Industrie Béninoise de Réfrigération)	84-15	Refrigérateurs/Refrigerators	204	003	01	88
	84-12	Climatiseurs/Air conditioners	204	003	02	88
MANUCIA	36-06	Allumettes/Matches	204	004	01	88
<u>BURKINA FASO</u>						
FASO PLAT	39-07	Sacs Plastiques/Plastic Bags	225	001	01	88
SEMC (Société Burkinabè de manufacture de cuir)	41-02	Peaux (Cuir)/Hides (leather	225	002	01	88
<u>CAP VERT</u>						
SOCAL	64-02	Chaussures en cuir naturel/ Natural leather shoes	132	001	01	88
	64-02	Chaussures en cuir synthé- tiques/Synthetic leather shoes	132	001	02	8

ETAT MEMBRE D'EXPORT/ENTREPRISE	N° NOMEN-	PRODUIT/PRODUCT	N° D'AGREMENT			
EXPORTING MEMBER STATE/COMPANY	CLATURE	DESIGNATION/DESCRIPTION	CODE PAYS	NUMERO ENTREPRISE	NUMERO PRODUIT	ANNEE YEAR
<u>GHANA</u> Ghana Pioneer Aluminium Limited	76-15	Ustensils de cuisine/ Kitchen Utensils	288	001	01	88
<u>MALI</u> SADA DIALLO SIRCOS (Bâtiments)	28-31 22-10 69-07	Eau de javel/Bleach Vinaigre/Vinegar Carraux/Tiles	466 466 466	001 001 002	01 02 01	88 88 88
<u>NIGER</u> SONICHAUX Niger Peinture	25-22 32-09 32-09	Chaux ordinaire/lime Peinture à eau/Emulsion Paint Peinture pour sol/Floor Paint	562 562 562	001 002 002	01 01 02	88 88 88
<u>NIGERIA</u> Delta Steel Co. GAZAL Industrail Enterprises Ltd. CREST Products Limited GOLDEN GUINEA Breweries Limited	73-07 73-13 69-07 19-08 22-08 23-03	Billettes/Billets Acier laminé/Laminated Steel Carreaux/Tiles Biscuiteries/Biscuits Bière/Beer Stout/Scout	566 566 566 566 566 566	001 001 002 003 004 004	01 02 01 01 01 02	88 88 88 88 88 88
<u>SENEGAL</u> SPIA (Société de Produits industriels et agricoles)	38-11 38-11 28-42	Insecticides Fongicides/Fungicides Calcaires/Limestones	606 606 606	001 001 001	01 02 03	88 88 88

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.10/6/89 ON THE RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOLS AND
CONVENTIONS SIGNED BY THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

COGNISANT of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 62 of
the Treaty relating to the ratification and entry into force
of the Treaty and annexed Protocols;

CONSIDERING the fact that all Protocols and Conventions signed
by the Heads of State and Government of the Community must be
ratified by Member States to ensure the progress and develop-
ment of ECOWAS;

AWARE of the existence of a large number of signed Conventions
and Protocols which have yet to be ratified by Member States;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government

to approve and adopt the attached Decision on the ratification
of Protocols and Conventions signed by the Heads of State

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and Government of the Economic Community of West African State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 28 - 30 JUNE 1989

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.7/6/89 ON RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOLS
AND CONVENTIONS SIGNED BY THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERN-
MENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 62, paragraph 1
of the said Treaty relating to the entry into force and
ratification of the Treaty and Annexed Protocols;

CONSIDERING that all the Protocols and Conventions
signed by the Heads of State and Government of the
Community must be ratified by Member States in order
to ensure the progress and development of ECOWAS;

AWARE of the existence of a large number of conventions
and Protocols which have been signed and are yet to
be ratified,

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Each Member State shall take prompt measures at
national level to speed up the ratification procedure in
respect of Protocols and Conventions signed by Heads of
State and Government of the Community which are yet to
be ratified.

Article 2

All Member States shall ratify all Protocols and Conventions signed by the Authority of Head of State and Government yet to be ratified and shall deposit the instruments of ratification with the Executive Secretariat not later than 31 December, 1989.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the status of ratification in Member States and prepare a report which shall be forwarded to all Member States not later than 31 January, 1990.

Article 4

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 each Member States.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHADJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA.

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES 11/6/89 RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION
OF AND GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE
FEDERATION OF WEST AFRICAN ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the Treaty of the Economic
Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the
Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Recommendation A/REC.1/5/83 relating to
the mobilisation of the different sections of the population
in the integration process;

AWARE of the need to mobilise and involve all sec-
tions of the population in the building of the Community;

CONSIDERING the memorandum presented by the Executive
Secretariat on the issue of recognition and granting of observer
status to the Federation ;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT,

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To adopt the attached draft Decision relating to the recognition of and granting of observer status to the Federation of West African Associations for the Advancement of Handicapped Persons.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBE JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE 1989

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC 8 /6/89 RELATING TO THE
RECOGNITION OF AND GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO
THE FEDERATION OF WEST AFRICAN ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Recommendation A/DEC.1.5.83 relating to the
mobilisation of different sections of the population in the inte-
gration process;

AWARE of the need to mobilise and involve all sections of
the population in the building of the Community;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES 11/6/89 of the Council
of Ministers/

D E C I D E S

Article 1 : The Federation of West African Associations for
the Advancement of Handicapped Persons is hereby recognised
and granted Observer Status within the Institutions of ECOWAS.

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Article 2 : 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 each Member State.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUIN 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES 12/6/89 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CHOICE OF
REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AS HOST COUNTRY OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF
WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA).

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/7/87 of the Authority
on the approval of the statutes of the West African
Women's Association;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/7/87 on the granting of
the status of specialised institutions of ECOWAS on
the West African Women's Association;

CONVINCED that the West African Women's Association
is an important mobilising force in the development
process of Member States;

CONSIDERING the fact that the Association at its
Second General Assembly meeting held in Dakar on
27 and 28 October 1988 chose the Republic of
Senegal as host country headquarters of WAWA.

P R O P O S E S

To the AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

tance will be forthcoming to cover all the cost that the implementation of the Gambian proposal may involve; I am looking forward to hearing the views of Honourable members of Council on this and all other issues.

I thank you all for your kind attention.

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TO APPROVE and ADOPT the attached decision on the choice of Republic of Senegal as host country of West African Women's Association.

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

of the Republic of Senegal as the Host country of the Headquarters of WAWA, is hereby approved.

Article 2

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

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

RESOLUTION C/RES.3/6/89 RELATING TO THE STUDY ON ENHANCING
THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE ECOWAS FUND

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

RECALLING the purpose of the ECOWAS Fund as set out in Article 2 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Fund,

CONSCIOUS of the increasing demands on the resources of the ECOWAS Fund,

NOTING that the internal resources of the ECOWAS Fund are rapidly declining,

NOTING that there are considerable reserves of surplus funds outside the ECOWAS sub-region,;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/6/88 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the Study on Enhancing the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund,

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

FINAL REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held its opening ceremony at the Conference Hall of the CEAO Headquarters in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 25 June, after which it resumed substantive discussion at Hotel Silmande from 25 to 27 June, 1989.

2. The following Member States were represented:

The People's Republic of BENIN
BURKINA FASO
The Republic of CAPE VERDE
The Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE
* The Republic of THE GAMBIA
The Republic of GHANA
The Republic of GUINEA
The Republic of GUINEA BISSAU
The Republic of LIBERIA
The Republic of MALI
The Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA
The Republic of NIGER
The Federal Republic of NIGERIA
The Republic of SENEGAL
The Republic of SIERRA LEONE
The TOGOLESE REPUBLIC

- transfer between Non-Regionals of subscribed and paid up shares is prohibited,
- transfer by Regional Members to Non-Regionals of subscribed and unpaid shares is prohibited,
- the possibility of regional Members purchasing shares from Non-Regional Members should be envisaged.

3. Guidelines to safeguard the Regional Character of the ECOWAS Fund and the Community objective of regional integration

Before the commencement of operations of the Fund it would be necessary to formulate guidelines for approval by the Authority. These guidelines would guarantee that the integration and development directives of the Community are fully respected and adhered to by both the Board of Directors and Management of the Fund in particular. There should be a specific requirement that a certain proportion of the lending operations of the Fund will be allocated for financing regional integration projects. Further, the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund should be forwarded to the Authority through the Executive Secretary not later than three months after the end of Fund's financial year. There may also be other protective mechanisms necessary in this area.

4. Ministerial Committee

An Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee shall be set up to:

- take account of the needs as well as the constraints of Member States for a more effective integration of the objective of the enhanced financial resources of the Fund within the regional environment in order to provide development financing;

- explore the possibilities of mobilising maximum resources in collaboration with the partners of the Community.

This Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee shall be composed of:

- Chairman : Republic of Niger
- Rapporteurs: Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
Republic of Ghana
- Members : Burkina Faso
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Togolese Republic

The Ministerial Committee could be assisted by the Executive Secretariat and the Management of the Fund.

Where necessary, the Committee could resort to the services of the Consultant who has conducted the study on the enhancement of the financial resources of the Fund.

The Committee shall present its final report to the Council of Ministers within a year. During this period, the Committee shall prepare interim reports.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU THIS
27TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HON. MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SUMMIT OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE 1989

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC.10/6/89 RELATING TO THE STUDY ON
ENHANCING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE ECOWAS FUND
FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

RECALLING the purpose of the ECOWAS Fund as set out in
Article 2 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Fund,

CONSCIOUS of the increasing demands on the resources
of the ECOWAS Fund,

NOTING that the internal resources of the ECOWAS Fund
are rapidly declining,

NOTING that there are considerable reserves of surplus
funds outside the ECOWAS sub-region,

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.14/6/89 dated 27th June
of the Council of Ministers relating to the Study on
Enhancing the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund,

D E C I D E S :

Article 1 Distribution of Equity between Regional and Non-regional Members

- a) The ratio of 66.2/3% to 33.1/3% of the equity in the restructured ECOWAS Fund in favour of Member States is retained.
- b) The initial target of resource mobilization is reduced from \$ 1 Billion to \$ 500 Million in the initial stages of the restructured ECOWAS FUND, in order to lighten the financial burden on Member States. This implies a reduction in the authorised capital from 1.5 billion to \$750 million to be mobilized in the period from 1990 to 2000.

Article 2 Transfer of Shares

The following measures should be taken to prevent the transfer of shares:

- transfer of subscribed and paid up shares between Member States is prohibited,
- transfer of subscribed and unpaid shares should be discouraged and where necessary, the possibility of transfer of subscribed and unpaid shares between Member States is accepted subject to prior consideration by the Board of Directors.

- transfer between Non-Regionals of subscribed and paid up shares is prohibited,
- transfer by Regional Members to Non-Regionals of subscribed and unpaid shares is prohibited,
- the possibility of regional Members purchasing shares from Non-Regional Members should be envisaged.

Article 3 Guidelines to safeguard the Regional Character of the ECOWAS Fund and the Community objective of regional integration

Before the commencement of operations of the Fund it would be necessary to formulate guidelines for approval by the Authority. These guidelines would guarantee that the integration and development directives of the Community are fully respected and adhered to by both the Board of Directors and Management of the Fund in particular. There should be a specific requirement that a certain proportion of the lending operations of the Fund will be allocated for financing regional integration projects. Further, the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund should be forwarded to the Authority through the Executive Secretary not later than three months after the end of Fund's financial year. There may also be other protective mechanisms necessary in this area.

Article 1 Ministerial Committee

An Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee shall be set up to:

- take account of the needs as well as the constraints of Member States for a more effective integration of the objective of the enhanced financial resources of the Fund within the regional environment in order to provide development financing;
- explore the possibilities of mobilising maximum resources in collaboration with the partners of the Community.

This Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee shall be composed of:

- Chairman : - Republic of Niger
- Rapporteurs: - Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
 - Republic of Ghana
- Members : - Burkina Faso
 - Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - Togolese Republic

The Ministerial Committee could be assisted by the Executive Secretariat and the Management of the Fund.

Where necessary, the Committee could resort to the services of the Consultant who has conducted the study on the enhancement of the financial resources of the Fund.

The Committee shall present its final report to the Council of Ministers within a year. During this period, the Committee shall prepare interim reports.

Article 5 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 each Member State.

DONE AT OULGADOUGOU THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT

OUAGADOUGOU, 29 - 30 JUNE, 1989

DRAFT RESOLUTION A/RES.1/6/89 ON DEBT RELIEF AND
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

CONCERNED about the excruciating external debt service burden of ECOWAS Member States all of which belong to either the "debt-distressed" group or the "most indebted developing countries" group;

AWARE of the very limited success attending the courageous effort being made by each ECOWAS Member State to reform its national economy through the implementation of structural adjustment programmes;

CONSCIOUS of the serious balance of payment difficulties and acute shortage of external reserves that ECOWAS Member States have been facing, principally due to the deteriorating terms of trade of their traditional exports;

BELIEVING that the current and projected demands of debt servicing and structural adjustment on the dwindling external resources of ECOWAS Member States cannot be met satisfactorily;

CONVINCED that each Member State stands in urgent need of substantial debt relief in the form of absolute debt reduction - through debt cancellation and debt forgiveness - rather than debt re-scheduling exercises, which in effect add significantly to the debt burden of West African countries;

CONVINCED further that ECOWAS Member States, almost all of which are IDA-eligible countries, require substantial amounts of development assistance, in the form of grants and loans on highly concessionary terms,

for the implementation of their social and economic development programmes;

A P P E A L S

To the Industrialised Countries, and in particular to the Group of Seven:

- to do their utmost to put together, as soon as possible, a debt relief package in favour of ECOWAS Member States;
- to contribute generously to the ninth replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA-9) and ensure that resources of IDA-9 to be allocated to African countries are, as a minimum, maintained at their IDA-8 level in real terms.

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) meeting at its Twenty-fifth Session in the Hotel Silmande in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, expresses its most profound gratitude to His Excellency Captain Blaise COMPAORE, Chairman of the Popular Front, Head of State, Head of Government, to the Burkinabe Government and people for the characteristic African hospitality extended to all delegations and for the excellent facilities placed at its disposal to ensure a very successful deliberation.

OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUNE 1989

THE COUNCIL

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
VINGT-CINQUIEME SESSION DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES

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OUAGADOUGOU, 25 - 27 JUIN/JUNE 1989

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accordance with the attached schedule.

Article 2

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 each Member States.

DONE IN OUAGADOUGOU THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1989

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA
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Item 21 : Adoption of the Report

54. This Report was adopted.

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN

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- the harmonisation of pricing policies for agricultural products;
- the ECOWAS Assistance Programme for the Control of Animal Diseases; and
- the ECOWAS Assistance Programme for Plant and Wildlife Protection.

20. Concerning the banning of the dumping of nuclear and industrial waste in Member States, Council requested the Executive Secretariat to concentrate on monitoring the implementation of the 1988 resolution of the Authority. (A/RES.1/6/88). Council called on all Member States which have not yet done so to enact appropriate national legislation banning the dumping of nuclear and industrial toxic waste in their territories. The Executive Secretariat was directed to prepare a progress report for submission to the next meeting of Council in November, 1989.

ii) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission

21. After its presentation, Council adopted the Commission's report and approved the following recommendations:

- the establishment of modalities for the registration of industrial enterprises, and allocation of Approval Numbers to industrial products eligible to benefit from the Trade Liberalisation Scheme;
- the allocation of Numbers to Industrial Enterprises and Products approved to benefit from the Intra-ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme;

OPENING STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ECOWAS
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA,
GAMBIA MINISTRE OF ECONOMIC PLANNING
AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

OUAGADOUGOU

JUNE 25, 1989

Honourable Ministers,
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,
Mr. Executive Secretary,
Mr. Managing Director,
Esteemed Invited Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I should like to welcome you all most heartily to the formal opening of this Twenty-Fifth Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers. On behalf of all delegations arriving here in Burkina Faso for these ECOWAS Statutory Meetings, and on my own behalf, I should like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency Captain Blaise COMPAORE, President of the Popular Front, Head of State and Head of Government, to his Government and to all Burkinabe for hosting these meetings and for the fraternal welcome we have all received. This is one more example of the firm commitment of Burkina Faso to West African integration;

Honourable Colleagues, the current series of ECOWAS Statutory meetings have been convened to review the economic circumstances of our sub-region, and to assess how our economic Community - ECOWAS - is helping us to meet the challenges of economic development. A very long Agenda has been drawn up for this session of Council, and as you can see, some of the items cover weighty issues indeed. Council will have to decide on some of these issues. For those matters beyond our competence, suitable recommendations will have to be made for the consideration of the Authority. I, therefore, invite Honourable members of Council to give each Agenda item their usual careful attention.

Although the proposed Agenda is a long one and the dossier correspondingly bulky, the Executive Secretariat has done well to present, in a succinct manner, the main points

at issue in a short Memorandum for each Item. I am certain that each delegation has thoroughly studied and digested the contents of the dossiers and I have no intention of boring Honourable members with any minutiae; Nevertheless, I hope I shall be permitted to draw attention to some of the issues that we have to deliberate upon.

It may have been noted that items and issues on the Agenda are drawn from all the Statutory Technical Commissions of the Community. This reflects the intensity and pace of work of the Institutions of the Community since the last session of Council. In addition to these statutory bodies, we have contributions from ECOWAS Ministers of Internal Affairs and Ministers of Economic Planning. All this points to the fact that there has been a push to make ECOWAS, as a catalytic institutions, contribute effectively to our development and integration aspirations.

The economies of our Member States are still beset with formidable short and longer-term economic problems. In the dossier before us, ECOWAS Ministers of Economic Planning are sending us a clear message that West Africa needs to review and make necessary adjustments to both national and sub-regional economic reform programmes. There is a call for closer consultation between national policy-makers, to ensure better coordination and greater effectiveness of our economic recovery and development endeavours. Council needs to reflect seriously on this matter.

The ECOWAS Ministers responsible for Internal Affairs and State Security are, for their part, calling for a more faithful implementation of the protocols which are designed to translate into reality the cherished ideal of a Community citizen. We all have to strive harder to achieve our dream of complete free movement for our peoples within the West African sub-region; By the time-table we set ourselves and which therefore binds us, the second phase of the Free Movement Protocol - that is, the right of residence - should be

nearing completion, and yet hardly any move has actually been made in that direction. The proposals made by the Ministers to remedy the situation merit careful consideration.

Honourable Ministers, this leads me to the issue of implementation of Community Acts and Decisions; Council will once more be presented with the details of Member States non-performance - the slow pace of ratification of Protocols, the slower rate of contribution to the different Community budgets, and the lack of implementation of decisions and programmes; It is certainly true that all Member States have been facing hard times, but I have come to realise - as other Honourable members must have done, too - that hard economic times cannot explain all the short-comings. I would therefore call upon all Member States to increase their support for ECOWAS. All the lessons from the failed development strategies of the past, the limited success of national recovery and adjustment programmes, the trend towards greater regional economic cohesion among industrialised countries of given geographical regions, and the growing demands of modern technology - all these point to one fact : none of our economies can survive on its own.

West Africa has no other alternative to economic integration and I entreat Honourable members of Council, who have responsibility in the national governments for ECOWAS affairs and West African integration, to redouble their efforts to enable the Community move forward. In order to infuse greater dynamism into the integration process, a number of proposals have been made by the relevant technical bodies for the consideration of Council during this session; I should like to draw attention to the stalled Community trade liberalisation scheme and the preparations that have been made over the past twelve months to ensure an effective take-off of the scheme on January 1, 1990. Recommendations are also before Council aimed at greater cooperation and integration in the productive sectors.

A matter that has been dragging but which has to be settled if we are to achieve this dynamism - if West African integration is to have better direction and be more effective - is the rationalisation of the institutional arrangements governing the whole issue of sub-regional integration. I am fully aware of the existence and operation of an Association of West African Inter-governmental Organisations (IGOs). These IGOs have been trying to harmonise and execute together programmes that they have in common. That is all to the good. It should be emphasized, however, that this only amounts to scratching the surface; To cut down cost, to maximise the use of our scarce human resources and scarcer foreign exchange earnings, to have an organised and simple approach to sub-regional integration, and for West Africa to present a common front, we need to do much more than this.

I am aware that this particular session of Council only has to pass on the issue of rationalisation to the Authority. It would be useful, and very much so, if during the briefing of our respective Heads of State and Government, each of them is made aware of the events that have intervened since the Authority last pondered over this issue; All of our sub-regional IGOs have been facing problems of shortage, in terms of financial, human and physical resources, the circumstances under which they were created have changed and they have become less relevant to our collective development needs.

What is more, the initial support, both financial and technical, that these IGOs attracted from external donor institutions and governments has dwindled. In recent times, those who are still willing to assist with our sub-regional Cooperation programmes insist on a coordinated regional approach; This perfectly legitimate and reasonable demand on West African IGOs has been at the root of the near-impasse our IGOs are facing with their respective Project Documents presented to the UNDP under its Fourth Regional Programming Cycle. Hardly any effective

use has been made of the Regional Fund of the Third ACP/EEC Convention for lack of a Coordinated approach by West Africa;

Honourable members, this litany of woes could go on and on; And, needless to say, we cannot go on like this in West Africa any more; In this respect a bold decision is required - of us so that an effective restructuring of the existing integration arrangements could begin.

I should like to end by drawing attention to - should I say - more mundane items on the proposed Agenda of Council. By agreement at the last session of Council, Honourable members are recommending to the Authority to settle the revision of the ratios of Member States' financial contributions through negotiations. I hope the Secretariat Memorandum on this issue will guide my Honourable colleagues when you are briefing your Heads of State; There are also statutory appointments to be made, confirmed or renewed. In all these, I pray Honourable members to be guided by our common interest : to improve the functioning of the Institutions of the Community.

Honourable Ministers, I would like at this juncture, to record my gratification at the commendable manner in which the current Executive Secretary has been managing the affairs of our Community since he joined us in February, this year. I am convinced that at this rate and in this dynamic spirit, the Community has a bright future; I wish him success in the services that he is rendering so loyally to the Community.

Finally, Honourable colleagues, I should like to say that it is because of this concern to facilitate the integration of our sixteen States that my country, The Gambia, has deemed it necessary to table before this session of Council, the idea of an ECOWAS Convention on Mutual Assistance in Judicial Matters; I hope that, after studying the short Memorandum that The Gambia has ventured to circulate on this issue, national legal experts have pointed out to every delegation the merits of such a Community facility; I hasten to confirm that external assis-

tance will be forthcoming to cover all the cost that the implementation of the Gambian proposal may involve; I am looking forward to hearing the views of Honourable members of Council on this and all other issues.

I thank you all for your kind attention.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE
HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FINANCE
OF BURKINA FASO AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH
SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Chairman, ECOWAS Council of Ministers

Honourable Ministers,

Comrades, Member of the Revolutionary Government,

Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

The Executive Secretary of ECOWAS,

The Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Comrades,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Burkina Faso, land of freedom, and to express the heartfelt joy of the Revolutionary Government and the Burkinabè people in hosting this 25th session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers. We appreciate the singular honour done to us. I am aware, however, that despite our best efforts to ensure that these sessions proceed smoothly, there are bound to be imperfections. I would therefore crave your indulgence for any inadvertent lapses that may occur.

The 25th Session of Council is taking place at a very critical time when ECOWAS Member States are experiencing serious difficulties in repaying their external debts estimated at approximately 52 billion dollars. Debt servicing leaves our countries with virtually no resources for financing their development.

Much still remains to be done, against the background of constantly deteriorating terms of trade, fall in export earnings and wide fluctuations in the conversion rate of the major international currencies.

Natural disasters such as drought, locust invasion and floods have beset the agricultural sector in almost all Member States.

Our region now faces another danger more serious than that of environmental destruction - the increasing incidence of toxic waste dumping by industrialised countries.

Our young industries face stiff competition world-wide from partners who are better able to organise themselves and are thus able to derive maximum advantage from economies of scale.

Several of our States have adopted Structural Adjustment Programmes, and have not yet succeeded in evolving a means of alleviating their pernicious effects on the structures of their economies.

This difficult situation should not cause us to despair; it should stimulate our collective resolve to consolidate our Economic Community which is a privileged means of solving the development problems of our countries through consultation harmonisation and rationalisation in the exploitation of our resources and expertise.

The items on the agenda before this Council clearly restate our faith in the economic integration of West African States.

Honourable Chairman of the Council of Ministers,
Honourable Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a fact that despite the many obstacles in its path, our Community is slowly but surely translating the political will of our founding fathers into concrete facts.

I am tempted to believe that our Community is making good progress, judging by the improvement in the number of Protocols and conventions that have been ratified, the gradual payment of arrears of contributions despite the enormous financial difficulties facing our states, and by the implementation of decisions later. Much remains to be done to perfect our organisation, and this we can achieve through understanding and solidarity in implementing the decisions to which they are committed, and abiding by the terms of their conventions. We must work unrelentingly for the success of ECOWAS which is an intrinsic part of our strategy for achieving collective self-sufficiency.

It is imperative that our States consolidate the achievements of the first 14 years of ECOWAS which can be summarised as follows:

- the creation of a Community spirit which has awakened in West Africa the sentiment of being a united economic and political entity;

- the installation of the basic infrastructure for road and telephone links;

- Free Movement of Persons within the Community;

- preparation of an economic recovery programme;

- programming of the intra-Community Trade Liberalisation and promotion scheme leading to the creation of a simple monetary zone; the introduction of the Brown Card automobile insurance scheme and the imminent take-off of the liberation scheme for trade in industrial products of Community origin.

The future of ECOWAS depends on the full implementation of decisions taken by each Member State in keeping with the spirit and the letter of the Treaty. Burkina Faso is aware that the development of West Africa necessarily implies the achievement of the objectives of ECOWAS, and will spare no effort to make its own contribution to the achievement of equitable economic cooperation within the sub-region for the benefit of our peoples.

Honourable Chairman of the Council of Ministers,
Honourable Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the occasion of the opening of this 25th session of Council, I should like to give voice to my inner thoughts, and wish you a happy stay with us in Ouagadougou. Despite your heavy work load, I hope you will spare a few moments to tour our capital and its environs. May I once again thank you wholeheartedly for coming to Ouagadougou.

Please feel at home here.

May I conclude by expressing the wish that the 25th

session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers is crowned with success.

Thank you !

The Fatherland or Death! We shall overcome!

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE
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"A TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION"

NOTE OF PRESENTATION ON THE 1988/89
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
D R. ABASS BUNDU

OUAGADOUGOU, JUNE 25, 1989

Honourable Host Minister of Finance of Burkina Faso,
Honourable Chairman of Council,
Honourable Ministers,
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,
Mr. Secretary-General of CEAO,
Mr. Managing Director of ECOWAS Fund,
Mr. Secretary-General of CILSS
Esteemed Invited Guests,
Distinguished Delegates,
My Colleagues in the Service of the Institutions of our
Community,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is with great joy that I add my voice to those of the Honourable Chairman of Council and our host Minister, to welcome Members of Council and their delegations to this Twenty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers. On my own behalf and on behalf of my colleagues in the service of the Community, as well as on behalf of everyone arriving here for the 1989 ECOWAS Annual Meetings, I should like to express our deepest gratitude to His Excellency Captain Blaise COMPAORE Chairman of the Popular Front, Head of State and Head of Government, and to the Burkinabé Government and People for accepting so readily to host these Statutory Meetings. We are all very appreciative of the warm and fraternal welcome as well as the generous hospitality of our gracious hosts. The excellent facilities provided by the Burkinabe Government are contributing immensely to our preparations for the 1989 ECOWAS Summit of the Heads of State and Government.

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I feel deeply honoured and privileged to be able to present this Annual Report on the activities of our Community to the Twenty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers. With an abiding sense of gratitude, I wish to seize this opportunity to specially acknowledge the honour conferred on me by His Excellency, Major-General Dr. Joseph Saidu MOMOH, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and his Government in nominating me to serve as the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS.

In the same vein, I would like to express my humble appreciation to the current Chairman of the Authority, His Excellency, Alhaji Dawda Kairaba JAWARA, President of the Republic of The Gambia and a founding father of the Community for appointing me to this exalted office and for initiating me into ECOWAS with much fatherly advice and guidance. Here, I should also like to make a public acknowledgement of the privilege and honour accorded me by all the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government during my official visits to their capitals. Their Excellencies warmly received me in audience, expressing their approbation for my appointment. I am particularly grateful to Their Excellencies, General Ibrahim Badamasi BABANGIDA, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, General Gnassingbe EYADEMA, President of the Togolese Republic and Mr. Abdou DIOUF, President of the Republic of Senegal for facilitating my visits to capitals by graciously making available to me the use of their presidential aircraft.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all Ministers responsible for ECOWAS Affairs in Member States for making my country visits the success it was, and for their advice and kind words of encouragement. Permit me, Honourable Members of Council, to single out for special mention, the invaluable assistance of your Chairman, the Honourable Mbemba JATTA, the Minister of Economic Planning and Industrial Development of The Gambia. The Honourable

Minister has truly merged his functions as Chairman of Council with his normal ministerial duties, and has successfully and diligently attended to all ECOWAS matters in a most admirable manner. All this has helped me tremendously in my first few months in office.

Honourable Ministers,

The Annual Report for the period 1988/89 which had been circulated to capitals and is now before Council, begins with a review of economic conditions in the West African sub-region. Following this, there is a detailed account of the performance of the Institutions of the Community. The Report then goes on to indicate what the focus of the Community's Work Programme would be for the months ahead. The Report ends with some concluding remarks and observations.

Instead of touching upon each point raised in the Report, my intention in this Note of Presentation is to highlight only a few, but key, issues to which I wish to invite the special attention of this session of Council.

Honourable Ministers,

The economic situation in the sub-region continues to be a source of great concern. The depressed or sluggish commodity prices, the excruciating debt service burden, obsolete technology, and the protectionist practices of industrial countries, to name just a few, have combined to curtail most severely our ability to implement our national adjustment and reform programmes, finance critical imports, rehabilitate existing infrastructure, not to speak of new development projects so vital for recovery and growth. Thus, in spite of all the effort and sacrifice we are making, West Africa is yet to overcome the economic crisis.

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There is a remarkable convergence of opinion among our Member States that there are indeed structural weaknesses in our economies and these must be addressed and reformed. And they are already doing so, whether the reform programme is autochthonous or externally influenced and financed. There may be differences of opinion on the pace and scope of reform and on its success to date. The fact of the matter is that the reforming process is going on in every one of our Member countries, and evidence abounds, testifying to the zeal and determination of our Governments to succeed.

So, therefore, we must first of all publicly acclaim the courage and commitment of the Member States in undertaking such a difficult task. We wish them every success, for we, at Community level, have a real stake in the measures each Member State is taking to reverse its domestic economic decline; for the success or otherwise of these measures are bound to impact heavily upon the integration process in our sub-region.

Having said that, permit me, Honourable Chairman, to draw attention to at least three issues. First, considering the persistence of the economic crisis in the face of the mounting social cost of the current reform programmes, and the severe strains they have put on development and sub-regional integration, is it not legitimate to ask if addressing ourselves primarily to macro-economic issues was the best we could have attempted?

Secondly, as the social repercussions of the current recovery or adjustment programmes continue to pose serious problems to Member States, is there not a need to take urgent steps to alleviate the social cost of these reform and adjustment policies and give them a "human face"? We say this, because economies exist to serve the populace and

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not the other way around; and that without a populace there will be no economy. It is well to keep in focus that the acquiescence of the populace who have so far borne the privations of adjustment with admirable equanimity, has come about mainly because of the promises offered of a brighter and better future. It is most vital that such promises are fulfilled if future difficulties are to be averted. We strongly advocate, therefore, that as fiscal reforms are put into place, as market forces reign supreme and welfare programmes are on the retreat, so should equal attention be given to the social consequences of reform policies and to the public investment programmes as the engines of growth and equity.

Thirdly, the evidence so far suggests the urgency of the problems facing national governments in the sub-region have tended to lead to the adoption of uncoordinated short-term defensive measures, aimed mainly at insulating the national economy from the ravages of external forces and influences. This is so, to the extent that even where a machinery for joint consultation exists, among regional partners, no effective use has been made of it. Indeed, there is abundant evidence to suggest that older reform programmes, especially those influenced by the multilateral financial institutions, did not give sufficient weight to regional integration; some actually down-played it. The net effect has been that these traditional models of recovery or adjustment programmes have deprived countries in the sub-region of the advantages they could have derived from a regional approach to the economic crisis.

It was against this backdrop that the ECOWAS Ministers of Planning met in Dakar in April this year to review the implementation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme. Their report is before this Council for consideration. The Planning Ministers have called for closer

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extended to every ECOWAS country. A debtor country remains a debtor country no matter its classification. What is needed, and needed urgently, in our sub-region is substantial debt forgiveness whatever the shibboleth used to describe it.

Having said all this, let me end this part of my presentation by calling on all concerned, governments and populace alike, to appreciate the urgent priority of reform programmes for correcting the ills of our various economies. It is certainly not a time to show "adjustment fatigue"; nor is it a time for despair. Adjustment is painstaking, difficult and long-term. But we cannot afford to relent and the struggle must simply continue for there is really no credible alternative.

Honourable Ministers,

If I may now turn to the performance of the Community itself. It will be seen from the Report before Council that the Institutions of the Community have spent the last few months fulfilling the directives given by Council at its last session at Banjul, in December, 1988. From the account given in Chapter III of the Report it will be appreciated that the Institutions covered a wider ground than the Banjul directives. Indeed, I have gained the distinct impression, upon a preliminary study of the wide scope of cooperation activity of the Community, that there is a definite need for a certain amount of prioritisation and reorientation, in order to give a sharper focus to the West African integration process. To date, it seems to me that the Community has been spreading itself too thinly across a variety of cooperation programmes within the constraints of a limited resource base. Prospects of this resource base improving substantially in the near future remain problematic. It, therefore, becomes necessary that some prioritisation of Community activities be undertaken, and this I am already doing, in-house.

consultation among national policy-makers, for an objective review of national recovery programmes and a more regionally-oriented approach to the economic problems facing Member States.

I invite Council to give the report its closest attention.

Moreover, whichever way we look at our problems, it is obvious that West Africa cannot make any meaningful headway unless there is a significant improvement in the international environment. We stand in great need of a substantial net inflow of development resources on highly concessionary terms. This is why Council is also being invited to initiate a special resolution to be adopted by the Authority on the ninth replenishment of IDA (IDA-9). The IDA-9 resolution of the Authority should urge for ready and generous participation by all countries, especially the most industrialised countries, the Group of Seven and to at least maintain Africa's share of those resources at 50%, as under IDA-8, in order to help sustain the reform programmes presently being implemented in the Member States.

The improvement in the international climate includes substantial absolute debt reduction and other forms of debt relief. The international community should pass from the consideration of proposals as contained in the Toronto Declaration and the Brady Statement to concrete action like the debt cancellation package recently announced by the French President, Mr. François MITTERAND. We ought to applaud the French President for this bold initiative and urge other major creditor nations which have not yet done so to follow this shining example. However, within the ECOWAS sub-region, the two so-called middle-income countries have economic structures and problems not different from, and no less severe than what obtains in the other fourteen Member States. Within the West African sub-region, one debtor is like any other and the favourable treatment being demanded should be

This suggestion is also being made against the backdrop of the unrelenting socio-economic conditions in Member States, the difficulties encountered with contributions to the operational budget of the Secretariat and the other thirty-odd sub-regional inter-governmental organisations (IGO's), and also against the backdrop of continuing reform and restructuring programmes of Member States. If economic cooperation and integration are to make the expected contribution to the development of the sub-region, the rationalisation that our Heads of State and Government gave voice to in 1983 will have to be approached with utmost seriousness, and with the necessary degree of conviction and commitment. As has just been so aptly urged by the Chairman of Council, Honourable Ministers should impress upon our Heads of State the urgency for an unequivocal pronouncement on this political matter. Structural adjustment should not just stop at national frontiers; it should be extended also to the large number of IGOs in the sub-region which are making continuous demands on the limited financial resources of our sub-region.

I am deeply encouraged by the new readiness of the decision-making organs of our Community to take a very close look into this matter. Ministers will recall that in 1984 the Authority took a decision to authorise ECOWAS to manage the resources allocated to West Africa under the Regional Cooperation Chapter of the Third ACP/EEC Convention for and on behalf of the sixteen Member States of our Community. The Authority further directed the Executive Secretary to work closely, with the Commission of the European Communities, to ensure the effective implementation of that decision. That decision was taken some five years ago. To date, nothing has happened, and it is not for want of effort on the part of the Executive Secretariat. What we have found is that this mandate was not exclusive to ECOWAS; similar mandates were given to other IGOs in the sub-region each of whom proceeded to tender their

mandate to the EEC. Confronted with this situation, it is understandable why the EEC has shown great reluctance to treat the vast majority of the IGOs with seriousness in terms of the granting of access to its Regional Fund.

Against this background, it is most important that this issue be given serious attention by Council. We would recommend that the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS should be given the role of coordinating the requests of all the IGOs in the sub-region for access to the EEC Regional Fund; secondly that a substantial share of the regional funds allocated to West Africa should go to ECOWAS for the purpose of promoting regional integration; and thirdly that the ECOWAS Ambassadors in Brussels should be mandated, in collaboration with the ECOWAS, to negotiate effectively with a view to ensuring a direct access by IGOs to the EEC Regional Fund under the Lome IV Convention, now being negotiated, as well as ensuring that a substantial part of the Regional Fund is allocated to West Africa.

There can be no doubt that we need to rationalise and re-orientate our integration activities within the sub-region. Meanwhile I propose that we begin within ECOWAS itself this important exercise aimed at re-orientating, prioritising and streamlining the areas of sub-regional cooperation. In this context, I wish to propose that we put the promotion of intra-Community trade uppermost on the agenda of priorities in the sub-region in the years immediately ahead, including also the necessary supportive measures in related trade-development sub-sectors. I shall now proceed to indicate what the Community is already doing in these priority areas.

The topmost priority cooperation programme in this new order is the single sub-regional trade liberalisation scheme. In line with the concerns expressed by the Authority at its 1987 Summit, everything has been done to facilitate the take-off of the scheme. It is expected that the new take-off date of January 1, 1990 will be formally announced by

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the Authority, and Council is therefore urged to make the relevant recommendation to the Authority. I should like to emphasise that the effective take-off of the scheme is, however, dependent upon the full payment of Member States' contributions to the compensatory budget before December 31, 1989 . The Executive Secretariat has already notified all the Member States concerned, and I have personally taken the opportunity to reinforcing this notice during my recent visits to Member States; Since there are only six months to go, Council is being called upon to make an urgent appeal by resolution to the Member States to take the necessary steps to meet this particular financial obligation on schedule.

In recognition of the dire need to develop and facilitate intra-Community trade, a number of other cooperation programmes have been adopted and are being implemented. The Annual Report touches on progress registered with respect to the ASYCUDA System, programming and harmonisation of trade fairs held within the sub-region, and the improvement of the quality and presentation of West African products.

With respect to the Community programme on the promotion of commerce-oriented production and trade re-orientation, I wish to invite Council to take special note of the big boost this programme has received during the period under review. The government of Italy has generously provided a grant of 2.7 million dollars in support of the project jointly prepared by the Executive Secretariat and the International Trade Centre (ITC) in Geneva. This project is most vital to the West African integration process as a catalyst for overcoming the strongly-entrenched trade practices existing between individual ECOWAS Member States and overseas metropolitan countries.

Honourable Ministers,

One of the important cooperation programmes that ought to receive equal attention as a support measure for the development and expansion of intra-Community trade is the free

movement of persons. The meeting of ECOWAS Ministers responsible for Internal Affairs at Banjul earlier this year reviewed the implementation of the Community's immigration protocols. Some of the findings are most disquieting. Clearly, a stronger commitment to the principle of free movement of Community citizens across national borders is needed. If ECOWAS is about the integration of the economies of the sub-region, then, by definition, we must start with the integration of our citizens. We must commit ourselves irrevocably and unequivocally to the actuality of freedom of movement, for it is the sine qua non of the very survival, and much more, of the progress and development of the Community. I trust that Council will give its full support to the important recommendations submitted by the Ministers of Internal Affairs, proposing remedial action at both Community and national levels;

Another important support measure is the Community Monetary Cooperation Programme. It must be admitted that progress on this matter has been rather disappointing, especially if one recalls the strong desire the Authority expressed for monetary integration during the Conakry Summit of 1983. We need to accelerate the pace. It is important that all Member States make known to the Governors of their Central Banks the political commitment of the Community's leadership to this programme.

The regular production integration programmes in the fields of industry and agriculture would also have to be re-oriented to boost intra-Community trade in the short to medium-term. This concern will be taken into account in the formulation of the general industrialisation programme, and more especially, in the design of the sub-regional industrial master plan. In furtherance of the general objective of production integration, the Community will concentrate on the promotion of regional projects in such vital areas as fertilizers, pesticides, seed multiplication and cattle breeding.

One of the main issues considered at the Twenty-third meeting of the Board of Directors was the Study on "Enhancing the Financial Resources of the ECOWAS Fund - an examination of further issues". Discussions on this issue led the Board to recommend the setting up of a Ministerial Committee to assist the Community pursue the matter further.

A six-member Committee has been proposed to Council specifically to take account of the needs as well as the constraints of Member States for amore effective integration of the objectives of the enhanced Fund within the sub-regional environment, in order to provide development financing. This integration will have to reflect the need for a more effective rationalisation of West African inter-governmental organisation in general and those responsible for development financing in particular. The Committee will also be required to propose mechanisms for maximum resources mobilisation in collaboration with the partner non-regional members. We look forward to the success of the Committee's efforts in this regard, as I am confident it will.

I salute the foresight of our leaders for placing so much importance on the physical integration of the sub-region. For, at an early stage of the West African integration process, the Authority adopted sub-regional transport and communications development programmes. ECOWAS can now point with justifiable pride to the substantial progress made in this field. The indications are that our partners in development will continue to support these programmes and, on behalf of the Institutions of the Community, I pledge our readiness to explore every available avenue to mobilise the resources needed for the implementation of these infra-structural programmes.

Honourable Ministers,

Blow could do much more of such encouraging developments; this is one of the reasons why I am advocating that renewed efforts be concentrated on a few key areas and activities with the promise of early positive results. Unless some cheerful news comes our way, I am afraid the demoralising effect of the persistent economic crisis may spread and do irreparable damage to the sub-regional integration drive. And we can ill-afford that. If anything, we need to rekindle and revitalise regional cooperation. The whole future of our economies and, therefore, of our peoples, depends on a viable integration movement. Recent developments within the international community have accentuated the marginalisation of the development problems of the third world, and confirm the need for greater cohesion and collective self-reliance among developing countries.

The prospect of an integrated European market in 1992, is of great moment and significance to us in West Africa. Europe 1992 is Fortress Europe, with a single external tariff; with goods, services, and capital moving freely within it. Already, European investors are divesting from Africa as fast as they re-investing in a new Europe with the promise of greater prosperity in 1992 and beyond. So the trend is beginning to emerge. A single European market of 320 million people is producing a magnetic force which even the best of Africa's friends are finding too strong to resist. The development must surely hold serious forebodings for all of us. As if that is not enough, we see America and Canada forging new co-operation trade links, spelling more uncertainties for our own future. Similar developments are also taking place between Japan and the Pacific and Asia. Furthermore, a democratising Eastern Europe are bringing new rays of hope to that part of the world. So then the international landscape is being dominated by economic regionalism.

Equally important is the growing development of hi-tech within the frame work of a second industrial revolution in the industrialised world while we in Africa are still learning.

3° Assistance shall be given in the mobilisation of financial resources required for the implementation of certain short-term activities in the Economic Recovery Programme. The Community Institutions should therefore endeavour as much as possible to have direct access to Regional Funds such ACP/CEE Regional Fund and the UNDP 4th Programme cycle.

General measures

A seminar shall be organised on on-going structural adjustment programme (SAPs) in Member States. This seminar should enable Member States to exchange experience in macro-economic management, and explore the possibility of developing common approaches to the negotiations of Structural Adjustment Programme.

The Investment Programme

1) Projects which do not feature in national investment programmes are hereby withdrawn from the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme. In this regard, all Member States are requested to send their short-term investment programmes to the Institutions of the Community.

2) Priority will be given to purely regional projects and national projects that have regional impact.

3) The Fund Management is hereby authorised to mobilise commercial loans for the financing of private sector projects with high internal rates of return.

4) Institutions of the Community are urged to provide every assistance possible to Member States in the preparation of projects included in the Investment Programmes of Member States where appropriate studies do not yet exist for such projects.

5) Member States are requested to pay in full their contributions to the first and second tranches of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund.

to its credit. But what has become of these Acts and Decisions and what impact have they had on the integration development processes for which they were adopted? The answer to both questions is, precious little. The main problem in ECOWAS lies in non-ratification and non-implementation. All the beautiful programmes adopted by the Community and all plans for the future of West African integration will come to nought, if Member States do not resolve anew to implement these plans and programmes.

I should like to suggest a long pause in the adoption of new Protocols. Rather, we should embark on consolidating the gains we have achieved since 1975, by the Community launching an effective attack and concentrating its efforts on the problems of ratification, financial contribution and implementation. For the immediate future, therefore, decisions taken by the Community must be ones designed mostly to facilitate the implementation of existing programmes and decisions. In this context, I implore Honourable Ministers to recommend to the Authority that a target date of 31 December, 1989 be fixed for all outstanding Protocols and Conventions to be ratified by the Member States which have not yet done so.

I am certain that such a strategy will yield better results, because, already, the Executive Secretariat has begun to receive positive responses to my call, during my official visits to member States, for a quicker pace of ratification of protocols. Indeed, I am happy to inform Council that, between January and June this year, the situation has improved dramatically and no fewer than 7 Member States have ratified at least 10 Protocols, with Ghana topping the list with 22 followed by Sierra Leone with 21 ratifications, with only two States which

on a satisfactory convention on toxic waste dumping. ECOWAS assumed a leadership role in this area when it took the enviable initiative of adopting a resolution in 1986 declaring West Africa a waste-free zone. This lead should be maintained, as suggested in the Annual Report, by working towards the adoption of a ECOWAS Convention on the prevention of dumping of nuclear and industrial waste in West Africa.

I am sure Council would feel relieved to know that Guinea and Nigeria, where industrial wastes had been dumped before the 1986 ECOWAS Summit, demanded the removal of such wastes and applied severe sanctions against the perpetrators of these criminal acts. Already, four member States - Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Nigeria and Togo - have enacted environmental protection laws, prohibiting the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes. Only three other member States, namely Ghana, Senegal and Sierra Leone, have notified the Executive Secretary of concrete steps being taken to enact the requisite legislation, in compliance with the terms of the ECOWAS resolution. I hope the remaining Member States would do likewise.

Finally, Honourable Ministers, it is felt that the problem of implementation of Community decisions and programmes at the national level could be facilitated considerably through the involvement of some key ministers to assist the efforts of the minister responsible for ECOWAS Affairs. It is suggested here that Member States which have not already done so, should proceed to form a Ministerial Committee, comprising the Ministers of Finance, Planning, Trade, Internal Affairs, Industry and Transport to assist the minister responsible for ECOWAS Affairs, if different, to monitor and give the necessary political direction to the implementation of Community programmes, and also ensure the effective participation of each Member State in the sub-regional integration process.

had ratified 19 Protocols when I assumed office a little over 4 months ago.

Similarly, the Secretariat is making a humble appeal to all Member States to commit themselves to a new pledge: to liquidate as quickly as possible all the outstanding arrears of contributions without further delay. For those unable to do so immediately, I would like to suggest they pay in quarterly instalments over a maximum period of twelve (12) months commencing from 1st July 1989. During this session of Council a draft resolution will be presented for your consideration on this all important matter as well as on the question of the ratification of Protocols and Conventions.

Here again, I do not think this will be an exercise in utility, if our experience in the last four months is anything to go by. Since I took office and set about chasing after outstanding contributions the response has been very encouraging. Between the 1st February this year and yesterday, June 24, 1989 the Executive Secretariat has either received in its accounts or been notified of firm commitments of fund transfers through the banking system to the tune of over six million, three hundred and forty-six thousand, seven hundred and ninety-one US dollars (US\$6,346,791) from thirteen (13) Member States. This morning, I was informed by the delegation of Nigeria that the sum of about US\$2.2 million has been paid into our account. This amount added, we have to date collected over \$8.5 million since February this year.

Honourable Ministers,

The hard truth is that West Africa has to wake up and bestir itself. We have to rekindle the spirit of ECOWAS and revitalise regional integration. Our sub-region possesses the potential to meet all the socio-economic aspirations of its peoples, and in the few areas where we have focussed attention in the past, we have shown proof that ECOWAS can achieve results.

It is this desire to breathe new life into our organisation and to be at the forefront always that certain proposals have been put forward by the Institutions of the Community for the consideration of Council. One the issue of environmental protection, for example the international community has failed to agreed

Honourable Ministers,

ECOWAS is well-known and firmly established at the levels of the summit, ministerial and official meetings. However, it is comparatively less well-known at the grass-root level in the Community. Yet the importance of taking ECOWAS to the people cannot be gainsaid; it is therefore proposed that an appropriate mechanism be established, without further delay, to close this yawning information gap in the interest of the Community in general and member Governments in particular.

At the Community level, it is proposed that an Information Division be established within the Executive Secretariat with adequate and specialised staff to facilitate the propagation of general information for the enlightenment of national officials and Community citizens alike, in particular their rights and obligations under the Community's conventions and protocols, and the dissemination of relevant technical information for the promotion of community programmes in such vital areas as agriculture, trade and industry. Indeed, as far back as May, 1960, the Authority had decided that an Information Service Centre should be set up "for the harmonisation of market conditions within ECOWAS for the purpose of developing trade in current and future agricultural surpluses". Moreover specifically, the Authority decided that the "role of this Centre shall be the supply of information on the markets of shortages or surpluses in the sub-region, the dissemination of the prices of Community food-stuffs and other market information on the import and export needs within ECOWAS".

This role can easily be combined with that of disseminating general information as was being done through the CONTACT magazine and other Community publications. It is proposed to revive the publication of CONTACT, giving it a broader but sharper focus consistent with the promotion of the Community's activities, and providing for a much wider circulation than at present is possible.

Honourable Ministers,

The Annual Report informs the Community about an unfortunate development within the sub-region. I am referring to the violent inter-communal strife between the citizens of Mauritania and Senegal. When the first news of this sad event reached us at the Executive Secretariat, I despatched identical messages to the two Presidents, on behalf of the entire Community, deploring the violence, expressing support for the ongoing consultations between the two Governments, and offering any ECOWAS assistance both Governments might consider necessary. Later, the Chairman of the Authority sent me as his special envoy to convey a peace initiative to the two Heads of State concerned. We all deeply regret this sad event which left heavy costs in heavy loss of human life and property.

Honourable Ministers,

I should like to end this presentation by informing Council of the efforts made over the past three months to form a Lagos Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors. I personally find the Committee a very effective body that can, in its own right, contribute to the integration process, and also act as an additional channel of communication between the Institutions of the Community and Member States. It is, therefore, being requested that due recognition be given to this Committee as well as to the Brussels Committee of ECOWAS Ambassadors which has maintained a strong ECOWAS presence within the councils of the ACP Group.

Honourable Ministers,

I hope I have managed in these brief remarks to convey to Council the many challenges facing our sub-region which are calling for urgent solutions in the months ahead. Permit me to call upon each Member State to rise to these challenges. But we must always remember that what we all have before us is the opportunity of only a few years rather than of a decade, and certainly not of a generation. If we miss it, history may not

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