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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 13 DECEMBER, 990

FINAI REPORT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held its Twenty-eighth Session in the Sheraton Hotel Conference Complex in Abuja on 12 and 13 December, 1990.

2. The following Member States were represented :

-Republic of BENIN
-BURKINA FASO
-Republic of CABO VERDE
-Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE
-Republic of The GAMBIA
-Republic of GHANA
-Republic of GUINEE
-Republic of GUINE-BISSAU
-Republic of MALI
-Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA
-Republic of NIGER
-Federal Republic of NIGERIA
-Republic of SENEGAL
-TOGOLESE Republic

NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY

The List of Participants is attached as an Annex to this Report.

II. OPENING SESSION

3. A Welcome Address of the Nigerian Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Honourable Alhaji Abubakar ALHAJI, was read on his behalf by the Honourable Major-General Bagundu MAMMAN (Rtd) Nigerian Minister of Internal Affairs. The Honourable Minister invited all his colleagues and their delegations to feel at home in Abuja, Nigeria's new Federal Capital which is a symbol of unity, solidarity and brotherhood, and a common resolve to improve the lot of the

people. Honourable Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji extended a special invitation to all delegations to visit the just-completed permanent building of the ECOWAS Headquarters, which, he said, was an edifice that served as a concrete testimony to the collective determination of Member States to lay a firm foundation for sub-regional unity and solidarity.

4. The Honourable Minister regretted that problems are being encountered with the implementation of such key Community cooperation programmes as the free movement of persons, the trade liberalisation scheme, the establishment of a single monetary zone, the completion of the Trans West African Highways Network and the INTELCOM project. The Honourable Minister suggested that the Executive Secretary should place particular emphasis on the execution of these programmes in his annual reports highlighting problems encountered and proposing possible solutions. Referring to the ravages of the current severe economic crisis affecting the entire sub-region and the challenges of the hostile international environment, Honourable Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji stated that members of Council had a very grave and serious obligation to use ECOWAS to seek effective ways and means of improving the lot of the West African peoples.

5. The Chairman of Council, Honourable Mbemba JATTA, in his Opening Statement, expressed the deep appreciation and profound gratitude of the entire Community to His Excellency General Ibrahim Badamasi BABANGIDA, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Government and People of Nigeria for hosting the current Statutory Meetings and particularly for the invaluable support Nigeria had always given to the sub-regional integration process.

6. Honourable Mbemba Jatta stated that these end-of-year ECOWAS meetings were essentially to appraise the implementation of the Community Work Programmes, and approve the programmes and operational budgets of the Institutions of the Community for the ensuing year. The Chairman, therefore, appealed to his colleagues to examine the issues on the Agenda of the meeting critically and take objective decisions that would give the right focus and direction to the West African integration process. The Chairman drew attention to a number of developments that had taken place since the last Statutory Meetings, including the initiatives of the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee in the on-going search for a peaceful and lasting solution to the Liberian crisis. The Chairman then referred to the occasion he had to authorise per diem rates higher than the existing ones to enable Community officials meet the cost of their attendance at the ECOWAS Extrao-Ordinary Summit held at Bamako in November, 1990, and appealed to Council to review the per diem rates for staff of the Institutions of the Community.

III. ELECTION OF BUREAU

7. The following Bureau was elected :

Chairman : Republic of The Gambia
Rapporteurs : Burkina Faso
Federal Republic of Nigeria

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

8. The following Agenda was adopted :

1. Interim Report of the Executive Secretary

2. Report of the First Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice

3. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection

and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees

4. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Construction of Headquarters of Community Institutions

5. Report of the Joint Meeting of Ministers of Planning and Finance

6. Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of Resources of the Fund

7. Report of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund

8. Reports of the Technical Commissions :

i) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission

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

iii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

iv) Administration and Finance Commission

9. Report of the Second Meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units

10. Consideration of the Memorandum on Observer Status for the African Jurists Association

11. Any Other Business

12. Adoption of Report

13. Closing Session

V. OUTCOME OF THE DELIBERATIONS

Item 1 : Interim Report of the Executive Secretary

9. The Executive Secretary, Dr. Abass Bundu, presented to Council his Interim Report which bore the title : "A Stable and Peaceful Environment - Pre-requisite for Accelerated ECOWAS Development and Integration". Dr. Bundu pointed out that, in addition to the multitude of daunting development problems facing Member States, West Africa now had to contend with the Liberian crisis which was threatening the political and economic stability of the entire sub-region. He stated that the very foundation of cooperation and integration among West African countries was being tested but felt confident that out of the Liberian crisis would emerge an ECOWAS more determined, more purposeful and more resilient - a beacon that would illuminate Africa's latent capacity to solve its own problems in furtherance of African unity and aspiration. The Executive Secretary proposed that an Educational Trust Fund be established by Council to support Liberian refugee children in schools in their countries of refuge.

10. The Executive Secretary stated that the persistence of the economic crisis in spite of the bold and commendable reform measures applied by Member States led the Institutions of the Community to initiate a critical review of both the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme and the different national structural adjustment programmes (SAPs). Dr. Bundu advised that, given the qualified success of SAPs and the continuing existence of structural rigidities, Member States would have to make a bolder effort and introduce other new approaches, if the transformation and restructuring of the West African economy was to be assured. It was for this reason, the Executive Secretary added, that a joint meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Planning and Finance was convened to reflect

on this matter and help in defining new development orientations which were more appropriate to the West African socio-economic circumstances.

11. Dr. Bundu drew the attention of Council to the slow pace of implementation of cooperation programmes that monitoring missions to Member States had revealed, and put forward a number of proposals for removing the obstacles encountered. The Executive Secretary then went on to highlight some of the recommendations submitted by the Technical Commissions and specialised meetings for the attention of Council. Concluding his presentation, Dr. Bundu advised that ECOWAS and its Member States had no choice but to continue to strive for regional integration, and to engage in much critical self-examination, re-consideration of past set objectives and review mechanisms and strategies for tackling the socio-economic and political issues confronting West Africa.

12. Council took note of the Interim Report presented by the Executive Secretary and commended him for an excellent report.

Item 2 : <u>Report of the First Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Justice</u>

13. After an extensive discussion, Council decided to adopt the Report and the Draft Protocol on the Community Court of Justice, and submit them to the next session of the Authority for approval. Council, however, agreed to draw the attention of the Authority to the fact that there would be different financial implications for the Community depending on whether the Community Court was set up on a permanent or ad hoc basis.

14. Cote d'Ivoire made an objection on the adoption of the Draft Protocol. Council, therefore, agreed to refer this matter to the Authority for decision in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6) of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty.

Item 3 : Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees

15. After presentation of the report by the Chairman of the Committee, Council adopted the report subject to the following modifications :

a) there should be no minimum age for statutory appointees;

b) the qualification of the Executive Secretary should not be restrictive; it is enough if the candidate possesses a higher university degree in any discipline;

c) there should be no written tests for statutory appointees; and

d) with regard to the External Auditor, the appointment may be terminated before its expiry.

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

16. After consideration of the report, Council decided as follows :

(a) It reaffirmed its earlier decision that the Community should construct residential quarters in Abuja for the staff of the Executive Secretariat.

(b) The Executive Secretariat and the Fund should explore the possibility of obtaining long-term concessionary loans for the construction of staff quarters.

(c) Concrete proposals on the modality of financing the construction of staff quarters in Abuja should be placed before Council in May/June 1991.

Item 5 : Report of the Joint Meeting of Ministers of Planning and Finance

17. The report was adopted by Council.

Item 6 : Report of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Enhancement of the Resources of the ECOWAS Fund

18. After presentation by the Chairman of the Committee, Council adopted the report.

Item 7 : Report of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund

19. After presentation of the Report of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Board of Directors by its Chairman, Council took note of the said report.

Item 8 : Reports of the Technical Commissions

(i) Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) Commission

20. After presentation by the Secretariat, Council adopted the report of the fourteenth meeting of the IANR Commission subject to the modification that the Community would not meet the cost of the attendance of experts at meetings of the sub-regional seed committee as recommended by the Commission in paragraph 21 of the report.

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

21. Following the presentation of the report by the Secretariat, Council adopted the report. However, with regard to the Commission's recommendations on the 1991 Compensation Budget for loss of revenue arising from the trade liberalisation scheme, Council directed that this matter be referred to the meetings of Directors General of Customs and the TCIMP Commission in 1991 for further consideration. Meanwhile, Member States were requested to prepare a record of actual export figures under the scheme and to make these figures available to the Secretariat not later than 15 January 1991.

22. The outcome of the above meetings should be submitted to the next session of Council through the Administration and Finance Commission.

(iii) Transport, Communications and Energy Commission

23. After presentation of the report by the Secretariat, Council adopted the report including in particular the Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Special Fund for the Improvement and Development of Telecommunications in ECOWAS Member States.

iv) Administration and Finance Commission

24. The Chairman of the Administration and Finance Commission presented the report of the Commission. Council adopted the report and approved the recommendations contained therein, subject to the following observations:

a) Council approved the operational budget for the Executive Secretariat for the 1991 financial year which balanced out at seven million eighty-three thousand seven hundred units of account (7,083,700 UA) representing a nominal increase of 8.84% over the 1990 approved budget.

b) Council ratified the rate of 25% of basic annual salary hitherto used to calculate the separation allowance paid to Statutory Appointees. Payments of separation allowance shall be on a pro rata basis for any uncompleted year served by the Statutory Appointee. The amounts payable for each year shall be placed in a special interest-yielding account. The Statutory Appointees shall be entitled to the interest accruing on the special account. The separation allowance and the accrued interest shall be paid on the effective separation from service of the Statutory Appointees.

Togo made an objection on the payment of interest because this amount is paid from Community funds and not from the salaries of Statutory Appointees. Council, therefore, agreed to refer this matter to the Authority for decision in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6) of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty.

c) Council approved all the new posts recommended by the Commission.

d) Council decided that the contracts of the Telecommunications Engineers should be renewed for 1991 on the basis of the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations for contract officers.

The Executive Secretary was requested to submit to the next session of Council, through the Administration and Finance Commission, a Memorandum on contract officers proposing ways in which the case of the Telecommunications Engineers might be resolved.

e) Council requested its Chairman to refer the matter of non-confirmation of the Guinean Officer (Energy) to the Chairman of the Authority for decision which should be communicated to the Guinean authorities and to the Secretariat.

f) In the absence of the External Auditor, Council approved the accounts of the Institutions of the Community and their consolidated accounts for the 1989 financial year. Council, however, directed that the final instalment of the fee payable to the External Auditor should be withheld and requested the Executive Secretary to inform the External Auditor to appear in person at the next session of Council to present his report for purposes of regularisation.

g) Burkina Faso withdrew its objection on the inclusion of the budgetary appropriation for the Community Standing Mediation Committee in the general budget of the Secretariat.

Item 9. Report of the Second Meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units

25. Council adopted the Report of the Second Meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units.

Item 10 Consideration of the Memorandum on Observer Status for the African Jurists Association

26. Council decided to recommend to the Authority the granting of Observer Status to the African Jurists Association.

Item 11 Any Other Business

a) Review Per Diem Rates

27. On the recommendation of the Chairman of Council, Council agreed in principle to review the existing per diem rates of persons on mission on behalf of the Community and directed the Institutions of the Community to submit a memorandum on the matter to the next meeting of Council through the Administration and Finance Commission.

b) Establishment of Trust Fund for Liberia

28. Council adopted in principle the establishment of a Trust Fund to assist in the re-construction and rehabilitation of the Republic of Liberia. Council decided that the resources of the Trust Fund shall be derived from voluntary contributions by Member States and the international community. The resources of the Trust Fund shall be administered by the Executive Secretariat.

VI. ADOPTION OF REPORT

29. This report was adopted after amendment.

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VII. CLOSING SESSION

30. In his Closing Statement, the Chairman of Council, Honourable Mbemba Jatta expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the cooperation and assistance he received from his colleagues and from the Institutions of the Community which enabled him to bring the Twenty-eighth Session of Council to a successful end. The Chairman stated that when circumstances forced him to conduct the meeting in a shorter time than originally scheduled, his task was facilitated by the tolerance and sense of responsibility of his colleagues, and determination of everyone to see the Community move forward. Honourable Mbemba Jetta further stated that, although divergent points of views were expressed at various stages of the deliberations, the issues were debated extensively till a consensus emerged.

31. The Chairman ended the Session by wishing all participants the best compliments of the season.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990.

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

DECISION C/DEC.1 /12/90 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR 1991

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance Commission;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The work programme of the Executive Secretariat for the year 1991 budget year attached hereto 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 National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

1991 WORK PROGRAMME

ABUJA DECEMBER 1990

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A. LEGAL DEPARTMENT	
1. Preparation of a Draft Convention on mutual assistance in legal matters	34 100
2. Review of the Treaty	20 000
TOTAL LEGAL DEPARTMENT	**54 100**
B. AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT	
(a) Agriculture Division	
1. Follow-up action and mobilisation of resources for the up-grading of seed centres	4 700
2. ECOWAS Contribution to the up-grading of seed production centres in three Member States	114 000
3. Follow-up of recommendation of the meeting on Agricultural Research	3 800
i) Additional study on the harmonisation of agricultural pricing policies	22 700
ii) Meeting of Directors of Agriculture	4 500
5. Meeting on pesticide management	for information only
6. ECOWAS Contribution to the annual Pan-African Rinderpest Control Coordination Programme	5 200
7. Follow-up action and mobilisation of resources for breeder production centres	860
8. Technical Cooperation	5 000
TOTAL AGRICULTURE DIVISION	**160 760**

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(b) Industry Division	
1. P.E.W.A.M.A. Meeting	7 500
2. Meeting of the West African Industrial Development Committee	for information only
3. Preparation of the 2nd Industrial Development Decade and the Industrialisation Day for Africa	7 500
4. Technical cooperation	3 000
TOTAL INDUSTRY DIVISION	**18 000**
(c) Natural Resources Division	
1. Floating Weed Control Programme	for information only
2. Desertification control - grass planting	"
3. Preparation of a list of harmful and dangerous products as part of measures to control the dumping of industrial and toxic waste and other harmful substances	"
4. Implementation of the ECOWAS Water Supply Programme	3 500
5. Technical Cooperation	3 000
TOTAL NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION	6 500
. Financing by ECOWAS	
SUMMARY - IND., AGRIC. & RES. NAT. DEPARTMENT (ECOWAS Financing Only)	
Agriculture Division	**160 760**
Industry Division	**18 000**
Natural Resources Division	**6 500**
TOTAL IANR DEPARTMENT	**185 260**

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C. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT	
(a) Social Affairs Division	
1. OCCGE and WAHC Merger	
i) Verification of inventories of the OCCGE and the WAHC	7 900
ii) Meeting of the implementation Committee	4 500
iii) Designation of staff members of the WAHC and the OCCGE for a specific period to assist the Executive Secretariat in the merger	17 700
2. Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Youth and Sports	1 600
3. Implementation of the Decision on the organisation of sporting activities in the Community	3 900
4. ECOWAS participation at the General Assembly of West African Women's Association	7 365
5. Cooperation efforts	3 000
TOTAL SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION	**45 965**
(b) Cultural Affairs Division	
1. CASTARICA II meeting in Dakar	7 359
2. Association of Universities and Research Institutions (Consultative meeting of the AAU in Accra	572
3. World Cultural Development Decade (attendance)	1 610
4. CAYS/ECOWAS subsidy	8 000

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5. Grant to the Nigerian Football Association to organise a football tournament during the Summit of Heads of State	6 000
6. Cooperation efforts	3 000
TOTAL CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION	**26 541**
TOTAL SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION	**72 506**
D. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND ENERGY	
(a) Transport Division	
1. Meeting of the Higher Committee on Land Transport	4 500
2. Follow-up on the Development of Air Transport:	
(a) Working Group Meeting	4 500
(b) Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation and Airline Experts	4 500
3. Follow-up on the Development of Maritime Transport, Participation in Maritime Transport Meetings	3 100
4. Coordination Meeting of IGOs for the Decade Programme (UNTACDA II)	4 500
5. Follow-up of the Brown Card Scheme Meetings of the Council of Bureau	1 614
6. Cooperation with other IGOs	3 000
TOTAL TRANSPORT DIVISION	**25 714**
(b) Communications Division	
1. Coordination Meetings - Participation of Executive Secretariat	2 800

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Delegations to Members States to discuss bottle necks	2 200
2. Coordination of Postal Routing in the Sub-Regional Meeting of Directors of Postal Services	12 000
3. ECOWAS Aeronautical Telecommunications Data Bank - Projects Follow-up activities	3 350
4. Follow-up on the Lomé Maintenance Laboratory	850
5. Follow-up on the Telecommunications	1 450
6. Cooperation with other IGOs	3 000
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION	**25 650**
(c) Energy Division	
1. Follow-up on the Petroleum and Gas Studies	
- Visit to Member States	2 700
- Mission to World Bank	3 500
2. Energy Information Network Meeting of Focal Points	12 000
3. Cooperation with other IGOs	3 000
TOTAL ENERGY DIVISION	**21 200**
TOTAL DEPARTMENT TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY	**72 564**
E. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION	
(a) Trade Division	
1. Activities planned as part of the establishment of an ECOWAS Trade Information Unit, production and publication of an	

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ECOWAS Trade Directory in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC) - (No financial implication)	
2. Follow-up on the consultation and coordination meeting on the programming of trade fairs and similar events	2 000
3. Activities planned as part of the institution of ECOWAS Trade Fair	1 807
4. Seminar on marketing and trade techniques to be organised by ECOWAS in collaboration with the International Trade Centre and the UNCTAD and GATT Secretariats (no financial implications)	
5. Four (4) market surveys on selected products from Member States to be followed by a meeting of buyers and sellers. To be organised in collaboration with the International Trade Centre/UNCTAD/GATT. (no financial implications)	
6. Third ECOWAS Trade Promotion forum to be organised in collaboration with the International Trade Centre/UNCTAD/GATT (no financial implications)	
7. Continuation of on-going activities relating to the preparation of the supplementary study required for the establishment of the ECOWAS Centre for promotion of trade in traditional handicraft	7 555
8. Attendance at external technical Cooperation meetings	3 000
TOTAL TRADE DIVISION	14 362

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(b) Customs Division	
1. Continuation of activities relating to the implementation of the trade liberalisation scheme by ECOWAS Member States	
i) Follow-up mission and organisation of a seminar to introduce the scheme and assess its implementation in Member States	23 358
ii) Fact-finding mission to enterprises in Member States wishing to benefit under the scheme to gather additional information required for approval of proposed products and to study manufacturing processes (to be undertaken as part of (i) above)	for information only
2. Continuation of activities relating to the harmonisation of internal indirect taxation systems in Member States : updating of data and information regarding recent tax reforms introduced in Member States, as part of preparations for the meeting of the ad hoc Committee of taxation experts.	8 200
3. Study on the establishment of an autonomous mechanism for financing the compensation budget for loses incurred as a result of the trade liberalisation scheme and ultimately, for funding the operational budget of the Community	16 646
4. Continuation of activities relating to the adoption of a common external tariff	4 500
5. Continuation of activities expected to culminate in the preparation and adoption	

	UA
of a Customs and Statistical Nomenclature based on the Harmonised System.	11 600
6. Continuation of activities relating to the establishment of a Computerised Customs System (ASYCUDA) in Member States	
i) Meeting of Experts and Heads of ASYCUDA	2 000
ii) Coordination meetings with the CCC in Lomé	2 150
iii) Coordination meetings with donor agencies involved in ASYCUDA	5 500
7. Attendance at external technical cooperation meetings	3 000
TOTAL CUSTOMS DIVISION	**76 954**
(c) Immigration Division	
1. Follow-up action and assessment of the implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement, Right of Residence and Establishment in Member States and attendance at meetings of joint commissions of neighbouring Member States	3 981
2. Attendance at meeting of the Higher Committee on Land Transport (in collaboration with the Transport Division	
3. Attendance at external technical cooperation meetings	3 000
TOTAL IMMIGRATION DIVISION	**6 981**

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(d) Money and Payments Division	
1. Follow-up action of the implementation of the monetary cooperation programme in accordance with the decision of the meetings of the Committee of Governors, the Council of Ministers and the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Conakry and Banjul respectively, on the revised time-table:	
i) Activities relating to the gathering of relevant data from Member States for the preparation of documents on macro-economic policies that need to be harmonised to achieve the objective of a Single Monetary Zone	3 231
ii) Analysis of data and preparation of a report by experts from Central Banks in collaboration with the Secreteriat for the meeting of Governors and Ministers of Finance	
iii) Two meetings of the Coordination Committee (Directors of Research)	9 000
iv) Joint Consultation meeting of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks to negotiate macro-economic policies for harmonisation as measures for the creation of a single Monetary Zone	6 800
v) Annual meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks to review progress of studies required	13 800

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2. Follow-up action on mobilisation of funds for the establishment of credit and facilities within the WACH, in collaboration with UNCTAD, World Bank/EEC	4 538
3. Follow-up action on the study of constraints to payments, non-tarrif barriers to trade and investment policy measures, and recommendations on harmonisation: meeting with World Bank Officials and the Consultant for finalisation of the draft report	5 177
4. Follow-up action envisaged by the Secretariat after the Joint Consultative meeting of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks	
5. Attendance of Executive Secretariat at annual meetings of IMF/World Bank officials and donor agencies collaborating with ECOWAS in the financing of Community programmes	16 646
6. Attendance of external technical meetings	3 000
TOTAL MONEY AND PAYMENTS DIVISION	**62 192**
(e) Tourism Division	
1. Study on development and integration of tourist activities in ECOWAS Member States	10 000
2. Inventory of tourist attractions in ECOWAS Member States	For the record
3. Facilitation programme	For the record

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4. Preliminary support measures for the marketing and promotion of existing or future inter-state tourist products leading to the organisation of a workshop for tour operators, local operators and Departments of Tourism to select products for inclusion in the 1993 Summer/Winter catalogues	5 500
5. Attendance at technical external cooperation meetings	4 500
6. Miscellaneous meetings:	
i) Meeting of the working group on air transport (in collaboration with the Department of Transport	
ii) Meeting of airline officials (in collaboration with Departments of Transport	
TOTAL TOURISM DIVISION	**20 000**
TOTAL TRADE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION MONEY AND PAYMENTS DEPARTMENT	**180 489**
F. ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND STATISTIC DEPARTMENT	
(a) Economic Research and Projects Division	
1. Development of Economic Model for Macroeconomic Analysis and Forecasting	2 130
2. Post-Implementation Evaluation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme	
3. Study on the Effects of Structural Adjustment Programme on Regional Integration and on the Social Sector in Member States	10 000

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4. Institutional Rationalisation of West African States	34 450
5. Meetings of Officials and Ministers of Planning and Finance	30 750
6. Meetings of Permanent Studies Committee	6 820
7. Second Meeting of NAOs and West African IGOs on the EEC Regional Fund	8 570
8. Meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units (as part of the 1991 Statutory Meetings)	12 925
9. Participation in Preparation of UNDP 5th Regional Programming Cycle	8 850
10. Participation in Meetings of other IGOs and International Institutions	10 955
TOTAL RESEARCH AND PROJECTS DIVISIONS	**125 450**
(b) Statistic Division	
1. Creation and Operation of a Computer Unit within the Statistics Division	19 230
2. Collection of Data on Member States	4 615
3. Printing of Publications	7 695
4. Seminar on the role of Statistics in Regional Integration	17 070
5. Participation in Meetings and Seminars	3 000
TOTAL STATISTIC DIVISION	**56 610**
TOTAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT	**177 060**

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G. INFORMATION DEPARTMENT	
1. Cooperation mission and other activities	10 000
H. COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE	
1. Contribution of the Secretariat to the operation of the CCC	48 062

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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DECISION C/DEC. 2/12/90 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE YEAR 1991

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 provisions of Article 53 of the Treaty on the budget of the Community;

HAVING EXAMINED the draft budget proposed by the Administration and Finance Commission for the year 1991;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the year 1991 which balances out at the sum of seven million eighty-three thousand seven hundred units of account (7 083 700 UA) 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 National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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DECISION C/DEC 3 /12/90 ON THE UPGRADING OF STATUS OF THE ECOWAS NATIONAL UNITS IN MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING Recommendation C/REC.1/11/82 dated 17 November, 1982 of the Council of Ministers on the creation in each Member State of a national unit to coordinate and monitor Community activities in Member States ;

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.2/5/83 dated 30th May, 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the establishment within the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, of a special unit to monitor implementation of Community Acts and Decisions;

AWARE that all Member States have established a national unit responsible for the coordination and follow-up of Community activities in the Member State;

CONVINCED that the implementation of Community programmes in Member States requires close collaboration between the ECOWAS national units and the national sectoral ministries in the form of providing information and monitoring the implementation of programmes;

CONVINCED of the need to accord greater priority to regional cooperation;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Member States shall take appropriate action to upgrade the status of ECOWAS national Units by appointing high-ranking officers to head the units.

Article 2

Member States shall establish an inter-ministerial coordination committee and shall ensure that it operates effectively for the implementation of Community Acts and Decisions.

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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

DECISION C/DEC 4 /12/90 AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SPECIAL FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC /21/5/80 dated 28 May 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the establishment of the Special Fund for the Improvement and Development of Telecommunications in ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 2/5/81 dated 27 May 1981 of the Council of Ministers on the adoption of the Rules and Regulations governing the Special Fund for the Improvement and Development of Telecommunication in ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Directive C/ DIR/1/12/88 dated 6 December 1988 of the Council of Ministers, requesting the Transport, Communications and Energy Commission to effect the necessary amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Special Fund;

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Rules and Regulations of the Special Fund for the Improvement and Development of Telecommunications in ECOWAS Member States are hereby amended and adopted as appear in the annex to this decision.

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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULE AND REGULATIONS OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

CHAPITRE 1

DEFINITIONS

ARTICLE 1 Amendment at:

1.1 "Special Fund for Telecommunications" (SFT) means the Fund for the Improvement, Modernisation and Development of Telecommunications in ECOWAS Member States established by Decision N° A/DEC/21/5/80 dated 28th May, 1980 of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government.

1.2 "Telecommunications Commission" means the Commission of Transport, Communications and Energy Commission as defined in Article 4 of the Treaty.

CHAPTER II

OBJECTIVES

ARTICLE 2

The SFT shall be a Mutual Aid, Loan and Guarantee Fund at the disposal of Telecommunications Administrations in Member States.

ARTICLE 3

The SFT shall have the following objectives :

1. Guaranteeing loans requested by Telecommunications Administrations from financial organizations operating within and outside the Community, with a view to improving and developing their national networks.

2. Granting subsidies to Member States which so request with a view to :

   (a) improving the maintenance of telecommunications equipment;

   (b) training of technicians;

   (c) supporting inter-state schools or institutes approved by the Council of Ministers;

   (d) acquiring spare parts for maintenance of inter-state links;

3. Granting loans to Telecommunications Administrations for the purpose of financing :

   (a) Projects for the maintenance, rehabilitation and extension of existing equipment;

   (b) Construction of Laboratories

   (c) Acquisition of spare parts, laboratory equipment or any other equipment essential for the smooth functioning of telecommmunications networks.

CHAPTER III

RESOURCES

ARTICLE 4

The resources of the Special Fund for the Improvement and Development of Telecommunications shall be made up of :

(a) an initial contribution made by the ECOWAS Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development;

(b) contributions from Member States;

(c) subsidies and donations;

(d) income derived from investments;

(E) income derived from guarantee premiums;

(F) income derived from loans;

ARTICLE 5

The Administrations shall take necessary measures of their choice to ensure the payment of the contribution, the method of calculation of which is annexed to these Rules and Reglations.

ARTICLE 6

Administrations shall pay 60% of the contribution in convertible currency and 40% in ocal currency into an account in each ECOWAS Member State, as previously indicated by the Fund.

CHAPTER IV

UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES

ARTICLE 7

The capital of the SFT made up of :

(a) an initial contribution granted by ECOWAS Fund;

(b) the total amount of payment effected by Member States as contributions;

(c) the part of the operational reserves transferred to the capital;

shall be exclusively earmarked for guarantee of the loans contracted by the Member States for the purpose of improving and developing their telecommunications networks.

ARTICLE 8

(i) Income from investments, the proceeds from guaranteed premiums, the interest from loans and donations shall be used for:

(a) granting subsidies to Member States in accordance with the provisions of Article 3;

(b) covering the expenditure incurred in the management of the Special Fund for Telecommunications:

(c) covering all other expenditure incurred in the conduct of the operations of the SFT;

(d) covering the expenditure of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat in respect of the management of Telecommunications projects.

(ii) The cumulative reserves shall be used to grant loans to Telecommunications Administrations.

CHAPTER V

OPERATIONS OF THE SFT

ARTICLE 9

1. At the begining of each financial year, a budget estimate of the operations of the SFT shall be drawn up;

2. This Budget shall include Receipts, Revenue such as defined under Article 8 and Expenditure, the cost of the Annual Programme of Subsidies for training on one hand, the acquisition of spare parts and test and calibration equipment on the other hand;

3. Equally under expenditure shall be management expenses and any other expenses incurred in the c conduct of the operations of the SFT.

Section 1 : Guarantee

ARTICLE 10

The special Fund for Telecommunications shall be pledged as guarantee upon the signature of the Managing Director on the liquid resources in convertible currency as defined in Article 7.

The ceiling of the guarantee granted by the SFT shall not be more than ten times the amount of resources as defined in Article 4 of these Rules and Regulations.

The amount of guarantee for any borrowing shall not be more than 20% the total guarantee potential of the SFT.

ARTICLE 11

The Administration shall register in its Annual Budget the amount of annuity of the loan guaranteed.

In case of default by the principal debtor (Administration), the Special Fund for Telecommunications, on request, shall advance the annuity, which shall be repaid with interest rate as fixed by the BOARD.

ARTICLE 12

The guarantee to be granted by the SFT on loans contracted by the Telecommunications Administrations shall entail the payment of a premium to be determined by the board.

Section 2: Loans

ARTICLE 13

(i) The cumulative reserves of the SFT shall be used to grant loans to Member States for the financing of projects in accordance with Article 3.3;

(ii) Loans granted by the SFT shall attract an interest rate to be determined by the Board;

(iii) Loans granted by the SFT shall be repaid over a period of time to be determined by the Board.

Section 3 : Subsidies

ARTICLE 14

Any subsidy granted shall be exclusively earmarked by the beneficiary administration for the project for which the subsidy is requested.

Section 4 : Currencies for Disbursement and Repayment

ARTICLE 15

(a) Disbursement of funds resulting from the granting of subsidy, loans or guarantee shall be done either in convertible currency or in national currencies or both;

(b) The SFT's loans are repayable in the same currencies in which they were borrowed. The same principle applies to interests and other charges related to loans and guarantees.

CHAPTER VI

CONDITIONS OF INTERVENTIONS BY THE SFT

ARTICLE 16

No request for guarantee; loan or subsidy shall be considered by the SFT unless it is transmitted to the Managing Director of the Fund through the Minister responsible for ECOWAS matters in Member State.

ARTICLE 17

Requests addressed to the Special Fund for Telecommunications shall be supported by a document containing all factors for appraising the project as defined in paragraph 28(B) of the Statement of General Policy.

ARTICLE 18

The Managing Director shall establish for Telecommunications Administrations, model forms for requesting guarantee, loan or subsidy.

ARTICLE 19

The Managing Director may, where he deems it necessary, give the completed forms submitted by Administrations to consultants duly appointed by the Management Committe, for necessary study.

ARTICLE 20

In examining the documents submitted to the SFT the following unrestrictive principles shall be taken into consideration :

1. In the guaranteeing and granting of loans priority shall be given to projects within the Community Programmes in the field of telecommunications which shall have been previously communicated to the Managing Director by the Executive Secretary.

2. The subsidy shall be granted with priority to training courses organized on regional basis.

3. The subsidy for the maintenance of equipment shall be granted only if:

   i) a consequent policy of amortization is provided for and applied by the Administrations concerned regarding such equipment;

ii) if the equipment contributes to the effective running of intra-community links, with the understanding that national links may equally enjoy these subsidies.

4. The subsidy granted by the Special Fund for Telecommunications relate to laboratory maintenance equipment.

ARTICLE 21

If an Administration refuses to pay the contribution, no request for subsidy, loan or guarantee from that Administration shall be considered.

ARTICLE 22

The SFT shall have the right to inspect on the field the projects for which it has granted subsidies, loans or guarantees.

CHAPTERVII

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE : COMPOSITION AND POWERS

ARTICLE 23

A Management Committee is hereby established to assist the Managing Director in the administration and management of the SFT. This Committee shall comprise :

-	Managing Director	Chairman
-	Deputy Managing Director	Vice Chairman
-	Current Chairman of the Telecommunications Commission	Member
-	The Two Rapporteurs of the Telecommunications Commission	Member
-	Director of Operations of the Fund	Member
-	Director of Finance of the Fund	Member
-	Director of Transport, Communications and Energy or his Representative	Member

ARTICLE 24

The Committee shall be summoned by its Chairman at least twice a year, one month before the Statutory meeting of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission.

ARTICLE 25

The Committee shall study requests for guarantee, loan and subsidy made by Administrations and make recommendations to the Board to authorize the Managing Director to grant the subsidy, loan or loan guarantee.

ARTICLE 26

Recommendations of the Committee shall be taken unanimously and contained in the minutes of the sitting.

A draft report shall, after each sitting, be approved by the members of the Committee.

This report, when adopted, shall constitute a confidential document and shall be treated as such.

ARTICLE 27

In examining the documents, the Committee shall take account of equitable geographical distribution of the inter-state links to which the requests relate, especially on the part of the priority programmes of the Community.

ARTICLE 28

The working procedures of the Committee shall be determined in the Rules of Procedures of the Committee.

CHAPTER VIII

DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE SFT

ARTICLE 29

The day to day management of the Special Fund shall be the responsibility of the Managing Director of the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development.

ARTICLE 30

Staffof the the Special Fund for Telecommunications shall be the same Staff of the Fund.However, the Managing Director may, if he deems it necessary, recruit Telecommunications Consultants to help study technical documents.

ARTICLE 31

The Managing Director shall recieve, process and present to Management Committee, requests for guarantee, loan and subsidy submitted by the Administrations to the SFT.

ARTICLE 32

The Managing Director in his capacity as Chairman of the the Committee, shall report on the operations of the Special Fund for Telecommunications to the Board of Directors

ARTICLE 33

In the execution of his duties as Head of the Special Fund for Telecommunication, the Managing Director shall be guided by the principles of sound financial management.

CHAPTER IX

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

ARTICLE 34

The Financial Year of the Special Fund for Telecommunications shall begin on Ist January and end on 31st December, every year.

ARTICLE 35

The Unit of Account shall be Special Drawing Rights (SDR).

ARTICLE 36

Accounts of the Special Fund for Telecommunications shall be audited at the end of each financial year by External Auditors of the Fund appointed by the Council.

ARTICLE 37

All operations of the Special Fund for Telecommunications shall be registered in accounts distinctfrom those of the Fund.

ARTICLE 38

The Managing Director shall prepare and communicate to the Telecommunications Committee through the Executive Secretariat, an annual Report containing a statement of audited accounts.

CHAPTER X

LITIGATIONS AND ARBITRATIONS

ARTICLE 39

Any dispute arising between an Administration and the Special Fund for Telecommunications or between one or several Administrations regarding the interpretation of these Regulations shall be amicably resolved through direct agreement. In the event of an amicable solution not being reached, the dispute shall be referred to the Council, and if necessary, to the Tribunal of the Community by either of the parties. The decisions of the Tribunal shall be final.

CHAPTER XI

REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 40

Any provision of these Rules and Regulations may be subject to revision or amendments by the CVouncil of Ministers upon the recommendation of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission.

CHAPTER XII

COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS

ARTICLE 41

After the adoption of these Rules and Regulations and payment of the initial endowment of the F+und and a certain percentage, to be determined, of the amount of contribution the Special Fund for Telecommunications may embark upon its operations.

CHAPTER XIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 42

The present Rules and Regulations shall be adopted on decision by the Council of Ministers after the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.5/12/90 APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE 1989 FINANCIAL YEAR

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING that the External Auditor, in accordance with the provision of Article 3 of Decision C/DEC.9/11/89 of the Council of Ministers dated 30 November 1989, had audited and certified the accounts of the Community Institutions and sumbitted a report thereon to each of the Institutions;

HAVING noted the said report on the auditing and certification of the accounts of the Community;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Accounts of the Community Institutions (the Executive Secretariat and the Fund) as well as their consolidated accounts for the 1989 budget year are hereby approved.

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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 ABUJA THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

DECISION C/DEC 6 /12/90 ON THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE MEETING OF HEADS OF ECOWAS NATIONAL UNITS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

CONSIDERING Recommendation C/DEC 1/11/82 dated 17 November, 1982 of the Council of Ministers on the creation by each Member State of a National Unit responsible for the coordition and follow-up of Community activities in Member States;

CONSIDERING Decision A/DEC.2/5/82 dated 30 May, 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing a special unit within the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat responsible for monitoring implementation of acts and decisions adopted by the decision-making bodies of the Community;

AWARE that there presently exists in each Member State a National Unit responsible for the coordination and follow-up of ECOWAS activities in Member States;

CONVINCED of the need to consolidate the integration process within the Community through regular meetings of Heads of ECOWAS National Units to exchange ideas and seek appropriate solutions to problems encountered at national level in the follow-up of ECOWAS activities;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The meeting of Heads of ECOWAS National Units is hereby institutionalised and shall be held once a year.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for the 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 ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

DECISION C/DEC. 7 /12/90 ON SEPARATION ALLOWANCE FOR STATUTORY APPOINTEES

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 provisions of Article 52(iii) of the Staff Regulations of the Community Institutions governing separation allowance for statutory appointees;

CONSIDERING the need to fix the amount, conditions and modalities for payment of the said allowance;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Administration and Finance Commission;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

Statutory Appointees shall, upon separation from service in the institutions of the Community, receive a separation allowance equal to 25% of their basic annual salary for each year of service.

Article 2

Should a Statutory Appointee leave the service of the Community before completion of a year of service already commenced, separation allowance payable under Article 1 of this decision shall be calculated on the basis of the basic annual salary and on a pro rata for the part of the year completed.

Article 3

Amounts made available as separation allowance for statutory appointees at the end of each year of service shall be placed by the Community in a special interest-yielding account opened for this purpose with a banking institution in the sub-region.

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 ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 NOVEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.8/11/90 RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND MANUAL OF ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE OF THE INSTITUTIONS 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 Recommendation No. 1/11/90 of the Board of Directors of ECOWAS Fund Relating to the Amendment of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is amended by the insertion of a new Article 021 as follows:

"The appropriations shall be available for **commitments** during the Financial Year to which they relate. The unused appropriations at the close of the financial year shall be transferred to the

Reserve Fund. Such portion of appropriation as may be required to meet outstanding legal obligations as of the last day of the financial year shall remain available for twelve (12) months. Any remaining balances shall be credited to the Special Reserve Fund as referred to in Article 17 relating to the Fund Protocol."

Article 2

Original Articles 021 to 106 of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States shall be renumbered accordingly.

Article 3

This decision shall enter 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 THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

FOR COUNCIL

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

DECISION C/DEC.9/12/90 ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE (ARCEDEM)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

DESIROUS of benefitting from the experience of the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacture;

AWARE of the role played by the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacture in training technicians and extending suitable techniques in West Africa;

CONVINCED that the signing of this agreement is in the interest of the Community and will be instrumental to the implementation of its training assistance programme for Member States;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The Executive Secretary of ECOWAS is hereby authorised to sign, on behalf of the Community the Cooperation Agreement with the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacture (ARCEDEM).

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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 ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990.

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

DECISION C/DEC.10/12/90 ON MEASURES TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF FLOATING WEEDS IN THE WATERWAYS OF THE SUB-REGION.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/87 dated 28 November 1987 on the adoption of a sub-regional programme to control the invasion of rivers and lagoons by floating weeds;

MINDFUL of the need to promote appropriate measures to control the spread of floating weeds and protect the environment from the effects of their spread;

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The following measures are hereby adopted to control the spread of floating weeds in the waterways of the sub-region;

I: AT NATIONAL LEVEL

i) establishment, in each Member State concerned, of an Inter-Ministerial committee which shall be responsible for formulating a coordinated plan of action for the control of floating weeds;

ii) compilation of a list of species of floating weeds, and monitoring of the spread of the weeds throughout the waterways of the sub-region;

iii) enlightenment of decision-makers, research workers and the masses to the risks of introducing floating weeds and the problems caused by their presence;

iv) promulgation of laws forbidding the introduction and marketing for horticultural purposes of species considered to be harmmful;

v) development of research into the possibility of transforming these plants for economic purposes;

vi) mobilisation of funds for the implementation of national programmes.

II. AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

i) implementation of the regional project for biological control of floating weeds, and mobilisation of funds for this purpose;

ii) inclusion in the regional control programme of West African countries recently affected by floating weeds, particularly Burkina Faso and Guinea;

iii) training of national experts in chemical and biological research;

iv) encouragement of scientific and technical cooperation between affected countries;

v) organisation of biennial meetings to assess progress made in the control and study of floating weed profileration in the sub-region.

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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC..11/12/90 ON THE ADOPTION OF A SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

A sub-regional cooperation programme for agricultural research is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The cooperation programme shall comprise the following projects:

A. Directory of Agricultural Research Centres

A detailed study shall be undertaken of such centres, and a summary of the findings published for use as an easy reference work. The Executive Secretariat shall compile, up-date, assemble, and take necessary step to add to the results of previous studies carried out in the sub-region. The terms of reference for the preparation of the directory are attached hereto.

B. Communications

In view of the fact that the dissemination of information is restricted due to poor communications facilities, the Executive Secretariat shall take measures to ensure better utilisation of existing communications facilities, and encourage the installation of new circuits.

The following measures are hereby proposed to improve communications facilities;

1. Documentation

Research workers in the sub-region shall be encouraged to make better use of information from data banks likely to contribute to the progress of the sub-region.

II. Publications

Under the programme all research work carried out in the sub-region shall be published. In the short term, such publications shall be inserted in existing scientific journals such as RESPAO. In the long term, steps shall be taken to establish a sub-regional agricultural research journal.

III. Research and Extension

In order to ensure widespread utilisation of research findings, these findings shall be made available to farmers and the general public through radio, television, and any other means of communication.

C. Meetings, Seminars and Workshops

Regular meetings, workshops and seminars shall be organised as support measures for the cooperation programme. These meetings shall bring together research workers, directors of programmes, sponsors and policy makers, to identify common areas of interest, strengthen cooperation measures, and, where necessary, assess and review the major orientations of cooperation policy.

In addition to general meetings, special meetings of professionals working on specific research programmes shall be held as necessary.

D. Networks

Networking is a significant part of cooperation in agricultural research. The main function of cooperative research networks is to promote contacts between professionals, research institutions and universities. A network is set up for each selected research topic to facilitate planning and investigation.

Article 3

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for coordinating this programme and preparing a study on the establishment of an autonomous unit for agricultural research, with the assistance of donor agencies.

Article 4

This decision shall enter 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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

INVENTORY OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN ECOWAS SUB-REGION

Introduction

For implementation of the ECOWAS Agricultural Development Strategy adopted in 1982, the Executive Secretariat has undertaken several programmes.

Under the 1990 Work Programme of the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, approval was given for formulation of a sub-region cooperation programme for agricultural research. A key component of this programme is an Inventory of Agricultural Research in the Sub-region. These terms of reference have been drawn up to define the scope of work as well as other pertinent activities associated with the Inventory to be undertaken.

This inventory is necessary for identifying research institutions, research personnel, infrastructure, programmes already executed as well as those to be initiated. Said information is necessary in working out modalities for collaborative work, exchange of information and expertise of an integrated regional research programme of cooperation.

The long-term objective of this study is compiling a compendium on the subject for easy reference by all interested persons.

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Scope of Work

I. The Executive Secretariat shall collect findings of previous attempts made within the sub-region, review and collate them and then undertake necessary measures to augment them.

This will involve liaison with FAO, CEAO, IDRC, ISNAR, the SAhel Institute, among others.

II. Survey of research capabilities in each Member State giving:

a) lists of institutions
b) scope of work
c) list of research personnel
d) their qualifications
e) specialisation of researchers
f) existing infrastructure
g) equipment

This is envisaged to be done by questionnaire, visits to Member States, regional institutions and intenational centres.

III. Collection and collation of information on research already done in the sub-region. The objective is to develop a bibliography of existing information. This activity will be done by a survey questionnaire and correspondence to key institutions for retrieval of stored data.

IV. Compiling a list of on-going and proposed research in the sub-region. Activity to be done by questionnaire and visits. Objective is to provide information for research personnel to identify other researchers for collaborative work.

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V. Conduct and Duration of Study

The study shall be conducted by staff of IARN Department in collaboration with Member States Experts.

Duration

8 months, upon receipt of the information.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.12/12/90 ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL COOPERATION NETWORK FOR PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT 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;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 1/5/82 dated 29 May 1982 of the Authority of Head of State and Government on the ECOWAS regional agricultural development strategy;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC. 1/5/83 dated 7 May 1983 of the Council of Ministers relating to short and medium term programmes for the implementation of the regional agricultural development strategy;

CONSIDERING that pesticides constitute the main pest control method in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING also the inadequacy of appropriate mechanisms for controlling importation, distribution and use of pesticides in order to protect public health and the environment;

RECOGNISING that a sub-regional approach would be most beneficial to strengthening the pesticide management capacities of Member States and for ensuring harmonisation of labels, regulations and registration of pesticides.

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There is hereby established a Technical Cooperation Network for Pesticide Management.

Article 2

The role of the Technical Cooperation Network for Pesticide Management shall be to facilitate greater exchange of information and strengthen cooperation and coordination efforts in the sub-region.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall coordinate the activities of the Technical Cooperation Network.

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 ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.13/12/90 ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ECOWAS RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME

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 29 May 1982 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government adopting an ECOWAS regional agricultural development strategy;

MINDFUL of the need to provide potable water for rural dwellers;

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

An ECOWAS rural water supply programme is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The initial phase of the programme will provide at least 3 200 water points, at the rate of 200 water points per country.

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Article 3

Member States, in conjunction with the Executive Secretariat, shall identify the areas of intervention and the type of construction required.

Article 4

Member States shall send to the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat all available feasibility studies required for the programme.

Article 5

1. The Executive Secretariat shall conduct feasibility studies on those countries where none exists.

2. The Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall organise a meeting of donor agencies to mobilise funds for the programme.

3. The Executive Secretariat shall draw up a training programme for senior officers and beneficiaires, under the programme and organise seminars to encourage an exchange of views on water supply project management.

Article 6

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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.14/12/90 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-REGIONAL SEED COMMITTEE.

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 C/DEC.1/5/81 dated 27 May 1981 of Council relating to a common agricultural policy;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.8/11/85 dated 26 November 1985 of Council relating to Community Selected Seed Multiplication Centres;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.7/6/89 of Council relating to the support programmes for the development of agricultural production;

CONSCIOUS of the importance of agricultural development and food production within the sub-region;

MINDFUL of the need to ensure adequate quality selected seed production for the requirements of the sub-region;

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

D E C I D E S

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Article 1

There is hereby established a Sub-Regional Seed Committee of the Economic Community of West African States.

Article 2

The Sub-Regional Seed Committee shall be an advisory organ with responsibility to advise and render technical assistance to ECOWAS Member States, and propose to the decision-making organs of the Community, such measures as are necessary to ensure improved co-ordination and implementation of seed multiplication programmes within the Community.

Article 3

The Sub-Régional Seed Committee shall perform the following duties:

(i) assess activities related to seed production within the Community;

(ii) contribute to the formulation of a seed policy as part of the ECOWAS regional agricultural development strategy;

(iii) assist in preparing a Community training programme on improved seed multiplication and production;

(iv) assist in preparing an integrated Community Seed production programme and facilitate the circulation of improved seeds within the sub-region;

(v) make recommendations on seed inspection, quality control and legislative measures;

(vi) contribute to the development and introduction of an information storage and dissemination system for Community seed centres.

Article 4

The Sub-Regional Seed Committee shall be composed as follows:

- The co-ordinator for seed programmes in each Member Member State, or his representative;
- Directors of Community Seed Production Centres or their representatives;
- One representative from the Executive Secretariat.

Article 5

The Executive Secretariat shall provide secretarial services and co-ordinate the activities of the Sub-Regional Seed Committee.

Article 6

The Committee shall submit its reports to the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission to enable appropriate recommendations to be made to the decision-making bodies of the Community.

Article 7

The duties and functions of the Committee shall be defined in the attached rules of procedure.

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Article 8

This Decision shall enter 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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Introduction:

By Decision A/DEC.5/5/82 dated 5th May, 1982, the ECOWAS Council of Ministers approved the selection of the following national centres as sub-regional selected seed production centres: ZARIA (NIGERIA); BOUAKE (COTE D'IVOIRE), KOKUPR (SIERRA LEONE), MOLODO (MALI), RICHARD TOLL (SENEGAL), KAEDI (MAURITANIA) and LOSSA (NIGER).

The Executive Secretariat was mandated to conduct feasibility studies on the centres to determine the type of assistance that could be provided by ECOWAS to consolidate the centres and enable them to satisfy the food requirements of the Community.

Furthermore, the Council of Ministers, in Decision C/DEC.8/11/83, directed the Executive Secretariat to set up a Community seed committee responsible for the implementation and coordination of the Community seed production programme.

The following are the Rules of Procedure for the Community Seed Committee.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMUNITY SEED COMMITTEE

Article 1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Rules of Procedure, the following expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them here-under:

- "Treaty" means the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States;
- "Community" means the Economic Community of West African States established by Article 1(1) of the Treaty;
- "Member State" or "Member States means a Member State or Member States of the Community;

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- "Authority" means the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States established by Article 5 of the Treaty;

- "Council" means the Council of Ministers of the community established by Article 6 of the Treaty;

- "Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States;

- "Commission" means the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission as provided for in Article 9 (5) of the Treaty;

- "Committee" means the Sub-regional Seed Committee.

COMPOSITION

Article 2

The Committee shall be composed as follows:

(i) the national coordinater for seed programmes of his representative;

(ii) Directors of Community Seed Production Centres, or their representatives;

(iii) One representative from the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

Article 3

Representatives of Community Institutions concerned or interested in the Community seed programme may be invited to atend as observers.

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BUREAU

Article 4

The Committee shall elect a Bureau to direct its deliberations. The bureau shall be composed of one (1) Chairman, one (1) Vice-Chairman and two (2) rapporteurs.

Article 5

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall conduct the meetings of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of these Rules of Procedure.

Article 6

The rapporteurs shall supervise the drafting of the reports of committee meetings which shall be submitted to the Chairman for signature after adoption by the Committee.

Article 7

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall provide secretarial services and coordinate the activities of the Committee.

VENUE AND DATES OF MEETINGS

Article 8

Meetings of the Committee may be held in any Member State of the Community.

Article 9

The Committee shall meet once a year, preferably in February. It may however, be convened in an extra-ordinary session by the Executive Secretariat, or at the request of no fewer than (7) Member States.

Article 10

The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for convening meetings of the Committee.

Article 11

QUORUM AT MEETINGS

The quorum required for any meeting of the Committee shall be seven (7) Member States.

Article 12

Meeting Procedure

Agenda items shall be submitted in writing and distributed in advance to Committee members by the Executive Secretariat. The Committee may, however, consider an item or a draft resolution not included in the agenda, should the need arise.

Article 13

A proposal or a draft text may be amended or withdrawn by the Member State submitting it before any decision is taken.

Article 14

The Chairman may read out the list of speakers and declare it closed, with the consent of the meeting.

The Chairman may however, grant the right of reply to any member of the Committee after closure of the list of speakers.

Article 15

Any Committee member may raise a point of order, and the Chairman shall make his ruling immediately.

Article 16

When an issue has been extensively considered, any Committee member may propose that the discussion be closed. The Committee shall then take an immdeiate decision on the proposal.

Article 17

Any Committee member may propose that the meeting be adjourned or closed. The Committee shall immediately decide on the proposal.

Article 18

Decision shall be taken by concensus of the members present. In the event of a reservation being expressed by a Member State on the Committee, the issue shall be referred to the Commission for its decision.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.15/12/90 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "DUMP WATCH" IN THE ECOWAS SUB-REGION

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 Resolution C/RES.1/6/88 dated 25 June 1988 of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government banning the dumping of toxic and industrial waste in the sub-region;

MINDFUL of the need to protect public health and the environment from the effects of harmful substances dumped in the sub-region;

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There is hereby established a "Dump Watch" in the ECOWAS sub-region.

Article 2

The "Dump Watch shall be composed of a network of national surveillance units under the regional co-ordination of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

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Article 3

In order to ensure effective monitoring, control and surveillance of toxic waste, each Member State shall designate or establish a national unit which shall perform the following functions:

(i) co-ordinate all activities relating to the control and surveillance of toxic waste;

(ii) collect and classify all information on the dumping of toxic waste;

(iii) prepare a list of harmful and dangerous substances whose importation and utilisation shall be regulated by law;

(iv) institute enquiries into reported cases of dumping or attempted dumping of toxic waste or other harmful and dangerous substances;

(v) assess the effects of toxic substances on public health and the environment and make appropriate recommendations for the removal of any toxic waste, and the rehabilitation of the affected areas;

(vi) formulate training programmes on toxicity tests;

(vii) enlighten the public as to the dangers of importing toxic waste;

(viii) prepare reports on the enforcement of legislation on toxic waste at national level;

(ix) send regular reports to the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat containing all available information on toxic waste for onward transmission to other Member State;

(x) initiate necessary action for mobilisation of funds.

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The National Units shall have authority to collaborate with any other national body responsible for the protection of the environment, and to employ any person they may deem to possess the necessary technical competence to enable the unit to effectively perform its duties.

At regional level

At regional level, the Executive Secretariat shall co-ordinate the activities of Member States in order to enhance co-operation between national bodies. The duties of the Executive Secretariat shall be as follows:

(i) to transmit to all Member States, any information on the movement or dumping of toxic waste in the sub-region;

(ii) to assist Member States, when so requested, to assess the effects of toxic waste on public health and the environment;

(iii) to convene meetings of national environmental experts whenever necessary;

(iv) to assist Member States, when so requested, to enquire into cases of illegal trade in toxic waste, and to disseminate the findings of such enquiries to other Member States;

(v) to enlighten the public as to the dangers of importing toxic waste (through posters, publications and seminars);

(vi) to assist Member States to mobilise foreign aid to monitor toxic waste;

(vii) to set up a scientific committee of expertts from Member States, to carry out on-the-spot survey when necessary, and formulate necessary recommendations;

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(viii) to prepare a list of toxic and dangerous substances which shall be banned in the Community;

(ix) to enhance co-operation between specialised international organisations in collecting information and assembling appropriate expertise needed for the control of toxic waste;

(x) to collect information on all foreign persons and companies, and their collaborators in the sub-region, who may import toxic waste into Africa, and transmit such information to the Heads of State of Member States and the decision-makers of the Community, for necessary action.

Action to be taken against such persons and companies shall include prosecution under the legislation in force in Member States, debarment from participation in tenders for government contracts, and exclusion from any business relationship or financial contact with any Member State or Institution of the Community.

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 ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

DECISION C/DEC.16/12/90 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES TO MONITOR PRICE TRENDS FOR SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OR GROUPS OF PRODUCTS.

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 29 May 1982 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the ECOWAS Agricultural Development Strategy;

MINDFUL of Decision C/Dec.8/11/83 dated 26 November 1983 of the Council of Ministers on Community Selected Seed Multiplication Centres;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.2/6/89 dated 27 June 1989 of the Council of Ministers on Harmonisation of Price Policies for Agricultural Products;

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

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

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There are hereby established within the Economic Community of West African States two Inter-State Technical Committees for the following products or groups of products:

(i) Grains Committee: (maize, sorghum, millet, rice).

Countries : Nigeria, Benin, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire Senegal, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Togo.

(ii) Tuber Committee:

Countries : Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra-Leone, Guinea.

Article 2

The Inter-State Technical Committees shall be advisory bodies composed of senior officers from Member States, and responsible for the joint preparation of a common position on production, marketing and consumption of agricultural products or groups of products.

Article 3

The Inter-State Technical Committees shall perform the following duties:

(i) improve dissemination of information on markets and price policies in Member States

(ii) prepare studies on price policies and trade in agricultural products between the Member States concerned.

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(iii) make recommendations on price policies to Member States.

(iv) prepare a draft agreement fixing prices within specific time limits.

(v) assist in determining the common price at which food aid should be sold on the domestic market and take measures to prevent any negative effects that this might have on national grain prices.

(vi) assist in co-ordinating the policies of Member States with regard to each product, particularly during international negotiations.

Article 4

The Inter-State Technical Committees shall be composed as follows:

- one representative from the Ministry of Agriculture
- one representative from the Ministry of Trade
- one representative of producers
- one representative of economic operators.

The Executive Secretariat shall carry out all the secretarial functions of the ISTCs and act as co-ordinator for their activities.

Article 5

1. Meetings of each committee shall be convened by the Executive Secretariat, or at the request of one half of the Member States of the Committee.

2. At any meeting of a Committee the quorum required shall be half the number of Member States on the Committee plus one.

Article 6

Each Committee shall submit its reports to the Industry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission to enable appropriate recommendations to be made to the decision-making bodies of the Community.

Article 7

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, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

RESOLUTION C/RES.1/12/90 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE FEDERATION OF WEST AFRICAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (FEWAMA)

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 Recommendation A/REC 1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the mobilisation of all sections of the population in the integration process;

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

CONVINCED of the role played by the Federation of West African Manufacturers Association in the industrial development of the sub-region;

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

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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To ADOPT the attached draft decision on the granting of observer status to the Federation of West African Manufacturers Associations.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, JUNE 1991

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC. /6/91 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE FEDERATION OF WEST AFRICAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS

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/RES .1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the mobilisation of the various sections of the population in the integration process;

CONVINCED of the role played by the Federation of West African Manufacturers Association in the industrial development of the sub-region;

CONSIDERING the need for rational and effective coordination of industrial activities in the sub-region;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES 1/12/90 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its twenty_eighth session held in Abuja from 12 to 14 December 1990.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The status of observer in the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby granted to the Federation of West African Manufacturers Assocation.

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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 ABUJA THIS DAY OF JUNE 1991

CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER 1990

RESOLUTION C/RES 2/12/90 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE DRAFT PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE.

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 provisions of Article 4 paragraph 1(e), and Article II of the Treaty on the Institutions of the Community and the creation of the Community Court of Justice respectively;

- AWARE that the essential role of the Community Court of Justice is to ensure the observance of law and justice in the interpretation and application of the Treaty and the Protocols and Conventions annexed thereto and to be seized with responsibility for settling such disputes as may be referred to it in accordance with the provisions of Article 56 of the Treaty and disputes between Member States and the Institutions of the Community;

PROPOSES to the AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

To APPROVE and ADOPT the attached draft Protocol on the Community Court of Justice.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990.

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

DRAFT PROTOCOL ON THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE

The High Contracting Parties,

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Gouvernment and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 4 paragraph (e) and Article 11 of the Treaty relating respectively to the Institutions of the Community and the establishment of a Community Court of Justice.

AWARE that the essential role of the Community Court of Justice is to ensure the observance of law and justice in the interpretation and application of the Treaty and the Protocols and Conventions annexed thereto, and to be seized with responsibility for settling such disputes as may be referred to it in accordance with the provisions of Article 56 of the Treaty and disputes between States and the Institutions of the Community;

DESIROUS of concluding a Protocol defining the composition, comptetence, statutes and other matters relating to the Community Court of Justice;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS

Article 1 DEFINITIONS

In this Protocol, the following expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them hereunder:

"Treaty" means the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States and includes Protocols and Conventions annexed thereto;

"Community" means the Economic Community of West African States established by Article 1 of the Treaty;

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

"Authority" means Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Community 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;

"Council" means the Council of Ministers of the Community established by Article 6 of the Treaty;

"Executive Secretariat" means the Executive Secretariat established in accordance with Article 8 (1) of the Treaty;

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Community appointed under Article 8 (2) of the Treaty;

"Court" means the Community Court of Justice established by Article 11 of the Treaty;

"Member of the Court" or "Members of the Court" means a person or persons appointed as judge or judges in accordance with the provisions of Article 3.2 of the Protocol.

Article 2 - Establishment of the Court

The Community Court of Justice established under Article 11 of the Treaty as the principal legal organ of the Community shall be constituted and execute its functions in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol.

Article 3 - Composition

1. The Court shall be composed of independent judges selected and appointed by the Authority from nationals of the Member States who are persons of high moral character, and possess the qualification required in their respective countries for appointment to the highest judicial officers, or are jurisconsults of recognised competence in international law.

2. The Court shall consist of seven (7) members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State. The members of the Court shall elect a President and Vice-President from among their number who shall serve in that capacity for a term of three (3) years.

3. A person who for the purposes of membership of the Court could be regarded as a national of more than one Member State shall be deemed to be a national of the one in which he ordinarily exercises civil and political rights.

4. The Members of the Court shall be appointed by the Authority and selected from a list of persons nominated by Member States. No Member State shall nominate more than two persons.

5. The Executive Secretary shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated which he shall forward to the Council.

6. The Authority shall appoint the Members of the Court from a shortlist of fourteen persons proposed by the Council.

7. No person below the age of 40 years and above the age of 60 years shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the Court. A member of the Court shall not be eligible for reappointment after the age of 65 years.

Article 4 **TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT**

1. Members of the Court shall be appointed to serve in such office for a period of five years and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of five years only; provided, however, that of the members of the Court appointed for the first time, the terms of office of four members shall expire at the end of three years and the terms of the other three members shall expire at the end of five years.

2. The members of the Court whose terms are to expire at the end of the above-mentioned initial periods of three and five years shall be chosen by lot to be drawn by the Chairman of the Authority immediately after the first appointments have been made.

3. At the expiration of the term of a member of the Court, the said member shall remain in office until the appointment and assumption of office of his successor. though replaced, he shall finish any cases which he may have begun.

4. In the absence of the President, or where it becomes impossible for the President to continue to carry out his duties and functions, the Vice President shall assume these assignments of the President.

5. In the temporary absence of a member of the Court, another member shall be nominated to replace him in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

6. Where a member of the Court can no longer perform his duties, the Executive Secretary shall inform Council thereof. Council shall then propose to the Authority that a new member be appointed to replace him.

7. In the event of gross misconduct, inability to excercise his functions or physical or mental disability on the part of one of its members, the Court shall meet in plenary session to take cognisance of the fact. The Court shall then draw up a report which will be promptly transmitted to the Authority which may decide to relieve the member in question of his Post.

8. Where the President of the Court cannot participate in the proceedings of a given case, he shall be replaced by the Vice President or where the latter is absent he shall be replaced by another member of the Court appointed in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

9. Where a member of the Court cannot participate in the proceedings of a given case, he shall inform the President of the Court who shall replace him with another member of the Court for the purposes of that case.

10. Whenever the Vice President or any member of the Court replaces the President in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of this Article, he shall exercise all the authority and powers vested in the office of the President of the Court.

11. No member of the Court may exercise any political or administrative function or engage in any other occupation of a professional nature.

Article 5 OATH OF OFFICE OR SOLEMN DECLARATION

1. Before assuming office, members of the Court shall take an oath of office or make a solemn declaration before the Chairman of the Authority.

2. The oath or declaration shall be as follows :
"I ..... solemnly swear (declare) that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as Member of the Court honorably, faithfully, impartially and conscienciously.

Article 6 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Court, and its members shall during the period of their tenure, enjoy privileges and immunities identical to those enjoyed by diplomatic missions and diplomatic agents in the territory of Member States, as well as those normally accorded to international courts and the members of such courts.

2. In this capacity members of the Court shall not be liable to prosecution or arrest for acts carried out or statements made in the exercise of their functions.

Article 7 RESIGNATION

1. Members of the Court may resign at any time by addressing a letter of resignation to the Executive Secretary, who shall forward the letter to the Authority.

2. In case of resignation of a member of the Court, his duties shall end. However, such a member shall continue to hold office until the appointment and assumption of office of his successor.

3. In case of resignation of any member of the Court, the Executive Secretary shall inform Council which shall propose two persons to the Authority who shall appoint one to fill the vacant post.

Article 8 **REPLACEMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE COURT**

A person nominated to replace a member of the Court, whose term of office has not expired shall be appointed under the same conditions as his predecessor and shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term.

Article 9 **COMPETENCE OF THE COURT**

1. The Court shall ensure the observance of law and of the principles of equity in the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Treaty and of the Treaty.

2. The Court shall also be competent to deal with disputes referred to it, in accordance with the provisions of Article 56 of the Treaty, by Member States or the Authority, when such disputes arise between the Member States or between one or more Member States and the Institutions of the Community on the interpretation or application of the provisions of the Treaty.

3. A Member State may, on behalf of its nationals, institute proceedings against another Member State or Institution of the Community, relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Treaty, after attempts to settle the dispute amicably have failed.

4. The Court shall have any powers conferred upon it, specifically by the provisions of this Protocol.

Article 10 **ADVISORY OPINION**

1. The Court may, at the request of the Authority, Council, one or more Member States, or the Executive Secretary, and any other institution of the Community, express, in an advisory capacity, a legal opinion on questions of the Treaty.

2. Requests for advisory opinion as contained in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be made in writing and shall contain a statement of the questions upon which advisory opinion is required. They must be accompanied by all relevant documents likely to throw light upon the question.

3. Upon receipt of the request referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the Chief Registrar shall immediately inform Member States, notify them of the time limit fixed by the President for receipt of their written observations or for hearing their oral declarations.

4. The Court shall give the advisory opinion in public.

5. In the exercise of its advisory functions, the Court shall be governed by the provisions of this Protocol which apply in contentions cases, where the Court recognises them to be applicable.

Article 11 **APPLICATIONS TO THE TRIBUNAL**

1. Cases may be brought before the Court by an application addressed to the Court Registry. This application shall set out the subject matter of the dispute and the parties involved and shall contain a summary of the argument put forward as well as the plea of the plaintiff.

2. The Chief Registrar of the Court shall immediately serve notice of the application and of all documents relating to the subject matter of the dispute to the other party, who shall make known his grounds for defence, within the time limit stipulated by the rules of procedure of the Court.

Article 12 **REPRESENTATION BEFORE THE COURT**

Each party to a dispute shall be represented before the Court by one or more agents nominated by the party concerned for this purpose. The agents may, where necessary, request the assistance of one or more Advocates or Counsels who are recognised by the laws and regulations of the Member States as being empowered to appear in court in their area of jurisdiction.

Article 13 **PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT**

1. Proceedings before the Court shall consist of two parts: written and oral.

2. Written proceedings shall consist of the application entered in the Court, notification of the application, the defence, the reply or counter-statement, the rejoinder and any other briefs or documents in support.

3. Documents comprising the written proceedings shall be addressed to the Chief Registrar of the Court in the order and within the time limit fixed by the Rules of Procedure of the Court. A copy of each document produced by one party shall be communicated to the other part.

4. The oral proceedings shall consist of the hearing of parties, agents witnesses, experts, advocates or counsels.

Article 11 **SITTINGS OF THE COURT**

1. The President shall issue summons to the parties to appear before the Court. He shall determine the roll of the Court and preside over its sittings.

2. Sittings and deliberations of the Court shall be valid when the President and at least two judges are present, but such that any sitting of the Court shall comprise of an uneven number of its members.

3. Sittings of the Court shall be public. The Court may however sit in camera at the request of one of the parties or for reasons which only the Court may determine.

Article 15 **PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

1. At any time, the Court may request the parties to produce any documents and provide any information or explanation which it may deem useful. Formal note shall be taken of any refussal.

2. The Court may also request a Member State which is not involved in the dispute or any Community Institution to make available any information which it deems necessary for the settlement of the dispute.

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Article 16 **ENQUIRIES AND EXPERT OPINION**

The Court may, in any circumstance, and, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, order any manner of judicial inquiry, summon any person, organisation or institution to carry out an inquiry or give an expert opinion.

Article 17 **EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES**

1. Witnesses upon whom a summon has been served must appear before the Court. They shall be heard under conditions specified in the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

2. Experts may testify as witnesses under oath, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

3. All hearings shall be recorded and signed by the President and the Chief Registrar of the Court.

Article 18 **DEPOSITION UPON REQUEST**

1. The Court may request the judicial authority of his place of residence to hear the evidence of a witness or an expert.

2. Such a request shall be made to the judicial authority in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the Court. Documents emanating from such hearing shall be transmitted to the Court under the same conditions.

3. Expenses incurred by this procedure shall be borne by the parties to the dispute.

Article 19 **DECISIONS OF THE COURT**

1. The Court shall examine the dispute before it in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty and its Rules of Procedure. It shall also apply, as necessary, the body of law as contained in Article 38 of the Statutes of the International Court of Justice.

2. Decisions of the Court shall be read in open court and shall state the reasons on which they are based. Subject to the provisions on review contained in this Protocol, such decisions shall be final and immediately enforceable.

3. The Court shall give only one decision in respect of each dispute brought before it. Its deliberations shall be secret and its decisions shall be taken by a majority of the members.

Article 20 **PROVISIONAL MEASURES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

The Court, each time a case is brought before it, may order any provisional measures or issue any provisional instructions which it may consider necessary or desirable.

Article 21 **APPLICATION FOR INTERVENTION**

Should a Member State consider that it has an interest that may be affected by the subject matter of a dispute before the Court, it may submit by way of a written application a request to be permitted to intervene.

Article 22 **EXCLUSIVITY OF COMPETENCE AND RECOGNITION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COURT**

1. No dispute regarding interpretation or application of the provisions of the Treaty may be referred to any other form of settlement except that which is provided for by the Treaty or this Protocol.

2. When a dispute is brought before the Court, Member States or Institutions of the Community shall refrain from any action likely to aggravate or militate against its settlement.

3. Member States and Institutions of the Community shall take immediately all necessary measures to ensure execution of the decision of the Court.

Article 23 **INTERPRETATION OF DECISIONS**

If the meaning or scope of a decision or advisory opinion is in doubt, the Court shall construe it on application by any party or any Institution of the Community establishing an interest therein.

Article 24 **LEGAL COSTS**

Unless the Court shall decide otherwise, each party to the dispute shall bear its own legal expenses.

Article 25 **APPLICATION FOR REVISION**

1. An application for revision of a decision may be made only when it is based upon the discovery of some fact of such a nature as to be a decisive factor, which fact was, when the decision was given, unknown to the Court and also to the party claiming revision, provided always that such ignorance was not due to negligence.

2. The proceedings for revision shall be opened by a decision of the Court expressly recording the existence of the new fact, recognising that it has such a character as to lay the case open to revision and declaring the application admissible on this ground.

3. The Court may require prior compliance with the terms of the decision before it admits proceedings in revision.

4. No application for revision may be made after five (5) years from the date of decision.

5. The decision of the Court has no binding force except between the parties and in respect of that particular case.

Article 26 **SEAT OF THE COURT**

1. The seat of the Court shall be fixed by the Authority.

2. However, where circumstances or facts of the case so demand, the Court may decide to sit in the territory of another Member State.

Article 27 **SESSION OF THE COURT**

1. Sessions of the Court shall be convened by its President.

2. The dates and duration of the sessions shall be fixed by the President and shall be determined by the roll of the Court.

3. The President and other members of the Court shall be bound to attend all sessions of the Court unless they are prevented from attending by any reasons duly explained to the Authority or the President of the Court, as the case may be.

4a. Subject to the provisions of this Protocol and its rules of procedure, the Court shall meet in plenary session when it is composed as stated in Article 3, paragraph 2 of this Protocol.

b. Where, however, the Court being thus constituted and one of its members cannot continue to participate in the proceedings, the Court may, nevertheless, continue its hearing provided that the parties to the dispute, so agree.

5. The Court may form one or more Chambers, composed of three or more members when, in its opinion, the nature of the business of the Court so requires.

Article 28 **REMUNERATION AND FRINGE BENEFITS**

Subject to the provisions of this Protocol, the remuneration, allowances and all other benefits of the President and other members of the Court shall be determined by the Authority.

Article 29 **REGISTRARS AND OTHER STAFF OF THE COURT**

1. The Court Register shall be kept by a Chief Registrar and Registrars. Subject to the provisions of this Protocol, the number of Registrars, the conditions of their appointments and their duties shall be determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

2. Before taking office, the Chief Registrar and Registrars shall take an oath, or swear to a written declaration before the President of the Court as prescribed by the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

3. The Community shall appoint and provide the Court with the necessary officers and officials to enable it carry out its functions.

Article 30 **EXPENSES OF THE COURT**

All the operational expenses of the Court shall be charged to the budget of the Executive Secretariat of the Community.

Article 31 **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The official languages of the Court shall be English and French.

Article 32 **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The Court shall establish its own Rules of Procedure to be approved by the Council. Amendments thereto shall likewise be approved by Council.

Article 33 **AMENDMENTS**

1. Any Member State or the President of the Court, may after consultation with the other members, submit proposals for amendments of this Protocol.

2. All proposals shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretariat which shall forward them to Member States within thirty days of receipt. Such amendments shall be examined by the Authority on the expiration of the thirty days notice to Member States.

Article 34 **ENTRY INTO FORCE**

1. This Protocol shall enter into force, provisionally, upon signature by the Heads of State and Government of Member States and, definitively, upon ratification by at least seven (7) signatory States in accordance with the constitutional regulations in force in each Member State.

2. This Protocol and all instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat of the Community which shall transmit certified true copies of the Protocol to all Member States, notify them of the date of deposit of the instruments of ratification and register the Protocol with the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations and any other Organisations which may be determined by Council.

3. This Protocol is annexed to the Treaty and shall form an integral part thereof.

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

DONE AT THIS DAY OF

IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION C/RES 3/12/90 ON THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN JURISTS

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 Recommendation A/REC 1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

AWARE of the need to mobilise and associate all sections of the population in the construction of the Community;

CONSIDERING the memorandum presented by the Executive Secretariat on the recognition and granting of observer status to the Association of African Jurists;

PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

TO ADOPT the draft decision attached hereto on the recognition and granting of observer status to the Association of African Jurists.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ABUJA, JUIN, 1991

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC /6/91 ON THE RECOGNITION AND GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN JURISTS

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/REC.1/5/83 dated 30 May 1983 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the mobilisation of the different sections of the population in the integration process;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES 3/12/90 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its Twenty-Eighth session held in Abuja from 12th to 13th December, 1990;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The status of observer within the institutions of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby recognised and granted to the Association of African Jurists.

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, THIS DAY OF JUNE, 1991

CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 -13 DECEMBER, 1990

RESOLUTION C.RES. 4/12/90 RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES

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 mandate given to the Executive Secretariat by the Council of Ministers at its Twenty-sixth Session held in Lome in November 1989 to undertake a study on Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs) under implementation in Member States;

CONVINCED that the continued implementation of SAPs is necessary in order to lay the foundation for durable and sustained growth of the economies of the West African sub-region;

HAVING NOTED that areas of contradiction exist between the objectives of SAPs being implemented in Member States and those of economic integration;

CONSIDERING the need to reflect the regional dimension in the objectives of SAPs in order to ensure that they have a greater impact on the socio-econmic development of Member States;

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Meeting of Ministers of Planning and Finance of ECOWAS Member States held in Abuja, on 10 and 11 December 1990;

A. URGENTLY REQUESTS MEMBER STATES TO:

i) work towards the reduction of their external debt servicing through such mechanisms as debt forgiveness, debt re-structuring, debt re-scheduling, debt conversion and interest rate re-negotiations. They are urged to adopt a common strategy in order to enhance their negotiating position.

ii) communicate to each other, through the Executive Secretariat the outcome of negotiations held with creditor nations (Paris Club and London Club) on debt re-scheduling, and to involve the Institutions of the Community in the debt and other international negotiations, where necessary.

iii) calculate revenue estimates derived from taxes with realism. In this regard, assumptions underlying calculations should be realistic and should take into account the specific conditions existing in each Member State.

iv) improve their tax collection systems by strengthening their tax collecting agencies.

v) involve the indigenous private sector in privatisation programmes and ensure that a larger number of enterprises being privatised are ceded to national entrepreneurs.

vi) strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of the Ministries of Planning and Finance and Central Banks by training officers in the area of SAP formulation and implementation.

vii) improve intra-Ministerial coordination of activities within Economic Management Ministries and inter-Ministerial coordination between these Ministries and other technical Ministries to make SAPs more effective.

viii) increase the involvement of rural communities in the decision-making process and implementation of SAPs.

ix) improve the procedure for identification and preparation of projects to be included in investment programmes in order to facilitate the selection and funding of high priority projects designed to promote economic growth.

x) design appropriate programmes to alleviate the social impact of SAPs.

xi) integrate SAPs in national development plans as a means of ensuring that they reflect the country's long-term development objectives.

xii) ensure that SAPs and development plans take fully into account the regional integration dimension in their design and implementation. To this end, Member States should harmonise their development policies by streamlining their reform policies and ensuring effective implementation of ECOWAS regional cooperation programmes.

xiii) involve Community Institutions, as far as possible, in the formulation of SAPs to ensure that reform policies do also reflect the regional dimensions of development.

B. REQUESTS THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TO:

i) assist Member States in the strengthening of the institutional and technical capacity of the Ministries of Planning and Finance as well as Central Banks. To this end, ECOWAS should contact appropriate external institutions for the training of Member States officials in the areas of SAP formulation and implementation.

ii) assist Member States in the mobilisation of soft loans for the financing of their development schemes.

iii) study the problem of drastic falls in the income of salary earners in the face of marked increases in the cost of living and propose an appropriate solution that is consistent with the SAP objective of reducing inflationary pressures in the national economy.

iv) create the necessary machinery for assisting Member States in their debt and other international negotiations, and endeavour to take an active part in such negotiations.

v) prepare a comprehensive study on identified areas of contradiction between the objectives of SAPs and those of economic integration and propose solutions for their harmonisation.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

RESOLUTION C/RES.5/12/90 ON THE SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF STATUTORY APPOINTEES OF THE COMMUNITY

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 mandate given to members of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees by the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its 11th Session in Lome in June 1988;

MINDFUL of Articles 8 and 10 of the Said Treaty and Article 28 of the Protocol relating to the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development of the Economic Community of West African States on the appointment of Statutory Officers;

AWARE that job descriptions of the various Statutory posts must define clearly the qualifications, experience and personal qualities required of the job holders;

CONSCIOUS of the need to appoint only officers possessing the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence;

CONVINCED of the need to constantly review and monitor the performance of the Statutory Appointees in order to improve their performance and enhance the effectiveness of the organisation as a whole;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government

TO APPROVE and ADOPT the attached draft decision on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13 DAY OF DECEMBER 1990

HONOURABLE MEMMA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, JUNE 1991

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC...../6/91 RELATING TO THE SELECTION AND THE EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF STATUTORY APPOINTEES 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 functions;

MINDFUL of Articles 8 and 10 of the said Treaty and Article 28 of the Protocol relating to the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development of the Economic Community of West African States relating to the appointment of Statutory Officers;

AWARE of the decision taken by the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its 11th session held at Lomé in June 1988, establishing the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee for the Selection and Performance Evaluation of Statutory Appointees;

AWARE that job descriptions of the various statutory posts must define clearly the qualifications, experience and personal qualities required by the job holders;

CONSCIOUS of the need to appoint only officers possessing the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence;

CONVINCED of the need to constantly review and monitor the performance of the Statutory Appointees in order to improve their performance as well as improve the effectiveness of the Organisation as a whole;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.5/12/90 adopted by the Council of Ministers during its Twenty-eighth session held from the 12th to the 13h of December 1990, in Abuja.

D E C I D E S

Article 1

The rules on the Selection Procedure, Renewal of Term of office of the External Auditor and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community are hereby adopted as follows:

A. Selection Procedure

1. The Authority shall during the ordinary annual Session preceding the year when a statutory post shall fall vacant designate the Member State to nominate candidates for a vacant post;

2. There shall be a job description of the various statutory posts which shall define clearly the role, and main tasks to be carried out as well as the qualifications, experience and personal qualities required;

3. The evaluation of the qualification, experience and qualities required shall be based on the following nine criteria .

i) Educational and professional qualifications,

ii) Professional experience,

iii) Special qualifications,

iv) Personality,

v) Communication,

vi) Intelligence and common sense,

vii) Management and leadership,

viii) Adaptability, and

ix) Appearance.

4. All candidates shall fulfill the requisite selection criteria as stipulated in Annex 1 to this Decision. They must be nationals of ECOWAS Member States who have the approval of their respective countries.

5. Member States shall send to the Executive Secretariat the candidates' application forms in the standard attached as Annex II to this Decision, together with the names and curriculum vitae of three candidates.

6. Upon receipt of the applications, the Executive Secretariat shall:

a) acknowledge receipt thereof,

b) list the candidates on a standard control sheet. Form which is attached as Annex III to this Decision,

c) advise the Chairman of the Council of Ministers to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees.

7 (1) The Chairman of the Council of Ministers shall convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee, members of whom shall comprise representatives of all Member States that have not presented candidates, to select and interview candidates;

7 (2) In assessing candidates during the interview the Committee shall use the Form attached as Annex IV to this Decision.

B Renewal of Term of Office of the External Auditor and Evaluation Report.

8 (1) The External Auditor whose term of office is for an initial period of two years may have his appointment renewed twice only each time for another term of two years.

8 (2) However, the appointment of the External Auditor may be terminated before its expiry.

9. A Committee comprising four Members of the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees shall be constituted to appraise the performance of all Statutory Appointees. The Chairman of Council of Ministers and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fund shall be members unless a Statutory Appointee is a national of their Member States.

10. The evaluation of performance of Statutory Appointees with the exception of the External Auditor, shall be done annually while that of the External Auditor shall be done once every two years.

11. Reports of the evaluation exercise shall be submitted to Council of Ministers during the May/June sessions in the Performance Evaluation Report Form attached as Annex V to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision on Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees shall not apply to the holders of Statutory posts in the Institutions of the Community as at the date of signature.

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, THIS DAY OF JUNE 1991

Applicants shall be required to satisfy the following criteria.

Executive Secretary

Qualification	:	Post-Graduate qualification. Any other qualification in economics, law or management will be an advantage.
Professional Experience	:	At least 15 years experience. Experience in a similar organisation will be an advantage.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs)

Qualification	:	Post-Graduate qualification in economics with specialisation in planning statistics or development economics or international economic relations.

Professional Experience	:	At least 12 years experience in macro economic policies (customs, trade monetary and finance matters) and experience in similar organisation will be an advantage.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the Official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

Qualification	:	Post-Graduate qualification in Humen Resources Management. Any additional qualification in international management will be an advantage.
Professional Experience	:	At least 12 years in personnel management.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

Financial Controller

Qualification	:	Post-Graduate qualification in Public Finance or similar qualification or Chartered Accountant.
Professional Experience	:	At least 12 years experience in public accounting.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

Managing Director of the Fund

Qualification	:	Post-Graduate qualification in banking, finance, accounting or economics.
Professional Experience	:	At least 15 years experience in monetary and financial policies. Experience in investment financing will be an advantage.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

Deputy Managing Director of the Fund

Qualification	:	Post-Graduate qualification in banking, finance and accounting.
Professional Experience	:	At least 12 years experience in monetary and financial policy. Experience in investment financing will be an advantage.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

External Auditor

Qualification	:	Certificate of Chartered Accountant or equivalent qualification.
Professional Experience	:	At least 12 years experience in public or private accounting. Must have a firm of accountants.
Knowledge of languages	:	Excellent command of one of the official languages of the Community. Knowledge of the other language will be an advantage.

APPLICATION FORM

Surname (block capitals)	First names
Address	

Age	Date of birth	Nationality	Place of birth

Marital status	Children 1 2 3 4 Sex Age

State of health (mention any disability or serious illness)	Height Weight

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	Dates	Details, including dates, of examinations passed, diplomas and degrees (give class)
Secondary Schools		
University/Colleges		
Part time/other courses		

Professional and technical bodies (indicate grade of membership)			
Languages (indicate fluency)	Reading Fluent Fair	Writing Fluent Fair	Speaking Fluent Fair

PRESENT (OR LAST) APPOINTMENT		
Employer's name and address		
Nature of business	Company turnover	Number employed
Position held		Number supervised
Responsible to (name and status)		
Basic salary	Other emoluments (bonus, profit sharing etc.)	Benefits (car, free house etc.)
Date appointed	Date left and reason for leaving	Notice required
Draw organisation chart, indicating your own position		
Describe responsibilities and duties performed		

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Start with the most recent and work backwards. Include military service

Dates From	Dates To	Name of employer and nature of business	Position held and reason for leaving	Last salary

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Please give any other relevant particulars about your career and achievements

R E F E R E N C E S

Please give the addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made (business references preferred)
N.B. Referees will not be approached without your permission

Signed ..... Date .....

ANNEX III

	Vacancy					
	Name	Address	Nationa-lity	Grading/ Know-legde	Interview	Final letter

ANNEX IV

ECOWAS STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS SELECTION FORM

NAME : .....

ADDRESS : .....

AGE : ..... DATE OF BIRTH : ..... NATIONALITY : .....

POST UNDER CONSIDERATION : .....

LAST POST AND WHERE : .....

		MARKS
1. EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (Professional AND Degree qualifications) (Professional OR Degree qualifications)	Both Professional Relevant Degree Unrelated Degree	20 15 12 10
2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Consider number of years, type, variety, appropriateness, local, overseas)	As fully specified in Job-Description If has all general but less than specific If general experience is as specified Less than general experience specified	25 20 15 10
3. SPECIAL QUALIFICATION (Has he direct experience relevant to the particular position. Has he a record of specific achievement in last 5 years)	Range 5 - 1 *	5
4. PERSONALITY (Consider mental alertness, first impression, mannerism, behaviour. Will he effectively represent ECOWAS at all levels)	Range 10 - 1 *	10

5. COMMUNICATION (Consider performance at interview, qualify of written submission etc)	Range 10 - 1*	10
6. INTELLIGENCE & COMMON SENSE	Range 10 - 1*	10
7. MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP (Consider leadership traits, management ability displayed, ability to inspire confidence and motivate people)	Range 10 - 1*	10
8. ADAPTABILITY & SOCIAL OUTLOOK (Consider maturity of view, flexibility)	Range 5 - 1*	5
9. APPEARANCE	Range 5 - 1*	5
* Highest Score is Best	TOTAL MARKS	
Members general comments, noting those factors which influenced the award of the above marks		

RECOMMENDATION :

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PERFORMANCE REVIEW Sheet 1

Name	Job title
Department	Section
Period covered by review - from :	to :

Performance Analysis
(a) Refer to agreed main task/objectives for period and summarize in the first column.

(b) In the second column, comment on achievements during the period by reference to agreed indicator/measures.

Main tasks/objectives	Comments on achievement
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

PERFORMANCE REVIEW To be completed after the performance review meeting			Sheet 2
Overall Assessment : Indicate your opinion of overall performance by means of a tick against the appropriate heading.			
A	Outstanding	An exceptionally valuable member of the staff; performance is consistently well above the required standards for the job	
B	Very effective	Displays good all round level of effectiveness performance meets or exceeds requirements in all important tasks	
C	Satisfactory	A competent member of the staff; generally achieves the standards required	
D	Barely satisfactory	Performance does not always reach the required standards; room for improvement	
E	Unsatisfactory	Performance does not meet the required standards	
All Members of the Sub Committee shall sign below..... 1. ..... 2. ..... 3. ..... 4.			

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

RESOLUTION C/RES. 6/12/90 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECOWAS TRUST FUND FOR LIBERIA

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 Article 2 of the said Treaty relating to the aims and objectives of the Community;

AWARE that the Liberian crisis has resulted in a total collapse of the political, economic, social, religious and ethnic cohesion of the Liberian society, and has caused a massive displacement of Liberians from their country;

CONSCIOUS of the various efforts embarked upon by the Community in the establishment of Reconciliation and Reconstruction Programmes for Liberia which culminated in the holding of the First Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government in Bamako from 27 to 28 November, 1990;

AWARE that the hundreds of thousands of Liberians who are now refugees in neighbouring Member States and beyond need the financial assistance of Member States and the rest of the International Community in order to lead of decent and purposeful life;

HEREBY PROPOSES TO THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

- To approve and adopt the attached Draft Decision on the Establishment of an ECOWAS Trust Fund for Liberia.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

HONOURABLE MBEMBA JATTA
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ABUJA, JUNE, 1991

DRAFT DECISION A/DEC /6/91 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECOWAS TRUST FUND FOR LIBERIA

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 2 of the said Treaty relating to the aims and objectives of the Community;

AWARE that the Liberian crisis has resulted in a total collapse of the political, economic, social, religious and ethnic cohesion of the Liberian society, and has caused a massive displacement of Liberians from their country;

CONSCIOUS of the various efforts embarked upon by the Community in the establishment of Reconciliation and Reconstruction Programmes for Liberia which culminated in the holding of the first Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government in Bamako from the 27th and 28th November, 1990;

AWARE that the hundreds of thousands of Liberians who are now refugees in neighbouring Member States and beyond need the financial assistance of Member States and the rest of the International Community in order to lead a decent and purposeful life;

DETERMINED to continue every effort and explore every avenue to enable Liberians live normal lives in their countries of refuge;

CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 6/12/90 adopted by the Council of Ministers at its Twenty-Eighth Session held on 12 and 13 December, 1990 at Abuja;

D E C I D E S

Article 1

There is hereby established an ECOWAS Trust Fund for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Liberia.

Article 2

Contributions into the Fund shall be on a voluntary basis from Member States and the rest of the International Community.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall administer the Fund.

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 ABUJA, THIS DAY OF JUNE, 1991

CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

ABUJA, 12 - 13 DECEMBER, 1990

VOTE OF THANKS

The Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) holding its Twenty-eighth session at the Sheraton Hotel Conference Complex in Abuja from 12 to 13 December, 1990 expresses its profound gratitude to His Excellency, General Ibrahim Badamasi BABANGIDA, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government and people of Nigeria for the warm welcome and for the excellent facilities placed at its disposal to ensure the success of the meeting.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1990

THE COUNCIL

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ABUJA, 12TH - 13TH DECEMBER, 1990

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