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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE 1986

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FINAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. The nineteenth Session of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) met in the "LAGOS CONFERENCE HALL" of the NICON NOGA HILTON Hotel in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria from 27 to 30 June, 1986

2. All Member States were represented:

People's Republic of BENIN
BURKINA FASO
Republic of CAPE VERDE
Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE
Republic of the GAMBIA
Republic of GHANA
Republic of GUINEA
Republic of GUINEA-BISSAU
Republic of LIBERIA
Republic of MALI
Republic of MAURITANIA
Republic of NIGER
Federal Republic of NIGERIA
Republic of SENEGAL
Republic of SERRA LEONE
Republic of TOGO

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Also represented in an observer capacity were Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), West African Economic Community (CEAO), Organisation of Trade Unions of West Africa (OTUWA) and West African Rice Development Association (WARDA).

The list of Participants is attached to this Report as Annex.

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OPENING SESSION

3. The Honourable Dr. Kalu Idika KALU, Federal Minister of National Planning of the Federal Republic of Nigeria opened the meeting. On behalf of His Excellency Major-General Ibrahim Badamosi BABANGIDA, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Government and People of Nigeria, the Honourable Minister warmly welcomed his colleagues and their delegations to Nigeria and its NEW Federal Capital, Abuja. In his capacity as the current Chairman of Council, Dr. Kalu gave a succint account of developments within the Community during the past year.

4. During his opening speech, the Honourable Chairman of Council emphasised the importance of the West African Economic Recovery Programme being formulated and the Community agricultural cooperation programme; he invited his colleagues to seriously consider these issues on the proposed Agenda at the appropriate moment with a view to proposing Community action to improve the food and general economic situation of the sub-region. The Chairman concluded his speech by exhorting all concerned both Memeber States and the Institutions of the Community to exert themselves more to make ECOWAS viable. The speech of the Honourable Minister is attached to this Report as an Annex.

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ELECTION OF BUREAU

5. The following Bureau was elected for the Session:

Chairman:	Federal Republic of Nigeria
Rapporteurs:	Burkina Faso
	Republic of Sierra Leone

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. The Agenda presented by the Executive Secretariat was amended and adopted as follows:

1. Opening Ceremony
   - i) Welcome address by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers
   - ii) Adoption of the Agenda
   - iii) Election of Bureau
2. Report of the Executive Secretary
3. Report of the Technical Commissions
   - a) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission
   - b) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission
     - i) Memorandum on the coming into force of the Second Phase of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment
     - ii) Report of the Commission
     - iii) Progress report on the establishment of the ECOWAS Community Computer Centre in Lome
     - iv) Progress report on the proposed ECOWAS Monetary Zone.

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c) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

i) Report of the Commission

ii) Report on the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Council of Bureau of ECOWAS Brown Card Insurance Scheme.

d) Social and Cultural Affairs Commission.

4. Report of the Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Institutions, (Fund and Secretariat)

5. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the West African Economic Recovery Programme.

6. Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

7. Memorandum on Membership of the Association of the West African Intergovernmental Organisations.

8. Appointment of the Financial Controller and the taking of Oath of Office of the Financial Controller and the Deputy Managing Director of the Fund.

9. Contribution by ECOWAS Member States of WARDA.

10. Report of the Ministerial Committee on Evaluation and Reflection.

11. Report of the ECOWAS Delegation to Member States for Discussions on their Financial Obligations to the Executive Secretariat.

12. Preparation of the Agenda for the Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

13. Any other matters.

14. Adoption of Report and Closing Ceremony.

OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS

Item 2: The Executive Secretary's Report

7. In his report for the period 1985-86, the Executive Secretary highlighted the following points:

(i) The harmful tendencies resulting from the economic crisis which still persist in the sub-region;

(ii) The Community Cooperation Programmes and the Economic Recovery Programme in particular;

(iii) The non-payment of contributions by Member States to the budgets of the Community Institutions and especially to the operational budget of the Executive Secretariat. In this regard, the Executive Secretary intimated that a memorandum on the financing of the Executive Secretariat's budget was being submitted to Council for consideration.

8. After deliberation, the Council took note of the said report, and made the following observations:

(i) The Executive Secretary was reminded that he should endeavour in future to conform closely to the Decision of Council requiring him to send his activity report one month in advance.

(ii) The Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund were requested to formulate the Economic Recovery Programme in such a manner that it led to tangible achievements.

(iii) Council made an urgent appeal to Member States to honour their financial obligations regularly.

(iv) The Chief Executives of the Community Institutions should, in future, scrutinise more closely the data on the contributions by Member States.

Item 3: Report of Technical Commission

(a) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission

9. After presentation of the report of the Commission by its Chairman, Council observed that the Community should put forward its best efforts towards the implementation of concrete projects, and in particular those relating to Community Seed Multiplication and Cattle Breeding Centres.

10. Council further noted the large number of studies provided for in the short and medium term programmes.

11. The Executive Secretariat was requested to do its best to implement sub-regional projects and make optimal use of the assistance given by international institutions and financing bodies (regional funds, UNDP, World Bank, etc.) in addition to the funds made available by the ECOWAS Fund.

12. The sub regional programmes should also take into account actions identified in national agricultural development programmes.

13. In conclusion, Council adopted the recommendations of the Commission, along with the observations made above.

(b) Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission

14. Documents on the following items were presented one after the other, discussed and adopted by Council, with the following recommendations and observation:

(i) Memorandum on the coming into force of the second phase of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment: Doc. ECW/CM.XIX/4.

15. Council took note of the Memorandum and expressed satisfaction at the declaration made by the Nigerian delegation concerning the withdrawal of the reservation expressed by its country at the 17th Session of Council held from 1 to 3 July, 1985 in Lome; the issue involved was the movement to Phase Two of the implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment.

16. Council therefore decided to propose to the Authority of Heads of State and Government, the approval and adoption of the draft Additional Protocol on the implementation of the second phase (Right of Residence) of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons; Right of Residence and Establishment.

(ii) Report on the deliberations of the 16th Session of the Commission: Doc.ECW/CM.XIX/5

17. Council adopted the report and recommendations in their entirety as presented by the Chairman of the Commission.

18. Council took note of the declaration made by a number of Member States desirous of speeding up the establishment of the preferential tariff system at Community level, and requested that the Executive Secretariat study the practical modalities for the application of preferential tariffs within the framework of the Community Trade Liberalisation Programme.

(iii) Progress report on the establishment of the ECOWAS Community Computer Centre in Lome: Doc.EXW/CM.XIX/12

19. After presentation of the memorandum on this item by the Executive Secretariat, Council requested that the Executive Secretariat look into the possibility of keeping the Centre at the project stage as long as possible in order to retain the external financing and thereby reduce the costs borne by ECOWAS to the barest minimum without, however, compromising the time-schedule for the establishment of the Centre.

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(iv) Progress report on the establishment of a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone: Doc.ECW/CM.XIX/5

20. This item was introduced by the Executive Secretariat which briefly outlined the background and developments in this area. The Governor of the National Bank of Liberia presented the report of the 8th Meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks of ECOWAS Member States, held in Monrovia on 23 and 24 April 1986.

21. After the ensuing discussions, Council approved the recommendations of the Committee of Governors, and made the following observations:

a) In setting up a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone, it is important to take into consideration the example of the West African Clearing House, which is a test-case for the sub-region, and whose operational system needs to be improved and strengthened. This institution should be seen as the first step towards monetary integration and should make it possible to solve the problem of inconvertibility of the different currencies in the sub-region.

b) It is imperative that Member States honour the commitments made to the institutions they establish, in order to achieve Community objectives.

22. In conclusion, the work programme prepared by the Committee of Governors was approved by Council which appealed to the Executive Secretariat and the Committee of Governors to do their utmost to ensure the implementation of this programme.

c) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

23. The Executive Secretariat presented the report of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission, and the report of the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Council of

Bureau of ECOWAS Brown Card Insurance Scheme. The report of the Commission calls for:

i) the revision of the ECOWAS telephone rates;

ii) the intervention of ECOWAS in the revision of the distribution formula for terminal fees between France and certain African countries for public international telecommunication services;

iii) the assistance of ECOWAS in improving cooperation between, and the operations of airlines in West Africa;

iv) the promotion of more effective cooperation among shipping lines to ensure an accelerated development of the maritime transport within the sub-region; and

v) the provision of more financial resources for the execution of the Community road projects.

24. With respect to the report on the ECOWAS Brown Card, it was pointed out that the scheme, which is crucial for road transportation within the sub-region, took off on January 1 1985. The report reveals that some Member States have not met their obligations under the scheme.

25. Council took note of the reports and urged all Member States to ensure that all obligations are fully met to enable the Brown Card Scheme run smoothly.

26. Council gave a directive to the Executive Secretariat, requesting that the studies and the eventual implementation of measures to improve air navigation within the sub-region are undertaken expeditiously.

d) Social and Cultural Affairs

27. After presentation of the Commission's report, the Statutes of the Organsiation of Trade Unions of West Africa

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and the recommendations on the check-off system were adopted as proposed by the Ministers for Labour in the sub-region.

28. The institutionalisation of the meetings of Labour Ministers was, however, rejected. Council felt that the Ministers should meet whenever the need arose.

29. Given the financial difficulties besetting the Executive Secretariat, any idea of granting financial aid to OTUWA was dropped.

Item 4: Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community's Institutions.

30. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee presented the report of his Committee in which are proposals for the adoption of :

i) the architectural design of the Executive Secretariat with the estimated cost of 6.7 billion FCFA; Nigeria undertook to make the difference between the FCFA 5 billion ceiling fixed by ECOWAS, and the revised cost of 6.7 billion FCFA;

ii) the work programme for the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat.

31. With regard to the Headquarters of the Fund, the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee had decided to select the lowest bidder - the Consortium d'Entreprises (CDE) as the winner. However, the Togolese delegation, believing that factors other than price should be considered to ensure the best conditions for the construction of the building, expressed reservations on this decision.

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32. The Management of the Fund furnished details of the cost components for the construction of the Headquarters building of both ECOWAS Fund and the Executive Secretariat. Given the high costs over and obove the earlier 5 billion FCFA limit set and the apparent mis-comprehension of what cost elements that limit represented, Council decided to refer the matter to the Authority. To enable the Authority give the necessary further directives on this issue, the Fund was requested to make all the pertinent information available for submission to the Authority. The delegations of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Mali reserved their positions on the cost estimates which exceeded the earlier ceiling.

33. Council requested that in the future, there should be strict adherence to the relevant provisions of Article 1.5 of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 on Procedure for the Construction of the Headquarters of the Community Institutions stipulating that the construction contract for the Headquarters be awarded by the Tenders Committee, in accordance with Decision A/DEC.5/5/81.

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Item 5: REPORT OF THE AD HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMME

34. After giving the background to the economic recovery programme emanating from the Authority of Heads of State and Government Resolution A/RES.3/11/84 passed during the Seventh Summit held in November, 1984 in Lome, the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee presented the results of the two meetings held by the Committee on:

(i) formulation of the general framework of the phase I measures to be undertaken

(ii) preparation of the Outline of the Investment Programme of Phase II

35. Council adopted the draft texts on these two aspects of the programme, which are attached to this Report as Annexes. The Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund were requested to expedite the preparation of the investment programme so as to be able to submit a list of projects for the consideration of Council at its next session.

Item 6: REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FUND

36. After the presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors by its Chairman, Council adopted the following resolutions:

(i) the writing off of $18,000 for the purchase of a Mercedes Benz car;

(ii) the authorisation of ECOWAS Fund to join the association of regional and sub-regional development finance institutions in West Africa;

(iii) the authorisation of ECOWAS Fund to join the Association of African Development Finance Institutions

37. Council took note of the two resolutions:

(i) payment as from 1987 of the second tranche of the called-up capital, that is US$50 million; and

(ii) the declaration of the remaining US $400 million of the authorised capital as callable, as well as the reservation of COTE D'IVOIRE on both resolutions. The Ivorian delegation felt that all arrears of contributions to the capital of the Fund should be cleared before considering any decision relating to the second tranche of the called-up capital and/or the remaining portion of the authorised capital.

38. Following a question asked, the Managing Director of the Fund confirmed that Council Decision taken on July 22, 1977 fixed the capital of the ECOWAS Fund at US $500 million.

Item 7: MEMORANDUM ON MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION OF THE WEST AFRICAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

39. The Executive Secretariat introduced the above mentioned Memorandum as well as the Agreement governing the cooperation arrangement between the intergovernmental organisations in West Africa and Council accepted the principle of such an accession.

Item 8: APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER AND TAKING OF OATH OF OFFICE OF THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER AND THE DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND.

40. The Council appointed Mr. Boubakar DELA, who had been nominated by the Republic of Niger, to the post of Financial Controller of the Institutions of the Community with effect from December 1, 1985.

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41. The Deputy Managing Director of the Fund, Mr. Mustapha A. B. KAH nominated by the Government of The Gambia and appointed to that post by Council during its eighteenth session in November 1985 - and Mr. Boubakar DELA appointed Financial Controller during the current session of Council, both took the oath of office in accordance with the provisions of the Staff Regulations of the Community.

Item 9: CONTRIBUTION OF ECOWAS MEMBER STATES TO WARDA

42. The Acting Executive Secretary of WARDA presented a message to Council stating the precarious financial situation of the Association. Outstanding contributions of its 15 ECOWAS Member States as at 31 December, 1985 amounted to US $7,548,988 in respect of the operational budget, and US $2,821,288 in respect of the Special Fund.

43. Council took note of the gravity of the situation. Council re-affirmed the importance of setting up and strengthening research institutions within the sub-region with a view to increasing agricultural productivity and production, in accordance with the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos.

44. In order to remedy the alarming situation in which the Association finds itself, Council adopted a draft resolution, to be submitted to the Authority.

45. Council requested the Executive Secretariat to speed up the work on the study on the streamlining of cooperation efforts within the West African sub-region, to enable Council to reach a final decision on the appropriate measures to be adopted to strengthen those institutions vitally needed for the socio-economic integration of the sub-region.

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ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

46. Council was given an interim verbal report of the Ministerial Committee which indicated that it was physically impossible to present a complete report on its assignment.

47. The Ministerial Committee informed Council that a comprehensive final report would be submitted at its 20th session scheduled for November, 1986. The report will take into account the Evaluation Experts' report and the explanations given by the Community Institutions. It will include relevant proposals aimed at improving the management mechanism of the Community.

48. Following this information, Council decided to:

(i) wait until its next session before considering the basic comprehensive dossiers and the final report to be presented by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee;

(ii) stop further spending on the work of the Committee;

49. The Liberian delegation reserved its position on the matter because of what it considered an excessively high cost incurred by the Committee.

ITEM 11: REPORT OF THE ECOWAS MISSIONS TO MEMBER STATES TO DISCUSS THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

51. The Executive Secretary presented the report together with a memorandum on the financing of the Secretariat's operational budget. He informed Council that as a result of non-payment of contributions the Executive Secretariat was unable to repay the 250,000 U.A loan granted it by the Fund in accordance with the decision taken by Council at its last session in November, 1985.

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52. In the light of this information, Council noted with regret that the Executive Secretariat is in an extremely difficult financial situation. Outstanding contributions to the Secretariat's operational budget amounts to 9,989,558.09 U.A. To date only one country has paid up part of its contribution for 1986.

53. A number of delegations announced that payments had recently been effected by their countries. These are yet to be received by the Secretariat. Others queried the amounts set against their countries as arrears in the table showing outstanding contributions.

54. Council directed the Executive Secretariat to prepare an up-to-date statement of contributions owed by each Member State, and to take all possible steps to make an accurate assessment of the current situation of outstanding contributions.

55. Council further noted that despite the many appeals made by the Authority for regular payment of contributions, the situation remained unchanged. Therefore, recalling Article 54 of the Treaty, Council recommended to the Authority that:

(i) limited sanctions be taken against Member States which fail to pay their contributions for three successive years.

(ii) a deadline should be negotiated, and outstanding contributions re-scheduled after payment of a substantial amount of the arrears.

56. As regards the funding of the Executive Secretariat's budget by the Fund, Council acknowledged that such a recommendation would be contrary to the aims and objectives of

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a finance institution such as the Fund, whose major purpose is to mobilise funds and finance development projects in Member States. However, given the present critical situation experienced by the Secretariat, Council recommended that the Fund grant a new loan not exceeding 250 000 U.A. at a favourable interest rate, to enable the Secretariat temporarily meet its operational needs.

57. Council further urged the Executive Secretariat to continue the implementation of its austerity programme in order to improve the management of its resources.

Item 12 : Elaboration of the Agenda of the Meeting of the Authority

58. Council amended and approved the provisional Agenda and Work Programme submitted by the Secretariat for the meeting of the Heads of State and Government.

Item 13 ! Any other Matters

59. No issues were raised under this Item.

Item 14 : Adoption of the Report

60. This Report was adopted.

CLOSING SESSION

61. In his closing remarks, the Chairman of Council, Honourable Dr. Kalu Idika Kalu thanked his colleagures and the other participants at the Session for their fruitful contributions during the debates which assured the success of the meeting. The Chairman expressed the hope that the Community will continue to make progress and become an indispensable vehicle for the development of the entire West African sub-region.

Done at Abuja, this 30th day of June, 1986

For the Council

Hon Dr. Kalu Idika KALU
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE, 1986

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers meeting at its Nineteenth Session in Abuja, Federal Repbulic of Nigeria from 27 to 30 June, 1986, wishes to express its profound gratitude to His Excellency, Major-General IBRAHIM BADAMOSI BABANGIDA, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Government and people of Nigeria for the warm hospitality and for the facilities placed at its disposal for the success of its deliberations.

ABUJA, 30TH JUNE, 1986

THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE, 1986

DECISION C/DEC. 1/6/86 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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 recommendation of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission which met from 29 to 31st March 1986 in Lagos.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Programme of Action of the short and medium term development of Agricultural and Natural Resources, attached as an appendix to this document, is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund shall be responsible in their respective capacities for the implementation of this programme.

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 ABUJA, 30TH JUNE, 1986

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE 1986

DECISION N° C/DEC.2/6/86 ESTABLISHING THE ECOWAS COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

- MINDFUL of Article 8 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Executive Secretariat and determining its functions, particularly in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of the Article;

- MINDFUL of the Decisions determining the structure and organisational chart of the Executive Secretariat and particularly of Decision C/DEC5/11/82 of 17 November 1982 of the Council of Ministers relating to structural matters;

- MINDFUL of the Final Report of the Council of Ministers at its Session in November, 1983 in Conakry and July 1985 in Lome;

- MINDFUL of the introduction of data processing as a means to the computerisation of certain activities at Community level through the installation in Member States of an automatic data processing system for external trade;

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- CONSIDERING the importance of an automatic data processing system for the development of activities in the Community, and particularly for the establishment of the compensation system provided for by the ECOWAS Treaty, the rapid and accurate preparation of statistics for the Community, the encouragement of modernisation in customs and external trade procedure in Member States;

- CONSIDERING the progress of national projects in the implementation of the Community computerisation programme which aims at the computerisation of collection, acquisition and management of customs and statistical data;

- ACKNOWLEDGING the need for effective follow-up and improved coordination in the different services deriving from the computerisation programme;

- ACKNOWLEDGING the need for an up-to-date and rational management of Community Institutions through the computerisation of their different services;

- CONVINCED of the need for assistance to Member States of the Community, for their requirements as regards customs and customs computer training for the automatic processing of statistical, economic and financial data, and the maintenance of computer equipment;

- AWARE of the contribution that ECOWAS can make towards the integration of training programmes for upper-level staff with a view to introducing modern management techniques in activities at national level in Member States;

- CONVINCED that the establishment of an ECOWAS Community Computer Center can play a significant role in the integration of the economies of Member States;

- On the RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission meeting from 26th to 31st of March, 1986;

D E C I D E

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

1. There is hereby established within the structures of ECOWAS Institutions, a Computer Centre for ECOWAS Member States which shall be known as the Community Computer Centre, or the C.C.C.

2. The Community Computer Centre shall be located at the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Fund.

Article 2

The Community Computer Centre is a decentralised technical department within the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, whose organisational chart will be adapted accordingly.

Article 3

The terms for recruitment and salaries for professional and general service personnel and auxilliary personnel will be those applicable within Community Institutions.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE

Article 4

The Community Computer Centre has the following objectives:

- to contribute to the establishment of the compensation system provided for in the Treaty establishing ECOWAS;

- to set up a service centre for the use of Member States and for all other users;

- to set up a Training Centre for customs services, computerised customs data services and later, for data processing techniques;

- to advise on the introduction of specific administrative and financial management methods in the executive institutions of the Community;

- to encourage cooperation between national computerised customs projects as a whole;

- to carry out any other missions that may be assigned by the relevant Community authorities;

The various functions of the Community Computer Centre shall be set out in greater detail in statutory form by the Executive Secretary.

ORGANS OF THE COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE

Article 5

The Administrative and Management Organs of the Community Computer Centre shall be :

- the Orientation and Advanced Training Committee;
- Management.

Article 6

1. The Orientation and Advanced Training Committee is a sub-commission of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary Matters and Payments Commission.

2. The Orientation and Advanced Training Committee shall define the orientation and general policy of the centre's activities, in accordance with the objectives of its principal priority functions.

3. The Committee may call on the services of any individual or organisation outside the Centre which may be interested in or concerned by the activities of the Centre.

4. The conclusion of the meetings of the Committee shall be submitted to the relevant Community authorities by the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission.

Article 7

1. The Director shall be recruited and appointed in accordance with the provisions of the texts governing this subject in force within the Community's Institutions.





2. The Director shall be the administrative and technical Head of the Community Computer Centre. He must be a national of one of the Member States of the Community, and be highly qualified and competent in technical matters.

3. He shall be responsible for the overall functioning of the Centre's services and activities.

4. He shall be responsible for the following, among other things:

- the supervision of the day to day administration and management of the Centre in accordance with overall policy and the regulations governing its activities and operation;
- the submission of progress reports on programmes, annual reports and budget estimates to the Orientation and Advanced Training Committee;
- collaboration with national, sub-regional, regional and international institutions able to help towards the achievement of the Centre's objectives, in defining cooperation programmes in accordance with the methods in use within Community Institutions.

5. He shall render account of the Centre's activities to the Executive Secretary.

RESOURCES AND BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE

Article 8

In order to achieve its objectives, the Community Computer Centre shall:

- receive assistance in terms of financial, human and material resources from the Community and from organisations for international cooperation;
- ultimately generate its own resources from payments (or equivalents) for services made available to users.

Article 9

1. The Community Computer Centre's annual budget estimate shall be adopted during the adoption of the Executive Secretariat's budget in which it will feature as an annex.

2. The Executive Secretary shall delegate authority to the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund to administer the funds allocated to the Centre.

3. The various financial controls imposed on administration of the resources of the Community Computer Centre shall be undertaken by the appropriate structures within the Community's Institutions, and in particular by the Internal Audit department of the Fund.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 10

The Executive Secretariat and the Fund are urged to make the necessary provisions, in agreement with organisations for international cooperation, with a view to progressively and effectively transfering the Central ASYCUDA Project from Geneva (UNCTAD/UNDP) to Lomé.

Article 11

Depending upon the evolution and development of the activities of the Community Computer Centre and its role in the economic integration of Member States of the Community,

the possibility of setting up the Community Computer Centre as a Community establishment which shall be a legal entity and shall have administrative and financial autonomy, could be envisaged and examined.

Article 12

The temporary organisational chart of the Community Computer Centre which shall be applicable until further notice, is attached to this Decision.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 13

The Executive Secretariat and the Fund shall be responsible, in their respective domains, for the implementation of this Decision.

Article 14

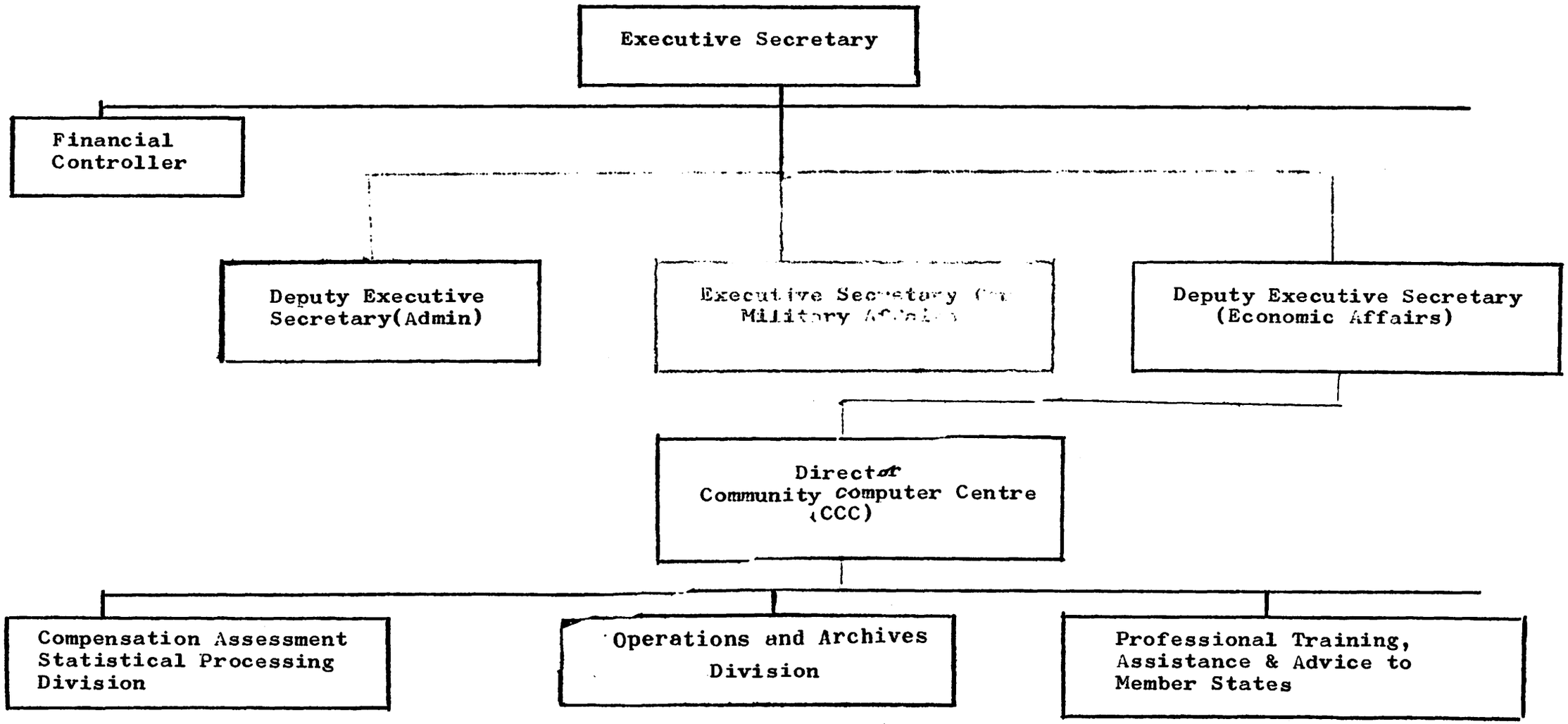
This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, 30TH JUNE 1986

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HON DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

ORGANISATIONAL CHART FOR THE COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRES



ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE, 1986

DECISION C/DEC.3/6/86 RELATING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MODALITIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATISTICS ON THE EXTERNAL TRADE OF ECOWAS MEMBER STATES.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 25 of the said Treaty on trade regimes;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 7/11/79 of the Council of Ministers relating to the programme on trade liberalisation, cooperation and related problems;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 3/11/82 of 17 November 1982 of the Council of Ministers relating to the coding of ECOWAS customs, statistical and tax regimes;

FOLLOWING the recommendation of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission at its meeting in Lagos from 26 to 31 March 1986;

DECIDES

Article 1

For the purposes of the automatic processing of customs and statistical data on the external trade of Member States, the provisions in the text attached to this Decision relating to the Rules and Regulations governing the modalities for the preparation of statistics on the external trade of ECOWAS Member States, are hereby adopted for ECOWAS.

Article 2

Member States shall, at national level, take all necessary measures with a view to diligently implementing the said Decision and shall forward to the Executive Secretariat the instruments pertaining to its implementation.

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 ABUJA, 30TH JUNE 1986

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

RULES AND REGULATIONS DETERMINING THE MODALITIES FOR PREPARATION OF STATISTICS ON EXTERNAL TRADE IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

FOREWORD

The present Rules and Regulations, drawn up with a view to producing homogeneous, readily available and reliable statistics at Community level, within the framework of the automatic processing of customs and statistical data on external trade in ECOWAS Member States, is based essentially on the following provisions of the ECOWAS Treaty and Decisions:

- Article 23 of the ECOWAS Treaty
- Decision C/DEC.7/11/79 of the Council of Ministers on trade liberalisation, commercial cooperation programme, and related problems.
- Decision C/DEC.3/11/82 of 17th November, 1982 of the Council of Ministers on the coding of ECOWAS customs, statistical and tax-regimes.

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CHAPTER ONE - CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1

All goods entering or leaving the statistical territory of an ECOWAS Member State, with the exception of goods in transit, shall appear as statistics on external trade.

The statistical territory of a Member State corresponds to its customs territory.

Article 2

1. Goods means all movable property.
2. Electric current is considered as goods.
3. Goods shall be designated on computer transmission media in such a way as to be identifiable by their standardised ECOWAS customs and statistics nomenclature number.
4. The goods listed as an annex to the present document are excluded from the statistics in use.

Article 3

1. Statistics on external trade shall be established according to both the special trade system and the general trade system.

2. Special trade comprises:

(a) On importation, goods which, directly on importation, upon leaving the depot, transit area or after transhipment; and goods which, upon leaving the warehouse or free trade zone, are

- declared for home use (this includes drawback goods and goods allowed in conditional upon prior exportation)

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- accepted on temporary admission
- accepted on temporary importation
- placed in industrial warehouses or free zones
- placed in customs-bonded manufacturing plants
- re-imported after temporary exportation

Goods put into circulation for home use after temporary admission, temporary importation, on leaving industrial warehouses, free areas and customs-bonded manufacturing plants, no longer fall within the special trade regime.

The list of customs regimes corresponding to these concepts is shown in Annex IA of the present document.

b) On exportation, goods which are:

- declared for single exit (whether of national origin or nationalised)
- re-exported after temporary admission
- re-exported after temporary importation
- released from industrial warehouses or free areas
- released from customs-bonded manufacturing plants
- on temporary exportation

The list of customs regimes corresponding to these concepts is shown in Annex IB of the present document.

3. General trade comprises:

a) On importation, goods which directly on importation or on leaving the depot, transit area or after transhipment, are:

- delcared for home use
- accepted on temporary admission
- accepted on temporary importation
- placed in industrial warehouses or free zones
- placed in customs-bonded manufacturing plants
- re-imported after temporary exportation
- placed in customs-bonded warehouses or commercial free trade zones.

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The list of customs regimes corresponding to these concepts is shown in Annex II A of the present document.

b) On exportation, goods which are :

- declared for single exit (whether of national origin or nationalised)
- re-exported after temporary admission
- re-exported after temporary importation
- on temporary exportation
- released from industrial warehouses or free zones
- released from customs-bonded manufacturing plants
- released from customs warehouses or commercial free trade zones.

The list of customs regimes corresponding to these concepts is shown in Annex IIB of the present document.

Article 4

Member States shall be designated on computer transmission files in such a way as to be identifiable by their ECOWAS country code number.

Article 5

1. Customs, statistical and tax regimes are those included in the Rules and Regulations on the Coding of ECOWAS customs, statistical and tax regimes annexed to Decision C/DEC 3/11/82 of 17 December 1982 of the Council of Ministers. In addition to the above regimes are included preferential tax regimes accorded by economic agreements and distribution between customs and industrial warehouses on the one hand and free trade and industrial zones on the other.

2. The code number specified in the above Rules and Regulations shall be adopted for each regime.

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Article 6

1. Quantity Measurement is net weight in kilogrammes.
2. Net weight is the weight of goods excluding packaging.
3. Packaging comprises all cases and boxes (internal and external), wrapping, covering and accessories, excluding transportation equipment, and in particular, containers, tarpaulins, tackle and other material.
4. The quantity shall furthermore, be expressed in additional units of quantity when the ECOWAS tariff so requires.
5. Additional unit means units of measure other than the kilogramme.

Article 7

1. The value of goods exchanged shall be expressed in the currency of the country.
2. The statistical values to be recorded are:
   - on importation, the CIF value free up to the national border and the FOB value on exportation, the FOB value free up to the national border.
3. Official values may not under any circumstance be taken as statistical values.

Article 8

Country of origin means the country from which the goods originate, as used in the ECOWAS Treaty and the Protocols relating to the term.

Article 9

Country of transit is the last country from which goods are expedited to the importing country.

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Article 10

Country of last destination means the country to which goods are to be sent, as known at the time of exportation.

Article 11

1. Means of transportation are coded as follows:

0 - Navigable waterways
1 - Sea
2 - Rail
3 - Air
4 - Road
5 - Container (ship)
6 - Container (wagon)
7 - Container (plane)
8 - Container (trailer)
9 - Others

2. The nationality of the means of transportation shall be indicated.

Article 12

1. Goods sold to armed forces stationed outside the statistical territory of the exporting Member State and their own national territory, shall be indicated under the export statistics of the said Member State, the station country being considered as the country of last destination.

2. Goods purchased from armed forces stationed outside the statistical territory of the importing Member State and their own national territory shall be indicated under the import statistics of the said Member State, the station country being considered as the country of origin or of transit.

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CHAPTER II : COLLECTION OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND PREPARATION OF RESULTS

Article 13

Statistical information shall be forwarded at the end of each month by Customs Headquarters of the Member States.

As regards Member States using ASYCUDA software information shall be transmitted either through the telecommunications system or sent on the floppy disk which is automatically produced by the computer and shall be accompanied by a check list.

Member States using a different computer system may send their information by any means (recorded tape, copies of customs declarations, tele-transmission, etc.). Each case shall be examined for compatibility.

Article 14

Under each heading of the ECOWAS customs and statistical nomenclature shall appear :

- the customs, statistical and tax regime, in conformity with Article 6, paragraph 1;
- the net weight of the goods, in conformity with Article 6, paragraph 2;
- the additional units, in conformity with Article 6, paragraph 5;
- the statistical value of the goods, in conformity with Article 7 paragraph 2;
- on importation, the country of origin in conformity with Article 8, or failing that, the country of transit, in conformity with Article 9;
- on exportation, the country of last destination in conformity with Article 18;
- the means of transportation, in conformity with Article 11.

Article 15

The statistical results prepared in ECOWAS Member States consist of:

- country of origin
- country of last destination
- weight
- additional unit
- statistical value
- means of transportation and nationality of vehicle

Article 16

The above-named data shall be provided for all goods, with the exception of those listed in the annex on exclusions, in conformity with Article 2 paragraph 4.

Article 17

1. The period of reference shall be a quarter.

2. Statistical information files shall be classified during each quarter, with reference to the registration date of the customs declaration.

3. For this purpose, Member States shall fix a closing date for the quarterly data preparation to ensure that all declarations for the reference quarter are included.

   The closing date shall be set for no later than three (3) months after the end of the reference period.

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4. These provisions do not prevent such Member States as have the means, from preparing monthly results.

Article 17

1. Should it become necessary to correct data recorded on a statistical information medium, the correction shall, as far as possible, be made to the results of the quarter under which the medium in question is classified.

2. Should the quarterly preparation of results already be closed, the corrected data shall be taken into account during the preparation of the overall results. In such a case, Member States shall ensure that the quarter to which the corrections pertain, can readily be identified

3. The overall corrected results for the four (4) quarters shall be considered to be the annual results. Additional corrections may, nonetheless, be subsequently placed at the disposal of users.

4. Corrections may not be transfered from one year to another.

Article 18

Member States shall keep the statistical information file for three years following the end of the reference year.

CHAPTER III - STATEMENTS OF STATISTICS

Article 20

Member States shall prepare results using the following pattern of minimal requirements:

- products - country
- country - products

for special trade and general trade systems.

Article 21

Member States shall, within a given time-limit imposed on the Executive Secretariat(CCC) at the end of the reference quarter, forward the statements of statistics referred to in Article 20, and the magnetic media carrying the basic information used to prepare the statements, to the Secretariat.

Article 22

Member States shall be responsible for working out external trade figures.

Article 23

Member States may, within the framework of the present Rules and Regulations, computerise the statistical processing of data before it is sent in for centralisation.

Article 24

The annexes to the present Rules and Regulations are an integral part of same.

Article 25

Each Member State shall inform the Executive Secretariat of such measures as it may take towards the application of the present Rules and Regulations.

The Executive Secretary shall inform all other Member States.

Article 26

All questions pertaining to the present Rules and Regulations, raised by either a Member State or the Executive Secretariat, shall be examined by an Ad Hoc Committee with a view to improving and harmonising statistics on the external trade of Member States.

SPECIAL TRADE

ANNEX 1A : LIST OF CUSTOMS REGIMES CORRESPONDING TO THE CONCEPTS SET OUT IN ARTICLE 2 PARAGRAPH 2a

C1 Direct home consumption of non-petroleum products after leaving depot, transit area or after transhipment

- C100 Normal regime
- C110 Gifts and aid
- C120 Free admission
- C130 Investments code
- C140 Diplomatic privilege
- C150 ECOWAS preference
  - C151 Local Products - ECOWAS
  - C152 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS
  - C153 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS
  - C154 Community industrial products
  - C155 Artisanal products - ECOWAS
- C160 CEAO preference
  - C161 Local products - CEAO
  - C162 TCR - CEAO
  - C163 Non- TCR industrial products - CEAO
  - C164 Products of pluri-national enterprises - CEAO
  - C165 Artisanal products - CEAO
- C170 Other prefrential regimes
- C171 M R U
  - C172 EEC
  - C173 Bilateral preferential regimes
  - C179 Others
  - C180 Ship and aircraft supplies

C2 Direct home consumption of petroleum products upon leaving depot, transit area or after transhipment

- C200 Normal regime
- C210 Gifts and aid
- C220 Free admission

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C230 Investment code

C240 Diplomatic privileges

C250 ECOWAS preference

C251 Local products - ECOWAS

C252 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS

C253 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS

C254 Community industry products - ECOWAS

C260 CEAO preference

C261 Local products - CEAO

C262 TCR - CEAO

C263 Non - TCR industrial products - CEAO

C264 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO

C270 Other preferential regimes

C271 M R U

C272 E E C

C273 Bilateral preferential regimes

C279 Others

C280 Ship and aircraft supplies

C3 Home consumption of non-petroleum products upon leaving warehouse

C300 Normal regime upon leaving customs warehouse

C310 Gifts and aid upon leaving customs warehouse

C320 Free admission upon leaving customs warehouse

C330 Investment code upon leaving customs warehouse

C340 Diplomatic priviledge upon leaving customs warehouse

C350 ECOWAS preference upon leaving customs warehouse

C351 Local products - ECOWAS

C352 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS

C353 Non priority industrial products - ECOWAS

C354 Community industry products - ECOWAS

C355 Artisanal products - ECOWAS

C360 CEAO preference upon leaving customs warehouse

C361 Local products - CEAO

C362 TCR - CEAO

C363 Non-TCR industrial products - CEAO

C364 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO

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C365 Artisanal products - CEAO

C370 Other preferential regimes upon leaving customs warehouse

C371 MRU

C372 EEC

C373 Bilateral preferential regimes

C379 Others

C380 Ship and aircraft supplies upon leaving customs warehouse

C4 Home consumption of petroleum products upon leaving warehouse

C400 Normal regime upon leaving customs warehouse

C410 Gifts and aid upon leaving customs warehouse

C420 Free admission upon leaving customs warehouse

C430 Investments code upon leaving customs warehouse

C440 Diplomatic privilege upon leaving customs warehouse

C450 ECOWAS preference upon leaving customs warehouse

C451 Local products - ECOWAS

C452 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS

C453 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS

C454 Community industry products - ECOWAS

C460 CEAO preference

C461 Local products - CEAO, upon leaving customs warehouse

C462 TCR - CEAO

C463 Non-TCR industrial products - CEAO

C464 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO

C470 Other preferential regimes upon leaving customs warehouse

C471 MRU

C472 EEC

C473 Bilateral preferential regimes

C479 Others

C480 Ship and aircraft supplies, upon leaving customs warehouse

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C8 Home consumption or re-importation after temporary exportation for repairs, processing etc...

C800 Normal regime
C810 Gifts and aid
C820 Free admission
C830 Investments code
C840 Diplomatic privilege
C850 ECOWAS preference
C851 Local products - ECOWAS
C852 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C853 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C854 Community industry products - ECOWAS
C855 Artisanal products - ECOWAS
C860 CEAO preference
C861 Local products - CEAO
C862 TCR - CEAO
C863 Non-TCR industrial products - CEAO
C864 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO
C865 Artisanal products - CEAO
C870 Other preferential regimes
C871 MRU
C872 EEC
C873 Bilateral preferential regimes
C879 Others

C9 Other types of home use
C900 Normal regime upon leaving free trade zone
C950 ECOWAS preference upon leaving free trade zone
C951 Local products - ECOWAS
C952 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C953 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C954 Community industry products - ECOWAS
C955 Artisanal products - ECOWAS
C960 CEAO preference, upon leaving free trade zone
C961 Local products - CEAO
C962 TCR-CEAO
C963 Non-TCR industrial products - CEAO
C964 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO
C965 Artisanal products - CEAO

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C970 Other preferential regimes upon leaving free trade zone
C971 MRU
C972 EEC
C973 Bilateral preferential regimes
C979 Others

S3 Warehousing of non-petroleum products
S320 Direct entry into industrial warehouse
S4 Warehousing or entry into customs-bonded manufacturing plants of petroleum products
S420 Direct entry into industrial warehouse
S450 Direct importation into customs-bonded manufacturing plant
S5 Temporary admission
S500 Normal regime
S6 Temporary importation
S600 Normal regime
S9 Other suspensive regimes
S950 Free zone entry

ANNEX IB : LIST OF CUSTOMS REGIMES CORRESPONDING TO THE CONCEPTS SET OUT IN ARTICLE 2 PARAGRAPH 2b

E1 Single exit exportation of non-petroleum products
E100 Normal regime not including supplies
E180 Supplies
E2 Single exit exportation of petroleum products
E200 Normal regime, not including supplies
E280 Supplies
E3 Exportation of non-petroleum products upon leaving warehouse
E305 Upon leaving industrial warehouse, not including supplies
E385 Upon leaving industrial warehouse, including supplies
E4 Exportation of petroleum products upon leaving warehouse
E405 Upon leaving industrial warehouse or customs bonded manufacturing plant, not including supplies

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	E485	Upon leaving industrial warehouse or customs bonded manufacturing plant, including supplies.
E8		Temporary exportation
	E800	Temporary exportation for processing
	E810	Temporary exportation for repairs
	E840	Temporary exportation for other purposes
E9		Other types of exportation
	E950	Exportation to ECOWAS Member States upon leaving free zone
	E960	Exportation to other countries upon leaving free zone
R3		Re-exportation of non-petroleum products upon leaving warehouse
	R320	Re-exportation upon leaving industrial warehouse, not including supplies
	R380	Re-exportation upon leaving industrial warehouse, including supplies
R4		Re-exportation of petroleum products upon leaving warehouse
	R420	Upon leaving industrial warehouse, not including supplies
	R450	Upon leaving customs bonded manufacturing plant not including supplies
	R480	Upon leaving industrial warehouse or customs bonded manufacturing plant including supplies
R5		Re-exportation after temporary admission
	R500	Normal regime
R6		Re-exportation after temporary importation
	R600	Normal regime
R7		Re-exportation following home use (nationalised products)
	R700	Normal regime
R9		Other types of re-exportation
	R950	Re-exportation to an ECOWAS Member State upon leaving indstrial free zone
	R960	Re-exportation to a non-ECOWAS country upon leaving industrial free zone.

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GENERAL TRADE

ANNEX IIA : LIST OF CUSTOMS REGIMES CORRESPONDING TO THE CONCEPTS SET OUT IN ARTICLE 2 PARAGRAPH 3a

C1 - Direct home consumption of non-petroleum products upon leaving depot, transit area, after transhipment.

- C100 Normal regime
- C110 Gifts and aid
- C120 Free admission
- C130 Investments code
- C140 Diplomatic privilege
- C150 ECOWAS preference
  - C151 Local products - ECOWAS
  - C152 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS
  - C153 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS
  - C154 Community industry products - ECOWAS
  - C155 Artisanal products - ECOWAS
- C160 CEAO preference
  - C161 Local products - CEAO
  - C162 TCR - CEAO
  - C163 Non-TCR industrial products - CEAO
  - C164 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO
  - C165 Artisanal products - CEAO
- C170 Other preferential regimes
- C171 MRU
  - C172 EEC
  - C173 Bilateral preferential regimes
  - C179 Others
  - C180 Ship and Aircraft supplies

C2 - Direct home consumption of petroleum products upon leaving depot, transit area or after transhipment

- C200 Normal regime
- C210 Gifts and aid
- C220 Free admission
- C230 Investments code

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C240 Diplomatic privilege
C250 ECOWAS preference
C251 Local products - ECOWAS
C252 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C253 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C254 Community industry products - ECOWAS
C260 CEAO preference
C261 Local products - CEAO
C262 TCR - CEAO
C263 Non-TCR products - CEAO
C264 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO
C270 Other preferential regimes
C271 MRU
C242 EEC
C273 Bilateral preferential regimes
C279 Others
C280 Ship and Aircraft supplies

C8 - Home consumption or re-importation after temporary exportation for repairs, processing etc...

C800 Normal regime
C810 Gifts and aid
C820 Free admission
C830 Investments code
C840 Diplomatic priviledge
C850 ECOWAS priviledge
C851 Local products - ECOWAS
C852 Priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C853 Non-priority industrial products - ECOWAS
C854 Community industry products - ECOWAS
C855 Artisanal products - ECOWAS
C860 CEAO preference
C861 Local products CEAO
C862 TCR - CEAO
C863 Non-TCR industrial products - CEAO
C864 Products of plurinational enterprises - CEAO
C865 Artisanal products - CEAO

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C870 Other preferential regimes
C871 MRU
C872 EEC
C873 Bilateral proferential regimes
C879 Others

S3 - Warehousing of non-petroleum products
S300 Direct entry into private warehouse
S310 Direct entry into official warehouse
S320 Direct entry into industrial warehouse

S4 - Warehousing or entry into customs-bonded manufacturing plants of petroleum products.
S400 Direct entry into private warehouse
S420 Direct entry into industrial warehouse
S430 Direct importation into customs-bonded manufacturing plant

S5 - Temporary admission
S500 Normal regime

S6 - Temporary importation
S600 Normal regime

S9 - Other suspensive regimes
S900 Entry into free trade zone
S950 Entry into free industrial zone

ANNEX IIB : LIST OF CUSTOMS REGIMES CORRESPONDING TO THE CONCEPT SET OUT IN ARTICLE 2 PARAGRAPH 3b

E1 - Single exit exportation of non-petroleum products
E100 Normal regime not including supplies
E180 Supplies
E2 - Single exit exportation of petroleum products
E200 Normal regime, not including supplies
E280 Supplies

E3 - Exportation of non-petroleum products upon leaving warehouse

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E300 Upon leaving customs warehouse, not including supplies
E305 Upon leaving industrial warehouse, not including supplies
E380 Upon leaving customs warehouse, including supplies
E385 Upon leaving industrial warehouse or customs bonded manufacturing plant, including supplies

E4 - Exportation of petroleum products upon leaving warehouse
E400 Upon leaving customs warehouse, not including supplies
E405 Upon leaving industrial warehouse, not including supplies
E480 Upon leaving customs warehouse, including supplies
E485 Upon leaving industrial warehouse or customs bonded manufacturing plant, including supplies

E8 - Temporary exportation
E800 Temporary exportation for processing
E810 Temporary exportation for repairs
E840 Temporary exportation for other purposes

E9 - Other types of exportation
E930 Exportation to ECOWAS Member States upon leaving free trade zone
E940 Exportation to other countries upon leaving free trade zone
E950 Exportation to an ECOWAS Member State upon leaving industrial free zone
E960 Exportation to other countries upon leaving industrial free zone

R3 - Re-exportation of non-petroleum products upon leaving warehouse
R300 Upon leaving private warehouse
R310 Upon leaving official warehouse
R320 Upon leaving industrial warehouse
R380 For supplies.

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R4 - Reexportation of petroleum products upon leaving warehouse

R400 Upon leaving private warehouse

R420 Upon leaving industrial warehouse

R450 Upon leaving customs bonded manufacturing plant

R480 For supplies

R5 - Reexportation after temporary admission

R500 Normal regime

R6 - Reexportation after temporary importation

R600 Normal regime

R7 - Reexportation following home use (nationalised products)

R700 Normal regime

R9 Other cases of reexportation

R930 Reexportation to an ECOWAS Member State, upon leaving free trade zone

R940 Reexportation to an ECOWAS Member State upon leaving industrial free zone

R960 Reexportation to other countries upon leaving industrial free zone.

ANNEX III : LIST OF EXCEPTIONS TO ARTICLE 2 PARAGRAPH 4

The following are excluded from the preparation of statistics :

a) Means of payment which are legal tender (bank notes and coins) and valuables (securities)
b) Gold and silver coins
c) Effects and objects other than vehicles meant for the personal use of members of the diplomatic corps and of foreign nationals on mission on condition that they are not on temporary admission or importation

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d) On temporary importation or exportation or other

- stage props
- merry-go-rounds and other fairground equipment
- cinema films
- equipment and materials for experiment
- professional equipment as defined in the International Customs Convention of 8 June 1968
- competition and racing animals
- commercial samples
- vehicles, containers and accessories for transportation
- items for examination or analysis

e) When not used for commercial transactions

- honorary orders, distinctions, prizes, medals and mementoes
- travel equipment, provisions and objects including such sporting articles for personal use or consumption as are accompanied, forwarded or non accompanied
- bridal trousseaux, home furnishings or inherited objects
- coffins, cinerary urns, funeral decorations and objects for tending graves and monuments
- printed advertisements, directions for use, current price lists and other advertising articles
- ballast
- photographs, recorded and developed films, drafts, drawings, copies of plans, manuscripts, files, administrative print-outs, printing records and proofs as well as media recording data for use in international exchanges of information
- postage stamps
- pharmaceutical products for use during international sporting events
- transhumance

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f) Items undergoing tests

g) Goods leaving a given statistical territory and returning thereto after directly or indirectly crossing foreign territory owing to stop-overs imposed by the means of transportation

h) Goods meant for the armed forces of a Member State stationed outside their national statistical territory and goods re-imported by the armed forces of the State

i) Goods acquired or sold within the statistical territory of a Member State by the non-national armed forces stationed there.

These exemptions should be listed on the customs declarations under customs, statistical and fiscal regimes 000.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE, 1986

Decision C/DEC..1/6/86 establishing Procedure for Centralisation of Information and Data Control for the Purpose of Assessing Loss of Revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the Implementation of the Intra-Community Trade Liberalisation Programme.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

- MINDFUL of Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 25 of the said Treaty on trade regimes,

- MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.18/5/80 of 28th May 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the liberalisation of trade in industrial products and the subsequent modifications to the text, and particularly Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of 30th 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 Member States of the Community,

- MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 of 28th May, 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the application of compensation procedures for loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of intra-Community trade liberalisation.

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

- MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/11/82 of 17th November 1982 of the Council of Ministers relating to the coding of ECOWAS customs, statistical and tax regimes.

- MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 2/6/86 of 30th June, 1986 of the Council of Ministers relating to the establishment of ECOWAS Community Computer Centre for the automatic processing of the customs, statistical economic and financial data of Member States and the assessment of compensation for revenue loss suffered by the said States as a result of intra-Community trade liberalisation.

- On the RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission at its meeting of 25th to 31st March 1986 in Lagos.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The provisions of the text attached to this Decision relating to the Rules and Regulations governing Procedures for the centralisation of information and data control for the purpose of assessing loss of revenue suffered by Member States as a result of the application of the intra-Community trade liberalisation programmes, are hereby adopted for ECOWAS.

Article 2

Member States shall, at national level, adopt all necessary measures with a view to diligently implementing the said Rules and Regulations and shall forward to the Executive Secretariat the relevant statutory instruments.

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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 ABUJA, 30TH JUNE, 1986
FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU

CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PROCEDURE FOR THE CENTRALISATION OF INFORMATION, AND DATA CONTROL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY ECOWAS MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME

F O R E W O R D

The present Rules and Regulations are within the framework of the automatic processing of customs and statistical data relating to the external trade of ECOWAS Member States by the Community Computer Centre.

1. In application of the provisions of Article 23 of the ECOWAS Treaty demanding that Member States take all necessary measures for the harmonisation of their customs regulations and formalities.

2. In conformity with the provisions of the following Decisions:

- Decision A/DEC 19/5/80 of 28th May, 1980, of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the application of compensation procedures for loss of revenue suffered by Member States as a result of intra-Community trade liberalisation.

- Decision C/DEC.7/11/79 of the Council of Ministers relating to the programme on trade liberalisation, cooperation and related problems;

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- Decision C/DEC.3/11/82 of 17th November 1982, of the Council of Ministers relating to the Rules and Regulations on the coding of ECOWAS customs, statistical and tax regimes.

The Rules and Regulations on the coding of customs, statistical and tax regimes which are the subject of Decision C/DEC.3/11/82 of 17th November, quoted above, having set certain compulsory norms for the collection of information concerning the Community, which will make it possible to assess the loss of revenue to be compensated and draw up statistics on external trade, it has been found necessary to complete its text with the present Rules and Regulations which aim at determining and establishing a homogeneous and uniform procedure applicable throughout the Community to facilitate the centralisation of information, the verification of basic data and the assessment of loss of revenue to be compensated, suffered by Member States as a result of the implementation of the intra-Community trade liberalisation programme.

CHAPTER ONE

GENERAL PROVISIONS: BASIC INFORMATION

Article One

Basic information is any information necessary for the assembling of statistical and accounting data base for the assessment of compensations.

Article 2

ECOWAS Member States shall make the basic information necessary for the development of data processing available to the Community Computer Centre.

Article 3

The basic statistics file, known as the ECOWAS file is an abstract of the file on commercial transactions recorded by customs in each Member State. This file, which is compiled monthly, contains the following information for every customs declaration:

- Code of country where goods are cleared
- Code of customs clearance office
- Registration number of declaration
- Date of registration of declaration
- ECOWAS tariff nomenclature
- Country of origin of goods
- Country of destination
- Country from which goods are arriving
- Customs regime
- Nature of transportation
- Nationality of means of transport
- Gross weight
- Net weight
- Quantity or additional units
- Customs value of goods
- Number of duties
- Duties paid (number of entries tallies with number of duties payable on the product concerned)
  - Tax code
  - Taxable base code
  - Tax base
  - Tax rate
  - Amount received
  - Number of taxes
- Normal duties payable (number of entries tallies with number of normal taxes payable on the product)

- Tax code
- Taxable base code
- Tax rate
- Tax base
- Amount due

The items of information must be written out for each article declared.

Article 4

1. The monthly ECOWAS files shall be forwarded to the Centre as shall hereafter be specified, together with a check list to be drawn up as specified in Annex 1.

2. Basic information on customs declarations on imports and exports, for intra and extra-Community trade shall also be forwarded to the Centre.

CHAPTER II

WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE CENTRALISATION OF ECOWAS FILES

Article 5

1. Statistical information shall be transmitted at the end of each month by the Customs Headquarters of each Member State.

2. For Member States equipped with ASYCUDA software, information shall be sent through the telecommunications network or recorded on the floppy disc automatically produced by the computer, and accompanied by a check list

3. For Member States with a different computer system information may be sent by any means (recorded tape, copy of customs declaration, tele-transmission etc) and each case shall be examined for compatibility.

4. The information sent in monthly from Member States of the Community is combined, checked and organised on to data bases in the Centre's Computer.

CHAPTER III

Article 6

Data processing will be separately analysed. The definition of data processing and organisation will be based on a specific analysis and on detailed organic analysis.

Article 7

The files from the different Member States will be combined, checked, and the resultant information organised on to statistical data bases.

Article 8

The Centre will publish statements of the assessment of financial compensations following the pattern shown in the diagrams annexed to this document, at intervals which will be fixed at a later date by the Executive Secretary.

CHAPTER IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 9

Any modification to the present Rules and Regulations at the request of either a Member State or the Executive Secretariat, must be examined by the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Monetary and Payments Commission to ensure overall harmonisation within the Community.

CENTRALISATION, CHECKING AND PROCESSING OF ECOWAS FILES

ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

1. Assembly of a monthly ECOWAS file
2. Publication of a check list (Annex 1)

Ex-Telecommunications Network	Via Telecommunications Network
3 Forwarding of magnetic disc file	3 Forwarding of check list 4 Network transmission: - data ECOWAS File - Check list file

COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE

Combination of files

Data checking

Up-dating of ECOWAS statistical data base

Data processing

Publication of results

check list according to countries	Statement of gross loss	Statement of consolidated loss	Assessment of contributions

ANNEX I

ECOWAS FILE CHECK LIST

INFORMATION CHECK LIST

Country ---------- Month ---------- 19-----

OFFICE (1)	REGIME (2)	DEC.N° (3)	ORIGIN (4)	NOMEN. (5)	VALUE (6)	TOTAL DUTIES PAID (7)	NORMAL DUTIES PAID (8)
xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx

TOTAL VALUE .....

TOTAL DUTIES PAID .....

TOTAL NORMAL DUTIES .....

ESTIMATE OF GROSS REVENUE LOSS .....

DATE :

SIGNATURE

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(1) Customs clearance office code
(2) Customs regime applied
(3) Customs declaration number
(4) Origin of goods
(5) ECOWAS tariff nomenclature
(6) Customs value
(7) Total duties paid on goods
(8) Total normal duties due

ANNEX II

OVERALL GROSS REVENUE LOSS

FROM ------- TO ----- 19----

BURKINA FASO: CAPE VERDE	TOGO	TOTAL
BURKINA FASO:		
CAPE VERDE :		
GUINEA :		
Guinea Bissau:		
TOGO :		
TOTAL :		

NOTE:
- Overall gross revenue loss is expressed in thousand of WAUA
- The statement may also be published according to products and groups of product using ECOWAS nomenclature
- The horizontal total shows the gross revenue loss suffered by one Member State vis-à-vis the other Member State of the Community
- The vertical shows the gross revenue loss suffered by all Member States vis-à-vis the Member State named.

ANNEX III

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED COMPENSATIONS

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED COMPENSATIONS

COUNTRY ---------- DATE ---------- 19 ------

PRODUCT	GROSS LOSS	OTHER COUNTRY	INDIVIDUAL REVENUE LOSSES	NET LOSS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	----------	BENIN	----------	+ --------
		BURKINA FASO	----------	- -------
		CAPE V.	----------	+ -------
		GUINEA	----------	- -------
		GUINEA B.	----------	+ -------
SUB-TOTAL				
-------	----------			+ ---------
GRAND TOTAL	----------		----------	+ ---------

(1) the statement of consolidated compensations may be published according to single products (ECOWAS nomenclature, groups of product., (NCD) or all products.

(2) Gross revenue loss suffered vis-à-vis other Member States of the Community

(3) Name of other country

(4) Individual Revenue losses are the gross amount of losses suffered by each Member State vis-à-vis the Member State named.

(5) Net loss = gross loss = individual losses.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE 1986

DECISION C/DEC 5/6/86 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT.

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.17/5/82 of 29 May, 1982 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government setting up an Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee to monitor activities relating to the construction of the Headquarters of the Community's Institutions;

CONSIDERING Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of 17 November, 1982 of the Council of Ministers on the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of the Community's Institutions;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee at its meeting held in Abuja from 25 to 26 June 1986;

D E C I D E S

Article 1.

The Architectural design presented is hereby adopted with the revised estimated cost of FCFA 6.7 billion (excluding fees and other charges).

Nigeria undertakes to make up the difference between the FCFA 5 billion ceiling fixed by ECOWAS and the revised cost of FCFA 6.7 billion (excluding fees and other charges).

Article 2.

The Architect's fees and other charges which will be calculated on the basis of FCFA 5 billion, be borne by the Fund the same conditions being applicable for both the Fund and Executive Secretariat Headquarters.

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 ABUJA, 30TH JUNE 1986

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE 1986

DECISION C/DEC 6/6/86 ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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.17/5/82 of 29 May, 1982 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government setting up an Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee to monitor activities relating to the construction of the Headquarters of the Community's Institutions;

CONSIDERING Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of 17 November, 1982 of the Council of Ministers on the procedure for the construction of the Headquarters of the Community's Institutions;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee at its meeting held in Abuja from 25 to 26 June 1986;

D E C I D E S

Article 1.

To approve that the following programme of work be adopted in the construction of the Headquarters of the Executive Secretariat:-

(1) Signing of the architectural contract, after vetting of the architect's specialist consultants- 1st to 31st July, 1986;

(2) Commencement of sub-soil investigations - 15th July, 1986;

(3) Invitation to tender in order to select the Project Management Consultants/Control Bureau and quantity surveyors - 15th July to 15th September, 1986:

- Advertisement of invitation to tender : from 15 - 30 July 1986
- Submission of tenders : 30 August 1986
- Opening and evaluation of tenders : from 1 to 15 September 1986.

(4)
- Preparation of tender documents by the architects and submission to the Executive Secretary by 31st January, 1987.
- Approval by the competent authorities between 1st and 10th February, 1987.

(5)
- Advertisement for pre-qualification of contractors - 15th July, 1986,
- closing date - 15th August, 1986;
- submission of bids - on or before 30th November, 1986;
- selection of pre-qualified contractors - 1st to 10th December, 1986;

(6) Invitation to tender - 15th February, 1987, 1987;

(7) Submission of tenders - on or before 15th May, 1987;

(8) Opening and evaluation of tenders - commences on 16th May, 1987.

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 ABUJA, 30TH JUNE, 1986

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

19TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE 1986

DECISION C/DEC/ 7/6/86 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BOUBACAR DELA AS THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER 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 on the appointment of Statutory Officers;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/11/84 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 23 November 1984 on the distribution of Statutory posts which allocated the post of Financial Controller to the Republic of Niger;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the Republic of Niger nominated Mr. Boubacar DELA for the post of Financial Controller of the Community;

MINDFUL of the letter of the current Chairman of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers dated 12 March 1986 on the appointment of Mr. Boubacar DELA as Financial Controller of the Community;

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D E C I D E S

Article 1

ARTICLE 1

Mr. Boubacar DELA is hereby appointed Financial Controller of the Economic Community of West African States from 14th December 1985.

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 ABUJA, 30TH JUNE, 1986

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HON. DR. KALU I. KALU
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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
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19TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 27 - 30 JUNE 1986

DIRECTIVE C/DIR.1/6/86 RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF AERONAUTICAL TELECOMMUNICATION AND RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

HAVING considered the Report of the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission of its Meeting held in Lome October 1985;

CONSIDERING that the international aeronautic community is increasingly concerned with the state of telecommunication links in the sub-region;

TAKING note of the increase in air traffic in Africa as revealed in the study conducted by ICAO on aeronautical telecommunications in Africa, and particularly in the West African Sub-region;

RECALLING the relevant resolutions and recommendations of the ICAO and ITU

HAVING noted that, in the field of Radio navigational Aids, the microwave landing system (MLS) will replace the ILS (Instrument landing system) from 1st January 1988

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NOTING further that experts from African States, under the auspices of ICAO, are undertaking the planning of the Aeronautical Fixed Service (AFS) for the AFI Region, integrated in a world wide plan and based on nex concepts;

AWARE that transition programmes, as broad guidelines for an implementation process to change the current plan into the new one are to be worked out in 1986;

HEREBY DIRECTS

The Executive Secretariat in collaboration with the ECOWAS Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development to finalise the study on the improvement of aeronautical telecommunications and provide assistance to aeronautical navigation in the sub-region in collaboration with ASECNA and to submit to the decision-making bodies a detailed technical report to help mobilise the necessary financing.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 1986 .

FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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SPEECH - CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Honourable Ministers,

On behalf of His Excellency the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, the Government and People of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to another session of Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in our historic Federal Capital, Abuja. We have met again to take stock of the activities of our Community which symbolises our joint efforts at creating the necessary infrastructures for cooperation.

The past year marked an epoch in the life of our Community, for the first time, we have to resuscitate our economies from the deep-seated depressions of the past several years. Needless to say, the Programme of Activities of the Work Programme for the coming year will come up for discussion at the present session of Council but with your permission I will like to highlight the main issues that occurred in the past year.

My dear Colleagues,

I am happy to report that the Nigerian land borders, apart from the border with the Republic of Chad, have been reopened in the spirit of brotherhood and solidarity with our sisters and brothers of the sub-region. Apart from the closure of the Liberia/Sierra Leone borders it is safe to say that citizens of our Member States can now travel by land from one country to another in our sub-region. It is hoped that the Liberia/Sierra Leone land borders would be opened soon to allow the free movement of persons across these borders.

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The ECOWAS Brown Card which related to Motor Vehicle Third Party Insurance Liability is working satisfactorily despite a number of problems. I appeal to all Member States of our Organisation that have not enacted the necessary legislation to give legal backing to the Brown Card System to do so. Economic integration without the free movement of persons, goods and services across borders will be meaningless. The Brown Card Secretariat, I understand, has problems of meeting its financial obligations due to the tardiness of various organisations in paying their contributions. Every effort should be made to support the Secretariat if it is to meet its tasks effectively.

My dear Colleagues,

You may remember that Nigeria asked last year for a moratorium of one year for the coming into effect of the second phase of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Right of Establishment. Council may now wish to make appropriate recommendation to the Authority.

The ECOWAS Computer project in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania was commissioned early this year and handed to the Mauritanian Authority. The Computer project in Cape Verde will be commissioned in September this year. The Executive Secretariat and the Fund are working on the Computer project in Lome for processing all economic data in our sub-region. We will be called upon in due course to take a decision on this project and also consider the compensation budget for the implementation of our trade liberalisation programme.

My dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you that our studies on the creation of a West African Monetary Zone are at an advanced stage. A progress report on the proposed ECOWAS Monetary Zone will be given to us during this session by a representative of the Committee of the Governors of the Central Banks of ECOWAS countries.

My dear Colleagues,

The ECOWAS Fund has been very busy in finding funds for the financing of various projects in Member States as well as the financing of the construction of the Headquarters of our Institutions in Lome and Abuja. A large proportion of our Fund capital has been committed in developement projects.

In this connection I wish to appeal to Member States that have not paid up their contributions to the capital of the Fund and the Telecommunications Fund to do so in order to enable the Fund to meet the pressing development needs of our sub-region.

Dear Colleagues,

Council's mandate that visits be made to Member States which had not fully paid their financial contributions to the organs of the Community and led by the Chairman of Council was carried out. I am glad to report that the delegation was cordially received everywhere they went and the Member States concerned took the opportunity to renew their faith and commitment to the ideals of ECOWAS. Even though Member States are currently feeling the effects of the general economic decline and difficulties, it is hoped that the promises made during the visits will be translated into concrete action during the present session of Council. The Executive Secretariat has prepared a report of the mission for our discussion.

Honourable Ministers,

The most important decision which should engage our attention today has to do with the report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Recovery Programme. The document emphasises in detail the set of recovery measures to be adopted for implementation at national and Community levels over the short-term and the medimu-run . The report proposes that attention be concentrated on key priority sectors designed principally to halt the decline in economic activities in the sub-region, rehabilitate infrastructural and production units and institute effective economic management reforms, especially at the national level. Needless to say, Honourable Ministers, our recovery programme, conceived before the OAU Declaration on the African Economic Crisis and Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery, has taken due account of the contents of the

continental programme. The decision we take on this document should enhance our march towards greater unity within the sub-region and collective self-reliance.

In this field of agricultural development, which is the mainstay of most of our Member States, the Secretariat during the past year, has formulated short and medium term programmes for the development of agriculture and natural resources. The recommendations of our experts in this field are sent to Council for its decision.

These two issues, namely the Recovery Programme and Agriculture should occupy our attention at this meeting of Council. Our survival as a sub-region depends on how effective and successful the programmes envisaged under these areas are carried out. These issues are submitted for our consideration and I trust that Council will give them the attention they deserve.

My dear Colleagues,

As you can see from the issues I have just raised, there is a lot to do to make our Community a viable one. The Council is called upon to take concrete measures to consolidate the achievements so far made by the Community and the adoption of the necessary measures in connection with the Priority Work Programme.

My dear Colleagues,

We have achieved a number of successes in our endeavours. Much of the credit for our success must go to the Executive Secretary, the Managing Director of the Fund and their staff for the efficient manner in which they have always discharged their duties. We shoudl encourage them to continue with the cooperative spirit in which they have always approached their work.

I thank you.