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## 1. PROTOCOLS

### A/P1/7/87 CULTURAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

#### THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

CONSIDERING Article 49 of the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States on cooperation in social and cultural matters.

GUIDED by:

- the Cultural Charter of Africa,
- the Declaration of the Principles of International Cultural Co-operation adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO, at its fourteenth session in Paris in 1966,
- the Inter-Governmental conference on Cultural Policies in Africa, organised by UNESCO with the co-operation of the Organisation for African Unity in Accra in 1975,
- the World Conference on Cultural Policies organised by UNESCO in Mexico in 1982.

CONVINCED that culture is a fundamental dimension of development, of which economic growth is only one aspect; and that the integration of cultural factors in development strategies will ensure a well-balanced development, and further, that development, when rooted in the culture of the peoples concerned, and a part of their system of values, will emancipate them from any form of economic, social and cultural dependency.

MINDFUL of the need to establish a form of cultural co-operation which will make it possible to take into account the cultural aspect of projects within the framework of regional development plans and strategies, and to foster a sense of belonging to the same cultural community;

ARE AGREED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

#### PART I

##### BASIC PRINCIPLES

#### ARTICLE 1

The Member States and the Community undertake:

- a) to promote the cultural identity of their respective peoples, cultural identity being understood as a dynamic process of continuity, creativity and approaches to innovation which is different in each population;
- b) to establish between each other, for their mutual enrichment, and with a view to creating a spirit of dialogue and exchange a cultural co-operation, based on mutual respect of differences.

#### Article 2

In pursuing this objective, constant attention is given to taking socio-cultural factors into account in the definition, implementation and evaluation of projects of common interest, on the adaptation of technology and in the transmission of knowledge, as to safeguard the structural cohesion of each population and their social evolution.

#### PART II

##### DEFINITIONS

#### Article 3

For the purposes of the present Cultural Framework Agreement, terms are defined as follows:

- 1 "TREATY": The Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States.
- 2 "Community": The Economic Community of West African States.
- 3 Member State(s)": Member State(s) of the Community.
- 4 "Authority": Authority of Heads of State and Government established by Article 5 of the Treaty.
- 5 Council": ECOWAS Council of Ministers established by Article 6 of the Treaty.
- 6 "Executive Secretariat": The Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS established by Article 8 of the Treaty.
- 7 "Agreement": The Cultural Framework Agreement.
- 8 "Region": The geographical area of West Africa, covered by the Community.
- 9 "Regional Co-operation": Co-operation planned or taking place, either:
  - between two or more Member States.
  - or between one or more Member States on the one hand and one or more neighbouring non-Member States on the other hand.
- 10 "Inter-regional co-operation": Co-operation planned or taking place:
  - between one or more African regional organisations whose Member States are also Members of the Community,
  - between one or more Member States and States from other regions,
  - between one or more Member States and from other regions.
- 11 "Regional Project": a project that is the object of regional co-operation.

#### PART III

##### THE OBJECTIVES

#### Article 4

The major objectives of the Agreement are as follows:

- 1 Improvement of the populations standard of living and social progress through the development of creativity.
- 2 Regional integration by means of community development which takes into account the specific socio-cultural realities and aspirations of the Member State population while at the same time responding to their fundamental needs and integrating their economic and cultural dimensions.
- 3 The creation of Community awareness upheld by a sense of belonging to the same cultural Community which is founded on historical, linguistic and geo-political links.
- 4 Affirming the presence of, and thus both safeguarding and promoting, the specific cultural identities of the Member States and of the Community they form, through international exchanges and the reinforcement of regional bilateral co-operation and the development of inter-regional co-operation.

**PART IV**

**AREAS OF APPLICATION**

**Article 5**

- 1 In the domain of cultural co-operation of the Community Member States shall conduct integrated programmes which involve appropriate activities in education, training and research, science and technology, information, and communication, and cultural productions.
- 2 These integrated programmes shall be linked to other sectors of co-operation envisaged by the Treaty. The aim being to foster the self advancement of the people, and to stimulate their abilities of adaptation and creativity. Their projects shall take into account the cultural identities and the social and economic realities of the Member States

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Article 6**

The Community shall support Member States in restructuring and adapting their education systems to their socio-cultural situations and value systems, this involves particularly regional projects of the following kinds:

- 1 Educational renewal, reforms in teaching or in the system of education.
- 2 The integration of education and training with development activities with a view to making better use of human resources.
- 3 Comparative studies of the educational systems of two or more Member States with a view to harmonising them, differences and complementarities.
- 4 Inter-university exchange of teachers, students and the administrative personnel of schools and universities.
- 5 Introductory and advanced training in the
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- 6 principal languages of communication and the official languages of the Community. Literacy programme, particularly for rural populations with special emphasis on women in order to further their participation in education and development.
- 7 Training of rural workers to improve their qualifications and increase their ability to meet the needs of agricultural expansion and master the new appropriate technologies.
- 8 Occupational retraining and professional training of teachers, trainers, workers in the different sectors of development with a view to improving and renewing human resources.
- 9 The production of teaching aids for secondary and higher education establishments and for professional training centres.
- 10 Training of specialists in video communication and in educational equipment, supported by the establishment of sound libraries to facilitate the gathering of oral traditions and the intensive use of local languages for organising popular participation in development.
- 11 The Organisation of teaching seminars and workshops for the evaluation of experiments in different areas of training.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH**

**Article 7**

The Community and its Member States on the one hand and the Member States among themselves on the other, shall co-operate closely, according to their needs, in planning and carrying out scientific and technological research programmes in sectors of activity which contribute to the social and economic progress of the countries and their populations, particularly in such areas as environment and natural resources, industry and energy, health and nutrition, agriculture, animal husbandry and fishing and medicine and pharmaceuticals.

**Article 8**

The research projects shall take into account the real needs and living conditions of the populations concerned and aim to catalyse and sustain integrated national and regional development by:

- 1 The reinforcement or establishment of pure and/or applied institutions to serve the region.
- 2 Co-operation in integrated research programmes between universities and appropriate institutions.
- 3 The training of scientists, auxiliaries and technicians for research.
- 4 The strengthening and establishment of networks for exchanging scientific and technological information and documentation.
- 5 Showing the value of local technologies, identifying new sources of adaptable foreign technologies and adapting appropriate technologies.
- 6 The reinforcement or establishment of research and documentation on cultural development.

- 7 The establishment of "Centres of Excellence" in the Community within the existing universities, and the institution of "Science Prizes" for original work by citizens of Member States, which make a significant contribution to regional development.
- 8 The organisation of seminars on methodology, symposia and meetings to encourage co-operation among researchers and through the exchange of information, to make them corporately responsible for the growth of the Community's scientific capital, etc...

#### CULTURAL INDUSTRIES AND CULTURAL PRODUCTIONS

##### Article 9

To promote local creativity and technology in Member States actions shall be taken to develop cultural productions, and to improve their structures and mechanism namely cultural industries.

##### Article 10

Cultural Industries in the context of this agreement are the complex of existing structures and technological mechanisms together with the cultural goods they help to produce on an industrial scale such as audio-visual: audio-visual productions, artisan products, books, films, records, cassettes, graphics and post-cards etc...

##### Article 11

Recognising that cultural industries make effective use of their human resources and strengthen their cultural and economic autonomy Member States and the Community shall promote these through national and regional projects such as:

- 1 The establishment or strengthening of regional and sub-regional production units for radio and television receivers.
- 2 The production and distribution of teaching material and equipment for audio-visual information popularisation.
- 3 Co-operation by nationals of several Member States of films, cultural programmes and documentaries for radio and television.
- 4 The establishment or improvement of production and distribution centres for gramophone records, cassettes, films, books, etc...
- 5 The establishment or strengthening of centres for promoting local crafts, and the improvement of traditional craft technologies
- 6 The periodical organisation of a fair for the cultural industries, and of special fairs, for crafts, books, etc...
- 7 The organisation of periodical meetings of specialists from the Member States on the commercialisation of cultural products and the problems arising from this in relation to preserving the national culture heritage of each country.
- 8 The promotion of traditional medicine and pharmacopeia.

#### CULTURAL TOURISM

##### Article 12

The Member States and the Community, aware of the contribution that Tourism can make to economic and social development are agreed on establishing forms of co-operation, such, as to make it possible to avoid the negative effects of exogeneous tourism on certain areas and populations of the country concerned, through the development of cultural tourism.

##### Article 13

In the context of the present Agreement, Cultural Tourism is understood as the voluntary movement of citizens of the Community within Member States, both within theirs as well as in others, with the aim of knowing more about their socio-cultural realities and establishing relations between individuals and groups in accordance with the objectives of the Community. In this regard the Community shall undertake:

- 1 An annual regional programme of cultural tourism for youths, school children and university students, workers and women.
- 2 Organisation of study trips to Member States for citizens of the Community responsible for national development projects which could be of importance to regional integration.
- 3 Training programmes and refresher courses for tourism personnel.

##### Article 14

Laws shall be made for the protection of cultural heritage by regulating the circulation of cultural goods among Member States to a non-Member State.

#### CULTURAL EXCHANGE

##### Article 15

Member States and the Community, in order to fulfill the aims of the present Agreement, shall encourage the promotion of cultural exchanges through:

- 1 Bilateral cultural exchange between Member States and cultural diffusion within the Community.
- 2 Meetings and exchanges between artists, Community leaders, producers, scientists, intellectuals, youths, women, cultural associations, workers, etc.
- 3 The organisation every three years, of a Regional Festival of Culture.
- 4 The organisation of cultural events in Member States, which will be of interest to several Member States at the same time, for example: shows, exhibitions, forums, fairs, etc...
- 5 Exchange, in the form of fixed term loans, of rare or unique cultural goods from one Member State to another.
- 6 The exchange of programmes and cultural broadcasts between radio and television centres, media libraries and audio-visual production centres in the Member States.

**Article 16**

- 1 In order to develop cultural exchange and foster a fairly wide distribution of cultural productions of Member States within the Community, Member States shall provide facilities for the diffusion of original cultural products, in particular by allowing them to benefit from the exchange regulations defined by the Treaty for the liberalisation of exchanges. To this end, the list of priority cultural products and cultural industries will be decided upon by the Council.
- 2 Similarly the Community shall, in order to promote more balanced exchanges between Member States and the industrialised countries, develop inter-regional co-operation which will facilitate the distribution of cultural products from the Community in other regions.

**MEANS AND CONDITIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION****Article 17**

The financial means for implementing the Agreement are expected mainly from the following sources:

- 1 The normal budget of the Community,
- 2 The Compensation and Development Fund of the Community;
- 3 Special voluntary contributions from Member States, as well as various gifts and legacies from Member and non-Member States, foundations, organisations, private individuals and associations, etc...
- 4 The sale of various products;
- 5 The retention of five (5) per cent, instituted by decision of the Council, of the net proceeds from cultural events organised under the auspices of the Community;
- 6 Loans contracted from international sources of financing;
- 7 Any other source approved by the Council.

**Article 18**

In keeping with the spirit of the Treaty, the Agreement will enhance bilateral co-operation between Member States, assist in carrying out national projects and support regional projects in so far as they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- 1 A project geared towards cultural complementarity and which can contribute to the process of economic integration at the regional level.
- 2 A project linked to existing regional cultural plans and programmes.
- 3 A project requiring an institutional multi-lateral framework for its implementation.
- 4 A project designed and located in only one country which may be of interest to neighbouring Member States.
- 5 A project in which two or more Member States participate, even if this does not involve the installation of any physical structures in a given country.

- 6 A project which includes co-ordinated national sub-projects within a multinational institutional structure linking sub-projects with different characteristics resulting from separate investments.

**Article 19**

As the need arises and at the request of Member States, the Community will award scholarships or allowances to cover all or part of the cost of training courses, study programmes, travel for studies, etc... for citizens of Member States to enable them to visit Member States other than their own for training or information, or to visit non-Member States for this purpose.

The period for which the Community takes this responsibility cannot exceed 24 months.

**Article 20**

In view of its needs and according to the interest of their programmes, the Community will co-operate with centres or institutions of study, training and research for the implementation of some of its own programmes, by providing all or part of the cost involved, or by contributing to the implementation of the institutions programmes. In such cases these centres or institutions will play the role of executing agency of specific projects.

**Article 21**

Member States shall place at the disposal of the Community civil servants who are designated and requested for by the Community as consultants. The length of a consultant's services shall not exceed six months.

**PART VI****FINAL PROVISIONS****Article 22**

Any dispute in the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by direct and amicable discussion, failing which the dispute shall be referred to the Council of Ministers who may report to the Heads of State and Government.

**Article 23**

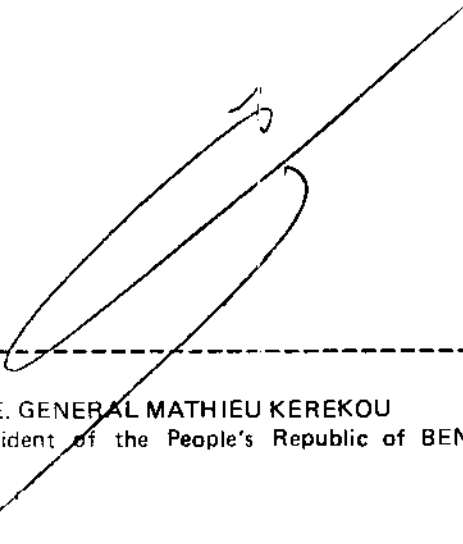
- 1 This Agreement shall provisionally come into force upon signature by the Heads of State and Government, and finally into effect after being ratified by at least seven of the signatory States, in conformity with the constitutional laws of each Member State.
- 2 This Agreement together with all the instruments of ratification will be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Community who will transfer true certified copies of this document to all the Member States and notify them of the date for depositing the instruments of ratification.
- 3 Each Member State shall be informed by the Executive Secretary of the steps to be taken for the application of the Agreement.

Each Member State shall inform the Executive Secretariat of measures it has taken for the application of this Agreement.

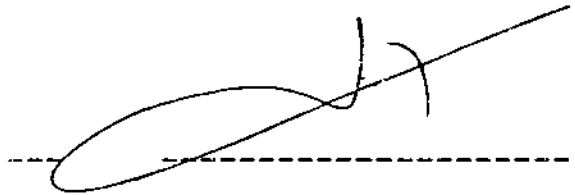
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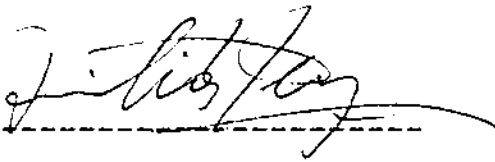
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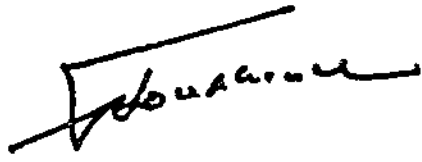
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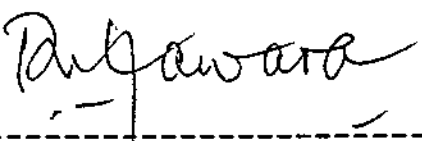
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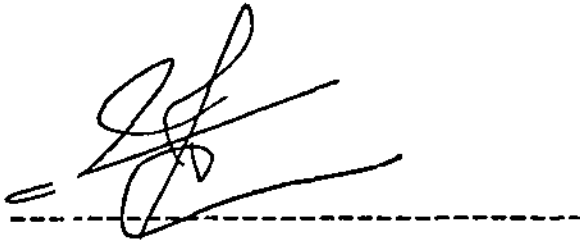
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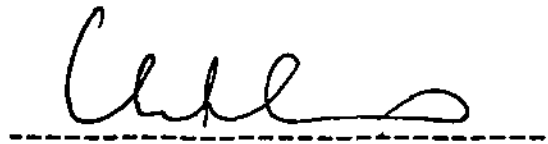
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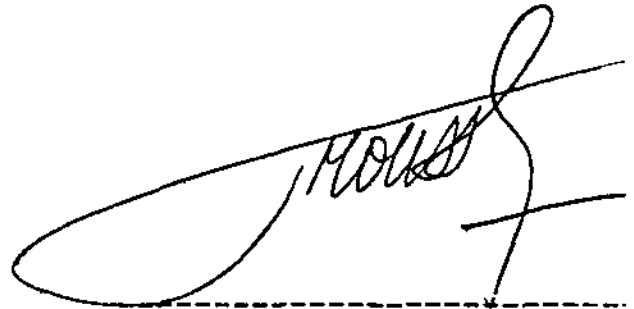
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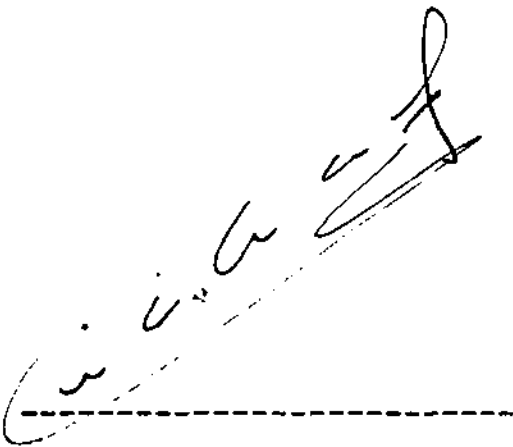
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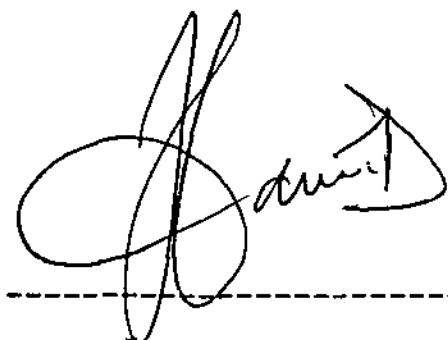
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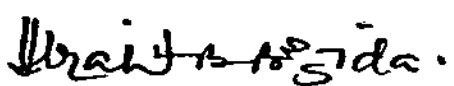
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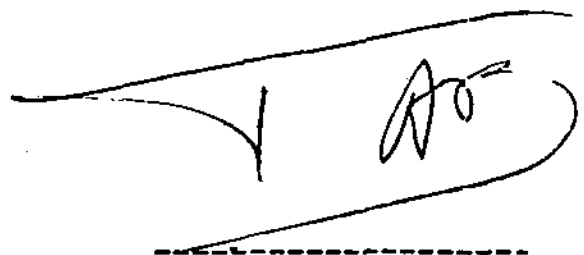
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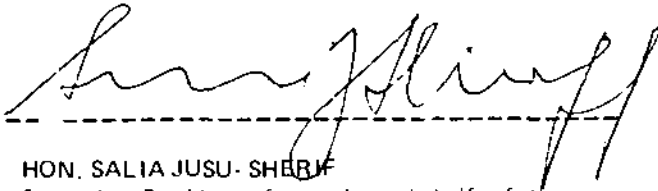


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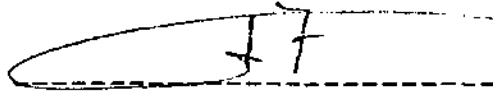


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A/P.2/7/87 PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF A WEST AFRICAN HEALTH OR-  
GANISATION

P R E A M B L E

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES  
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST  
AFRICAN STATES:

CONSIDERING that health is an important  
aspect of socio-economic development;

RECOGNISING that diseases know no bound-  
aries and unequal development in different  
countries in the promotion of health and control  
of disease pose a common problem;

CONSCIOUS of the usefulness of creating a  
single West-African Health Organisation as a means  
for the effective mobilisation of all human, ma-  
terial and financial resources available within the  
sub-region for solving health problems;

RECALLING its Decision A/DEC.6/5/83 rela-  
ting to the rationalisation of cooperation efforts  
in the West African sub-region and its importance  
in the sub regional integration process;

NOTING Decision C/DEC.1/11/84 of its Coun-  
cil of Ministers relating to the creation of a single  
health institution in West Africa and approving the  
merger of the West African Health Community  
(WAHC) and the Organisation de Coordination et  
de Coopération pour la Lutte Contre les Grandes  
Endemies (OCCGE) as a specialised institution of  
ECOWAS,

CONVINCED that a single West African Health  
Organisation will be more effective in tackling  
health problems as well as have a much wider  
coverage;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

In this PROTOCOL:

"TREATY" means the Treaty of the Economic  
Community of West African States signed in  
Lagos on 28th May, 1975;

"COMMUNITY" means the Economic Com-  
munity 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 the Authority of Heads  
of State and Government of the Community  
established by Article 5 of the Treaty;

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

"EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" means the Exe-  
cutive Secretary of the Community appointed  
under Article 8 of the Treaty;

"HEALTH ORGANISATION" means the West  
African Health Organisation;

"THE ASSEMBLY" means the Assembly of the  
Ministers of Health of Member States;

"CHAIRMAN" means the Chairman of the  
Assembly;

"DIRECTOR-GENERAL" means the Director-  
General of the Health Organisation.

ARTICLE II

1. The West African Health Community  
(WAHC) and the Organisation de Coordination et  
de Coopération pour la Lutte contre les Grandes  
Endemies (OCCGE) are hereby merged into a  
single health organisation in the sub-region.

2. There is hereby established a single health  
organisation in the sub-region to be known as  
THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISA-  
TION.

3. The members of the Organisation hereby  
established shall be the Member States of ECO-  
WAS which constituted the former WAHC and  
OCCGE plus Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Cape  
Verde.

4. The West African Health Organisation shall  
be a specialised Institution of the Economic Com-  
munity of West African States (ECOWAS).

## ARTICLE III

### OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

1. The objectives of West African Health Organisation (hereinafter called "the Health Organisation") shall be the attainment of the highest possible standard and protection of health of the peoples in the sub-region through the harmonisation of the policies of Member States, pooling of resources, cooperation with one another and with others for a collective and strategic combat against the health problems of the sub-region.

2. In order to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1 of this Article, the functions of the health Organisation shall be:

- (a) to study and promote research on the major endemic diseases of the sub-region and undertake activities aimed at eradicating or controlling them;
- (b) to promote the training of post graduate health professionals and where necessary sponsor the training of undergraduates as well;
- (c) to serve as a forum for collecting and disseminating technical, epidemiological, research, training and other types of relevant health information among Member States;
- (d) to assist in the setting up of technical information centres in the Member States;
- (e) to promote and harmonise the establishment of the production of vaccines, manufacture of drugs, and quality control laboratories in the sub-region;
- (f) to encourage cooperation in combating and eradicating drug abuse and drug dependence in the sub-region;
- (g) to promote exchange of manpower and health technology among Member States;
- (h) to advise Member States on the health aspects of all development projects, if requested;
- (i) to assist in strengthening the Health Services and infrastructure of Member States where necessary
- (j) to give active support to Member States in solving health problems in times of natural disasters or emergencies;
- (k) to collaborate with international, regional and sub-regional organisations with a view to solving health problems in the sub-region;
- (l) to promote cooperation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of health;
- (m) to propose conventions, agreements and regulations and make recommendations with respect to sub-regional health matters and to perform such duties as may be assigned thereby to the Organisation and are consistent with its objectives;
- (n) generally to take all necessary action to attain the objectives of the Health Organisation.

## ARTICLE IV

### ORGANS OF THE HEALTH ORGANISATION

The functions of the Health Organisation shall

be carried out by:

- (a) The Assembly of Ministers of Health
- (b) The Committee of Experts
- (c) General Directorate

## ARTICLE V

### THE ASSEMBLY OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH

#### Establishment and Composition

1. There is hereby established the Assembly of Ministers of Health (hereinafter called "the Assembly").

2. The Assembly shall be composed of the Ministers of Health in the Governments of the Member States.

3. The Assembly shall meet in ordinary session once a year and such meeting shall precede the annual meeting of the Authority.

4. Extraordinary meetings of the Assembly may be convened if the Assembly so determines or if requested by a simple majority of the Member States.

5. The Assembly shall elect its Chairman from among its members in rotation according to an order to be determined by the Assembly.

6. The Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedures.

7. The ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the Assembly shall be held at the Headquarters of the Health Organisation or at such other place as may be determined by the Assembly.

8. The presence of all Ministers of Health or their duly accredited representatives is obligatory at all meetings of the Assembly.

9. The Decisions of the Assembly shall be by consensus.

## ARTICLE VI

### FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Assembly shall be:

- (a) to determine the general policies of the Health Organisation;
- (b) to approve the programme of work of the Health Organisation;
- (c) to consider and adopt the budget of the Health Organisation and make recommendations to the Council for its approval;
- (d) to consider and approve the audited account for the past year submitted to it by the Director-General through the Committee of Experts;
- (e) to decide on matters submitted to it by the Director-General through the Committee of Experts and any such other committees that the Assembly may establish;
- (f) to monitor technical projects and achievements;
- (g) to approve the annual report submitted to it by the Director-General on the activities of the Health Organisation during the previous year;

- (h) to determine from time to time the composition of the Committee of Experts;
- (i) to recommend to the Council the Candidate to be appointed the Director-General of the Health Organisation;
- (j) to establish such technical Committees as it may consider desirable for the work of the Health Organisation;
- (k) to consider directives or recommendations bearing on health made by the Authority and report to it the steps taken by the Health Organisation to give effect to such directives or recommendations;
- (l) to approve the staff regulations of the Health Organisation;
- (m) to take any other appropriate decisions as may promote or further the attainment of the objectives of the Health Organisation.

#### ARTICLE VII

The Assembly shall make recommendations to Member States with respect to any matter within the competence of the Health Organisation.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

##### Establishment, Composition and Functions

1. There is hereby established the Committee of Experts of the Health Organisation.
2. The Committee shall consist of one health Expert from each Member State assisted by advisers as may be necessary.
3. The Committee shall assist the Assembly in the principal areas of activities of the Health Organisation and make appropriate recommendations to it.
4. The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Assembly.
5. The Committee shall meet in ordinary session once a year.
6. The Committee shall meet in extraordinary session when necessary.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF THE HEALTH ORGANISATION

1. There shall be established a General Directorate of the Health Organisation which shall be headed by a Director-General who holds a medical degree and possesses post-graduate qualification with adequate and relevant experience.
2. The Director General shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Assembly to serve in such office for a term of four years and may be re-appointed for another term of four years only.
3. The Director-General shall be the chief technical, administrative and financial officer of the Health Organisation.
4. The Director-General shall be assisted by a Deputy Director-General who holds a medical de-

gree and possesses a post-graduate qualification with adequate and relevant experience. He shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Assembly.

5. The Director-General shall be the ex-official Secretary of the Assembly, of all Committees of the Health Organisation and of conferences convened by it. He may delegate these functions.

6. The Director-General shall prepare each year the programme of work and the budget estimates of the Health Organisation.

7. The Director-General shall be responsible for carrying out the directives, decisions and instructions of the Assembly, the Council and the Authority which have a bearing on health.

8. The Director-General shall appoint the officials and other staff of the Health Organisation in accordance with the staff regulations established by the Assembly.

9. In appointing officers to offices in the Health Organisation, due regard shall be had, subject to the paramount importance of securing the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence, to the desirability of maintaining an equitable distribution of appointments to such posts among the citizens of the Member States.

10. The conditions of service of the staff of the Health Organisation shall conform as far as possible with those of other institutions of the Community.

11. The responsibilities of the Director-General and other officials and staff of the Health Organisation shall be exclusively international in character and in the discharge of their duties shall not seek or receive instructions from any Government or from any authority external to the Community. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials. Each Member State of the Community on its part undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the Director-General and other officials of the Health Organisation and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their duties.

12. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Treaty, the Director-General shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Health Organisation.

#### ARTICLE X

##### THE TECHNICAL AND SPECIALISED DIVISIONS OF THE HEALTH ORGANISATION

1. There shall be established technical and specialised Division in the General Directorate of the Health Organisation including:
  - (i) Division of Health Manpower Development
  - (ii) Division of Health Research and Disease Control
  - (iii) Division of Technical Assistance
  - (iv) Division of Health Management and Information
2. The Assembly may establish other Divisions as it deems necessary.
3. These Divisions shall respectively be under

the authority of the Director-General. They shall ensure the coordination of activities and the results obtained from different operational units under which shall be constituted respectively of the institutes, the centre and the Antennae of the former OCCGE and the specialised agencies of the former West African Health Community (WAHCL).

4. The operational units shall be responsible for effecting activities and the task corresponding to the different functions which will ensure the attainment of the stated objectives of the Health Organisation.

## ARTICLE XI

### HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Health Organisation shall be determined by the Authority.

## ARTICLE XII

### BUDGET

1. There shall be established a budget for the Health Organisation.

2. It is hereby created an Administration and Finance Committee of the Health Organisation. The Administration and Finance Committee shall consider the budget and submit to the Health Assembly who shall, after review, adopt the budget and submit the same to the Council for approval.

3. Resources of the budget shall be derived from annual contributions by Member States and such other sources as may be approved by the Council.

4. The formula for contribution by each Member State and the regulation laid down for the payment of contributions are due from Member States as provided for in Articles 2 and 3 of the Protocol Relating to the contributions by Member States to the Budget of the Community shall apply to the budget of the Health Organisation.

## ARTICLE XIII

### FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Health Organisation shall adopt the financial regulations approved by the Council and used in other Institutions of the Community.

## ARTICLE XIV

Upon the coming into force of this Protocol in accordance with its provisions the Health Organisation shall take over the respective assets and liabilities of the former OCCGE and West African Health Community (WAHC).

## ARTICLE XV

### RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES

1. The Health Organisation shall establish re-

lations and cooperate closely with such other international Organisations as may be desirable. Any formal agreement entered into with such Organisations shall be subject to approval by the Assembly.

2. Where the competent authorities of an international Organisation or Agency are desirous of vesting the Health Organisation with the undertaking of certain activities on their behalf, the Director-General may subject to the approval of the Assembly, enter into a mutually agreed arrangement for this purpose.

## ARTICLE XVI

### STATUS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Health Organisation, as an international Organisation, shall enjoy legal personality.

2. The Health Organisation shall have in the territory of each Member State:

- (a) the legal capacity required for the performance of its functions under this Protocol;
- (b) power to acquire, hold or dispose of movable or immovable property.

3. In the exercise of its legal personality under this Article, the Health Organisation shall be represented by the Director-General.

4. The Member States of the Community shall grant in their territories such privileges and immunities to the officials and property of the Health Organisation as is consistent with the normal practice of international organisations.

## ARTICLE XVII

### AMENDMENTS

1. Any Member State may submit proposals for the amendment or revision of this Protocol.

2. Any such proposals shall be submitted to the Director-General who shall communicate them to other Member States not later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of such proposals. Amendments or revisions shall be considered by the Authority after Member States have been given thirty (30) days written notice thereof.

## ARTICLE XVIII

### ENTRY INTO FORCE

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

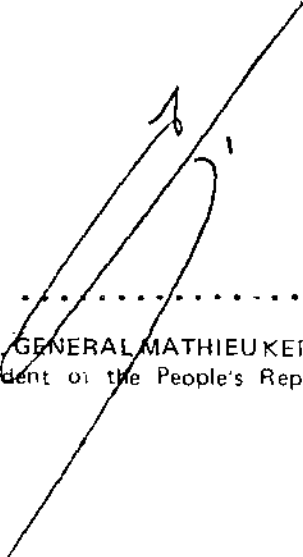
2. This Protocol and all the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Executive Secretariat which shall transmit certified true copies of this Protocol to all Member States informing them of dates on which instruments of Ratification have been deposited. This Protocol shall be registered with the Organisation of African

Unity, the United Nations Organisation and such Organisations as the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS shall determine.

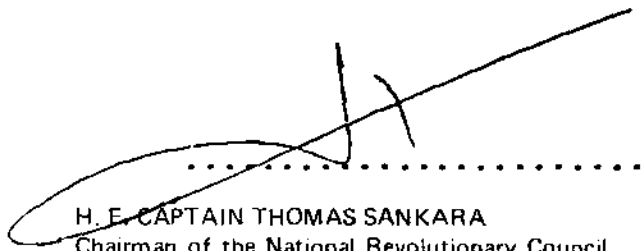
3. This Protocol shall be annexed to and shall form an integral part of the Treaty.

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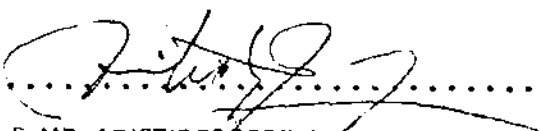
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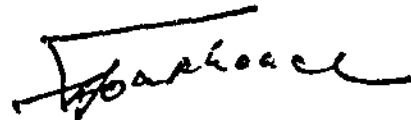
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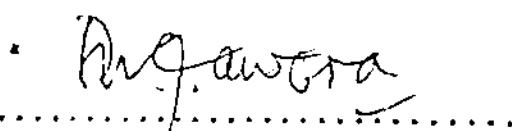
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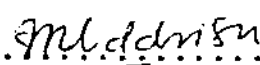
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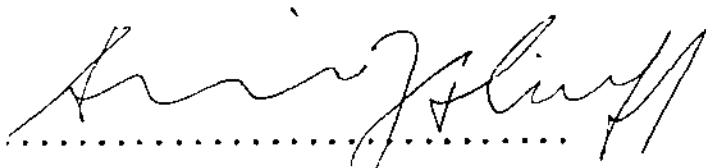
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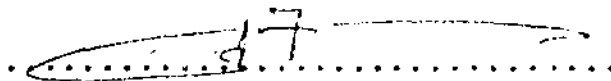
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H. E. GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA  
President of the TOGOLESE Republic

## 2. DECISIONS

### a. OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

#### DECISION A/DEC.1/7/87 RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS TO 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 Decision A/DEC.1/7/86 of the Authority relating to the appointment of the firm of HAIBA and Company as External Auditors to the Community;
- CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.1/7/87 of the Council of Ministers meeting in ABUJA from 3 to 6 July 1987;

#### DECIDES

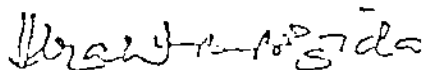
##### Article 1

The mandate of the firm of HAIBA and Company as External Auditors to the Economic Community of West African States is hereby renewed for a period of two (2) years with effect from 1st January, 1987.

##### Article 2

This decision shall take effect 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 9 DAY OF JULY 1987



H. E MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM  
BAOAMASI BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

#### DECISION A/OEC.2/7/87 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AN ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

##### THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 2(h) of the Treaty setting out the objectives of the Community.

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 30 May 1983 relating to the proposal to establish a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone.

RECOGNISING the need for monetary cooperation in order to achieve the ECOWAS objectives of integration and promotion of increased intra-regional trade and payments transactions between Member States;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES.2/7/87 of the Council of Ministers dated 6 July 1987 on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

#### DECIDES

##### Article 1

A Monetary Cooperation Programme of the Economic Community of West African States is hereby adopted as contained in the appendix to this decision.

##### Article 2

This Programme which shall involve the adoption of collective measures for the purpose of setting up a harmonised monetary system and common management institutions shall aim at the achievement of the objectives of monetary cooperation through a phased approach.

##### Article 3

Member States of ECOWAS shall, individually and collectively, take all the measures required for the implementation of the Monetary Cooperation Programme as defined in Article 1 above.

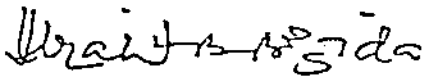
**Article 4**

The Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS, in collaboration with the Committee of Governors of the Central Banks of Member States of the Community, shall be responsible for the coordination of the implementation of this Programme with a view to gradually solving the problems encountered and reporting on them to the competent authorities of the Community.

**Article 5**

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 9 DAY OF JULY, 1987



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI  
BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

## ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

**INTRODUCTION**

An ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme involves the adoption of collective policy measures designed to achieve a harmonised monetary system and common management institutions. The programme envisages the adoption of a phased approach to monetary cooperation towards the achievement of the following objectives:

**1. SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES**

- Improvement and strengthening of the WACH mechanism to facilitate increased intra-regional trade and payments transactions through greater use of national currencies.

**2. MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES**

- (a) Achievement of limited convertibility;
- (b) The creation of a Single Monetary Zone which will have the following features:
  - a common monetary authority
  - the issue of a common convertible currency
  - the pooling and management of all reserves
  - the formulation of a common policy on short-term external liabilities arising from trade and balance of payments financing. The policy on management of medium and long-term debt will however, be the responsibility of each Member State.
  - the adoption of a common monetary policy

- an agreement on convertibility guarantee.

**3. POLICY MEASURES TO ACHIEVE SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES**

- (i) The establishment of a forum at the level of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks to undertake, within a period of six months, with effect from the date of signature of the decision by the Authority, negotiations between debtor and creditor banks aimed at settling all delayed settlements through WACH.
- (ii) The extension of the range of eligible products and transactions to be channelled through the WACH mechanism. All Member States shall take necessary steps to ensure implementation of this measure.
- (iii) The establishment of a viable unit at the level of WACH Secretariat and the strengthening and revitalising of the unit at the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat in order to compile and disseminate information pertaining to intra-regional tradeable goods and services.
- (iv) The introduction of a credit and guarantee fund mechanism in WACH, after the completion of the detailed studies with the following terms of reference:
  1. The purposes for which the fund may be employed.
  2. The determination of the size of the credit fund
  3. Methods and formulae for the mobilisation of the credit fund and for its replenishment.
  4. The rules pertaining to access to the fund including the financial terms and conditions of borrowing and repayment, and borrowing limits.
  5. The conditions for the use of the resources of the credit fund and forms of sanctions for non-payment.

- (v) The settlement obligations which underline an efficient clearing system should be strictly adhered to and measures should be taken under which settlements are made promptly.

**4. POLICY MEASURES TO ACHIEVE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES**

1. The commitment by Member States to collectively implement necessary adjustment measures specified in the Monetary Zone Report, namely:
  - (i) The total liberalisation of eligible products in intra - ECOWAS trade in accordance with the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme and the removal of all licensing and exchange control restrictions including administrative and non-tariff barriers on factors of production.
  - (ii) Adjustment in exchange rates designed to align and harmonise exchange rates to im-



prove the balance of payments position and enhance the level of international reserves in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Report during the agreed transitional period of five (5) years, 1988 – 1992.

- (iii) Adjustment in fiscal policies and domestic credit to the private sector designed to ensure monetary stability and the achievement of sustained economic growth by the adoption of a uniform policy on Central Bank and Commercial Bank credit to Government in any one year not in excess of an indicative ceiling of 20% of the previous year's fiscal revenues, subject to charging domestic and external economic conditions of Member States.
2. The adoption of a transitional period of five years covering the period 1988 to 1992 for completing the adjustments mentioned in 4.1(ii) - (iii) above by Member States and undertaking all necessary preparatory measures during this period.
  3. Close coordination between countries on the design and implementation of their national macro-economic policies.
  4. The setting up of an interim coordinating Committee comprising representatives of all the Central Banks, Ministries of Finance/National Treasuries and the Executive Secretariat, to undertake the necessary follow-up action on details of programme of implementation; to monitor and review progress in implementation and undertake relevant preparatory measures envisaged during the transitional period including adjustments in legal frameworks. The Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS in collaboration with the Committee of Governors of Central Banks is entrusted with the responsibility of setting up and coordinating the work of the Committee.

ABUJA, JULY 1987

**DECISION A/DEC.3/7/87 ON THE GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF SPECIALISED INSTITUTION OF ECOWAS TO THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)**

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

- MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;
- CONSIDERING Recommendation A/REC. 1/5/83 of the Authority on the mobilisation of the various social classes in the integration process;
- CONVINCED of the important role which the Women's Association is capable of playing in the development process in Member States;
- CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.5/7/87 of the Council of Ministers Meeting in ABUJA

from 3 to 6 July 1987;

**DECIDES**

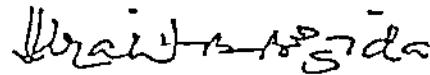
**Article 1**

The status of specialised institution of ECOWAS is hereby granted to the West African Women's Association (WAWA).

**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 9 DAY OF JULY 1987



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM  
BADAMASI BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

**DECISION A/DEC 4/7/87 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES OF THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)**

**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 on the mobilisation of the various social classes in the integration process;
- CONSCIOUS of the need to involve our peoples in the building of the Community, particularly in assuring, at sub-regional level the integration and participation of women in economic and social development endeavours;
- CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES.4/7/87 of the Council of Ministers Meeting in Abuja from 3 to 6 July 1987;

**DECIDES**

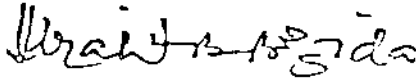
**Article 1**

That the Statutes of the West African Women's Association (WAWA) as contained in the appendix to this Decision are 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 9 DAY OF JULY  
1987



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM  
BADAMASI BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
(W.A.W.A)

## STATUTES

### CHAPTER I

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### Article 1

There is hereby established between the women's organisation of the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) a West African Women's Association (W.A.W.A.) hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

##### Article 2

The Headquarters of the Association shall be situated at and may be transferred to any other site within the sub-region with the consent of the future host country and at the request of 2/3 of the members.

##### Article 3

The women's organisation of each ECOWAS Member State shall be represented within the Association by a member delegate entitled to a single vote.

##### Article 4

The objectives of the Association are:

- a) to contribute to the achievement of unity within the sub-region for the effective integration of ECOWAS Member States in order to contribute fully to the process of liberating the creating potential of each individual;
- b) to mobilise and involve women of the sub-region in the Community-building process;
- c) to initiate Community projects in priority sectors inter alia agricultural development, trade water supply schemes, desertification control, health and education;
- d) to participate fully in the establishment of a new economic order taking into account the aspirations of the peoples of the sub-region and to benefit from such an order;
- e) to urge and encourage by all possible means private initiative on the part of women, through, among other things, access to credit for women and the impro-

- f) vement of distribution channels;
- f) to foster sub-regional cooperation with a view to speeding up the economic, social and cultural integration of ECOWAS in order to secure a better future of the peoples of the sub-region;
- g) to organise colloquia and seminars on topics of interest to the sub-region, aimed at improving living conditions in all sectors capable of enhancing the overall development and welfare of mankind;
- h) to initiate and develop research programmes on living and working conditions of women and to urge Member States of ECOWAS to accord greater attention and a more effective support to the implementation to such programmes;
- i) to promote exchange of experiences between Member States of ECOWAS;
- j) to cooperate, in the interests of the sub-region, with all similar or international organisations likely to help it attain the above-mentioned objectives.

##### Article 5

The working languages of the Association shall be such African languages declared official by ECOWAS and English and French.

##### Article 6

The Association shall be a specialised Institution of ECOWAS.

### CHAPTER II

#### STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

##### Article 7

The organs of the Association shall be:

- the General Assembly
- the bureau

#### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

##### Article 8

The General Assembly shall be the supreme organ of the Association. It shall be composed of National officers of Women's organisation of each Member State of ECOWAS. It shall meet once every two years and may be convened in an extraordinary session by the Bureau or at the request of 2/3 of the member Associations. All member Associations shall receive notification of an extraordinary session of the General Assembly at least one month before such a session.

##### Article 9

The General Assembly shall:

- define the general policy of the Association and draw up programmes of activity;
- select the Headquarters of the Association;
- adopt and amend the statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the Association;
- elect the Bureau;
- adopt the budget of the Association;
- approve the accounts of the Association;
- determine the venue of its meetings in

consultation with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

#### Article 10

Members of international organisations responsible for women's affairs resident in the sub-region, as well as experts from other organisations may be invited to meetings of the Association.

#### Article 11

The Association may be informed of any problems concerning the activities of women in the sub-region and may adopt any recommendations in conformity with the spirit and objectives of the Economic Community of West African States.

#### Article 12

The General Assembly shall appoint as Chairperson for a non renewable two-year term the national official of the host country and shall elect the other members of the Bureau.

#### Article 13

Decisions of the Association shall be taken by consensus. In case of a vote, a simple majority shall be required.

### THE BUREAU

#### Article 14

The Bureau of the Association shall be made up of Five members:

- the Chairperson
- 1st Vice-Chairperson
- 2nd Vice-Chairperson
- the Secretary General
- the Treasurer

The Bureau shall be elected by the General Assembly. Two External Auditors shall be elected from within the General Assembly and shall submit a report before each General Assembly responsible for renewing the Bureau. The External Auditors shall be nationals of two countries which shall not be the countries of the other members of the Bureau.

#### Article 15

The Bureau shall:

- meet twice a year and when necessary at the invitation of the Chairperson;
- make preparations for meetings of the Association in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of the Community;
- implement the directives of the General Assembly;
- represent the Association within the technical and specialised commissions of ECOWAS;
- maintain contact between the General Assembly and other African and International Institutions pursuing the same objectives.

#### Article 16

The Chairperson shall be the legal representative of the Association, which she shall represent at all national and International Institutions,

and shall act in close collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS.

#### Article 17

The Secretary General shall be responsible for administrative matters of the Association and for any other activities which may be entrusted to her by the Chairperson of the Association.

#### Article 18

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial management of the Association and shall make payments on the instructions of the Chairperson.

### CHAPTER III

#### BUCKET

#### Article 19

The resources of the Association shall consist of:

- annual contributions from member Associations;
- revenues generated from activities initiated by the Association;
- grants from ECOWAS or from any other subregional and International Organisations;
- donations and legacies.

The Chairperson shall be responsible for giving instructions on the administration of the budget.

#### Article 20

The amount of the annual contributions shall be determined by the General Assembly and shall be paid up by 31 December of each year at the latest.

#### Article 21

The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1st January and end on 31st December.

### CHAPTER IV

#### SPECIAL CLAUSES

#### Article 22

Any national member of the Association which does not pay up its contributions for a period of two years shall be suspended from the activities of the Association.

#### Article 23

Any member Association may submit proposals for the amendment or revisions of these statutes.

Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Association at least six months before the meeting of the General Assembly.

#### Article 24

The Rules of Procedure shall give specific details of all the provisions contained in these statutes.

#### Article 25

The Association shall be constituted for an

unlimited period.

#### Article 26

In case of dissolution of the Association, its movable and immovable assets shall be handed over to ECOWAS.

#### Article 27

The emblem of the Association shall be selected by the General Assembly after consultation with ECOWAS.

### ENTRY INTO FORCE

#### Article 28

These statutes shall enter into force upon adoption.

### DECISION A/DEC.5/7/87 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

#### 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 Decision A/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority relating to the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions;

- MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.6/11/82 of the Council of Ministers relating to the procedure for the construction of Headquarters of Community Institutions;
- CONSIDERING Resolution C/RES. 6/7/87 of the Council of Ministers Session held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July 1987;

### DECIDES

#### Article 1

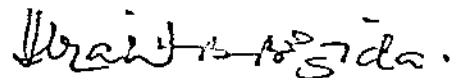
- (i) The total cost of construction works for the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat including Architects' fees and other charges shall not exceed a ceiling of five billion (5,000,000,000) FCFA.
- (ii) The Federal Republic of Nigeria undertakes to pay the difference between the cost at which the contract of construction was awarded i.e. 5,298,214,866 CFAF (five billion, two hundred and ninety-eight million, two hundred and fourteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-six CFAF and the ceiling of 5,000,000,000 FCFA (five billion FCFA) set by ECOWAS.
- (iii) The cost of furnishing the Headquarters, i.e five billion CFAF, is not included in this amount.

- (iv) Sixty (60) per cent of the five billion FCFA ceiling shall be financed from the ECOWAS Funds own resources while forty (40) per cent shall be shared amongst Member States in accordance with the coefficient for payment of contributions as stipulated in Article 5 of the Protocol relating to the Fund.

#### 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 9 DAY OF JULY 1987



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM  
BADAMASI BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

### DECISION A/DEC 6/7/87 RELATING TO THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE CALLED-UP CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS FUND

#### THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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

CONSCIOUS of Article 7 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Fund which empowers the Board to periodically review the adequacy of the resources of the Fund and propose for the approval of the Council of Ministers and increase in the contributions to be paid by Member States;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 21st Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July, 1987;

### DECIDES

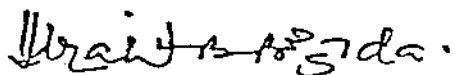
#### Article 1

The second tranche of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund, that is US \$50,000,000 (fifty million United States Dollars) is hereby declared due for payment.

#### 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 9TH DAY OF JULY 1987



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM  
BADAMASI BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

**DECISION A/DEC.7/7/87 RELATING TO THE  
CONFIRMATION OF THE CAPITAL STRUC-  
TURE OF THE ECOWAS FUND**

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

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

CONSCIOUS of the important role the ECOWAS Fund has to play in the mobilisation of resources necessary for the implementation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 21st Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July, 1987;

**DECIDES :**

**Article 1**

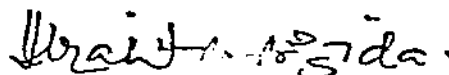
The capital structure of the ECOWAS Fund is hereby confirmed to be as follows :

- authorised capital : \$500,000,000 (five hundred million United States Dollars)
- called-up capital : \$100,000,000 (one hundred million United States Dollars)
- capital due for payment (first tranche) : \$50,000,000 (fifty million United States Dollars)
- callable capital : \$400,000,000 (four hundred million United States Dollars)

**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 9TH DAY OF JULY  
1987**



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM  
BADAMASI BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

**b. OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**DECISION A/DEC.8/7/87 RELATING TO THE  
REMAINING PART OF THE AUTHORISED  
CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS FUND**

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

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

CONSCIOUS of the need for the ECOWAS Fund to mobilise resources in the international financial markets;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 21st Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 3 to 6 July 1987;

**DECIDES**

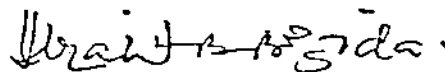
**Article 1**

The remaining part of the Fund's authorised capital amounting to US \$400,000,000 (four hundred million United States Dollars) is hereby declared callable.

**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 9TH DAY OF JULY  
1987**



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI  
BABANGIDA  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

## b. OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**DECISION C/DEC. 1/7/87 RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF MEMBER STATES CONTRIBUTIONS****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 5 of the Protocol on Member States contributions to the ECOWAS budget;

**CONSIDERING** the increasing amount of arrears of contribution owed by Member States and the detrimental effect this situation has on the functioning of Community Institutions;

**HAVING** considered the report of Finance Experts meeting in Abuja from 22 to 27 June 1987;

**DECIDES****Article 1**

i) Contributions to the budget of Community institutions shall be expressed in Special Drawing Right (SDR) of the International Monetary Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the Protocol on Member States' contributions to ECOWAS budgets.

ii) The exchange rate for currencies used in the payment of contribution shall be the rate applicable on the 1st of January of the Financial Year in which such contribution falls due.

**Article 2**

The conversion rate applicable for payment of arrears of contributions by Member States shall be the highest applicable rate between the due date and payment date.

**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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987**



**HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN**

**FOR THE COUNCIL**

**DECISION C/DEC. 2/7/87 APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS FOR THE 1985 BUDGET YEAR****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 Recommendation of the Committee of Finance Experts on the approval of the Accounts and Financial Statements of the Community Institutions for the 1985 Budget year;

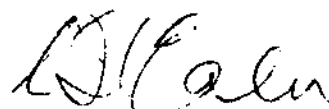
**DECIDES****Article 1**

The accounts of the Community Institutions (the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund) and their consolidated accounts for the 1985 budget year, are 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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987**



**HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN**

**FOR THE COUNCIL**

**DECISION C/DEC. 3/7/87 GOVERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE IN FORCE WITHIN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS****THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of the Staff Regulations of the Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Decision C/DEC. 2/6/86 of the Council of Ministers dated 20th June 1986, establishing the Statutes governing the organisation of the Community Computer Centre, and particularly of Article 3 of this Decision;

**AWARE** of the high technical competence required of the Computer Experts necessary for the take-off of the Community Computer Centre (CCC);

## DECIDES

**Article 1**

Exceptionally, recruitment to fill the posts of Computer Experts needed for the take-off of the Community Computer Centre (CCC) as stipulated in the specifications shall not be subject to the quota system.

The vacant post should be widely advertised in all Member States and recruitment based on free competition in order to attract the best Computer Experts 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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

DECISION C/DEC. 4/7/87 RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COMPONENTS MAKING UP THE EX-FACTORY PRICE OF A FINISHED PRODUCT BEFORE TAX, AND THE VALUE ADDED

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THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

MINDFUL of Article 1 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP2/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 29th May 1979, amending Article 2-1(c) of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of Products originating from ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Article 1 of Decision A/DEC. 9/5/79 dated 29th May 1979, amending the last paragraph of Article 1 in the French text of the Protocol on the Concept of Products originating from Member States; and the definition of the Concept of "Value added";

MINDFUL of Article 2 of Decision A/DEC. 10/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 29th May 1979, mandating the Council of Ministers to assess the components making up the ex-factory price of a finished product before tax and those of value added;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission adopted at its 18th Meeting held in Lagos from 2 to 4 June 1987;

## DECIDES

**Article 1**

The components making up the ex-factory price of a finished product before tax are the following:

- raw material inputs of Community or foreign origin,
- other inputs of Community or foreign origin,
- none recoverable packing material of Community or foreign origin,
- wages and salaries
- duties and taxes,
- works supplies and external services,
- transport and travel,
- miscellaneous management charges,
- financial charges,
- depreciation charges,

Excluded from the determination of ex-factory price before tax are:

- tax on profit
- value added tax
- tax and turnover

**Article 2**

Value added is the difference between the ex-factory price before tax of a finished product, including subsidies, and the CIF value of the raw material of Community origin or imported from third countries and used in the production.

**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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
THE CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

DECISION C/DEC. 5/7/87 RELATING TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) AND THE ECOWAS FUND

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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 recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to 2nd July, 1987;

## DECIDES

## Article 1

The Managing director of the Fund is authorised to finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the African Development Bank (ADB);

## 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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

DECISION C/DEC 6/7/87 RELATING TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY FOR INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (SIFIDA) AND THE ECOWAS FUND

## THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to 2nd July, 1987;

## DECIDES

## Article 1

The Managing Director of the Fund is authorised to finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the International Finance Company for Investment and Development in Africa (SIFIDA).

## Article 2

The 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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

DECISION C/DEC. 7/7/87 RELATING TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) AND THE ECOWAS FUND

## THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to 2nd July, 1987 ;

## DECIDES

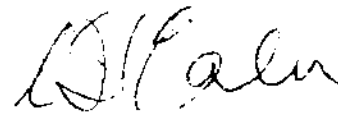
## Article 1

The Managing Director of the Fund is authorised to finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

## 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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

DECISION C/OEC 8/7/87 RELATING TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) AND THE ECOWAS FUND

## THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30 June to 2 July, 1987,

## DECIDES

## Article 1

The Managing Director of the Fund is authorised to finalise and sign a cooperation agreement with the International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD).

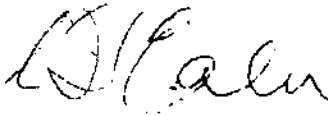
## Article 2

This decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Jour-



nal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member state.

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**DECISION C/DEC. 9/7/87 RELATING TO THE STUDY ON ENHANCING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE ECOWAS FUND**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30th June to 2nd July 1987;

**DECIDES**

**Article 1**

The Management of the Fund is authorised to conduct an in-depth study into the possibility of enhancing the Financial resources of the Fund.

**Article 2**

This study should:-

- Consider the present structure of the Fund, its resources, commitments, in respect of the various programmes of the Community and its operational procedures taking into account the level of development in the Community
- Analyse in detail the various options for enhancing the resources of the Fund with particular emphasis on the following:-

- i) financing from the internal resources of the Community;
  - ii) the transformation of its capital into shares;
  - iii) the opening up of its share capital to Institutions and non-Member States of ECOWAS;
- Determine all the possible consequences of the options retained with particular emphasis on the following points:-
- i) the objective and role of the Fund as set out in the Treaty establishing ECOWAS and the Protocol relating to the Fund;
  - ii) the present financial structure, organisation, manpower resources of the Fund

- iii) the relationship of the Fund with the Executive Secretariat and other Institutions of the Community;
  - iv) the size of the capital and resources to be mobilised;
  - v) the system of voting applicable and its effect on the current decision-making process in the Community;
  - vi) a system of share transfer rules.
- Make appropriate recommendations to the policy-making bodies of the Community and specify the implementation period for the options studied.

**Article 3**

The study should be submitted to the May 1988 Session of the Finance Experts committee. The Management of the Fund should launch an invitation to tender limited to Institutions and Member States of the Community and submit for approval to the current Chairman of the Council an estimated cost of the study to be conducted.

**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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**DECISION C/DEC. 10/7/87 RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE DEDUCTION OF 10% FROM SALARIES OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF ACCOMMODATED AT FESTAC TOWN**

**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 for the purpose of easing the burden of rental charges on the Community, the Government of the host country of the Headquarters has made available at FESTAC TOWN residential units for housing the professional staff of the Executive Secretariat;

CONSIDERING that while awaiting the determination of the conditions governing the allocation of houses, these residential units are occupied by the Executive Secretariat personnel free of cost to the Community;

DECIDES

Article 1

The deductions as contributions towards rent charges of 10% from the annual salaries of the professional staff residing in the houses made available to ECOWAS at FESTAC TOWN by the host government of the Community is hereby suspended with effect from the date of occupation by each such Official.

Article 2

The deductions made from the salaries of the Officials specified in Article 1 of this Decision in application of the provisions of Article 50 a(ii) of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations shall be refunded in full to the Officials concerned.

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 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

3. RESOLUTIONS

a. OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION A/RES. 1/7/87 RELATING TO ADOPTION OF A COMMON FRONT ON EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

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

CONCERNED over the increasing debt burden of the countries of the West African sub-region;

EXPRESSING anxiety over the sharp losses arising from the deteriorating terms of trade between the ECOWAS Member States and the industrialised countries;

NOTING the dwindling inflow of capital from the industrialised countries;

NOTING the insufficiency of compensatory resources for meeting the short fall in the export earnings of the countries of the sub-region;

STRESSING the linkage between the level of export earnings and the capacity to honour external debt obligations of the Member States;

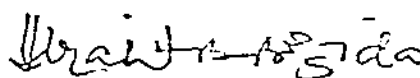
AWARE of the fundamental balance of payments disequilibrium facing the economy of the sub-region;

CONSCIOUS of the substantial import requirements for the implementation of the ongoing national economic recovery programme in the Member States;

THE AUTHORITY RESOLVES:

1. To adopt in the spirit of Abuja Statement, a common front in the Member States' approach to debt negotiation with industrialised countries, bearing in mind the principles enumerated in the Preamble above.
2. To request massive assistance to enable ECOWAS Member States implement their economic recovery programmes.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1987



H. E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI  
BABANGIDA

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY

b. OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION C/RES. 1/7/87 ON THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO 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;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 1/7/86 of the Authority relating to the appointment of the firm of HAIBA and Company as External Auditors to the Community.

CONSIDERING that the mandate of the External Auditor expired on 31 December 1986;

PROPOSES that the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

— approve and adopt the attached Decision on the renewal of the mandate of the firm of HAIBA

and Company as External Auditors to the Community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 2/7/87 ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ECOWAS MONETARY COOPERATION 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 C/DEC. 5/5/81 of the Council of Ministers on the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme dated 27 May 1981;

MINDFUL of Article 3, Decision C/DEC. 4/5/82 of the Council of Ministers dated 26 May, 1982 on the definition and nomenclature of non-tariff barriers;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 6/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 30 May, 1983 on proposals for the creation of a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone;

RECOGNISING the need for Monetary Cooperation in order to achieve the ECOWAS objective of integration as defined in Article 2 of the Treaty and promote increased intra-regional trade and payments transactions;

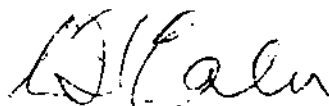
CONSIDERING the different studies already carried out on;

- measures for the improvement and strengthening of operations of the West African Clearing House;
- \* - limited convertibility of the currencies of the Sub-Region; and
- the creation of a single ECOWAS Monetary Zone;

UPON the recommendation of the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Finance, held in Abuja on 26 and 27 June and on 3 July, 1987,

Proposes that the Authority of Heads of State and Government approve and adopt the attached draft decision on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 3/7/87 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL ESTABLISHING THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION**

**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. 1/11/84 relating to the establishment of a single West African Health Organisation through the merger of the West African Health Community (WAHC) and the Organisation for Coordination and Cooperation in the control of Endemic Diseases (OCCGE) and to form a single organisation with the status of a specialised ECOWAS Institution;

CONSIDERING the Recommendation of the ECOWAS Ministers of Health meeting held in Lagos on 23 and 24 April 1987;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

- to approve and adopt the attached draft Protocol establishing the West African Health Organisation.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 4/7/87 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES OF THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

MINDFUL of Recommendation A/REC 1/5/83 on the mobilisation of the various social classes in the integration process;

CONSCIOUS of the need to involve our peoples in the building of the Community, particularly in assuring, at subregional level, the integration and participation of women in economic and social development endeavours;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the ECOWAS Ministers of Social Affairs meeting in DAKAR on 27 and 28 April 1987;

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

- to approve the Statutes of the West African Women's Association (WAWA) as contained in the annex attached to this Resolution.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU J. KALU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
(W.A.W.A.)

STATUTES

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

There is hereby established between the women's organisation of the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) a West African Women's Association (WAWA) hereinafter referred to as "the Association"

Article 2

The Headquarters of the Association shall be situated at . . . . . and may be transferred to any other site within the sub-region with the consent of the future host country and at the request of 2/3 of the members.

Article 3

The women's organisation of each ECOWAS Member State shall be represented within the Association by a 2 member delegate entitled to a single vote.

Article 4

The objectives of the Association are.

- a) to contribute to the achievement of unity

within the sub-region for the effective integration of ECOWAS Member States in order to contribute fully to the process of liberating the creating potential of each individual;

- b) to mobilise and involve women of the sub-region in the Community-building process;
- c) to initiate Community projects in priority sectors inter alia agricultural development, trade, water supply schemes, desertification control, health and education;
- d) to participate fully in the establishment of a new economic order taking into account the aspirations of the peoples of the sub-region and to benefit from such an order;
- e) to urge and encourage by all possible means private initiative on the part of women, through, among other things, access to credit for women and the improvement of distribution channels;
- f) to foster sub-regional cooperation with a view to speeding up the economic, social and cultural integration of ECOWAS in order to secure a better future of the peoples of the sub-region;
- g) to organise colloquia and seminars on topics of interest to the sub-region, aimed at improving living conditions in all sectors capable of enhancing the overall development and welfare of mankind;
- i) to initiate and develop research programmes on living and working conditions of women and to urge Member States of ECOWAS to accord greater attention and a more effective support to the implementation to such programmes;
- j) to promote exchange of experiences between Member States of ECOWAS;
- j) to cooperate, in the interests of the sub-region, with all similar or international organisations likely to help it attain the above-mentioned objectives.

Article 5

The working languages of the Association shall be such African languages declared official by ECOWAS and English and French.

Article 6

The Association shall be a specialised institution of ECOWAS.

CHAPTER II

STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Article 7

The organs of the Association shall be:

- the General Assembly
- the Bureau.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 8

The General Assembly shall be the supreme organ of the Association. It shall be composed of National officers of Women's organisation of each

Member State of ECOWAS. It shall meet once every two years and may be convened in an extraordinary session by the Bureau or at the request of 2/3 of the member Associations. All member Associations shall receive notification of an extraordinary session of the General Assembly at least one month before such a session.

#### Article 9

The General Assembly shall:

- define the general policy of the Association and draw up programmes of activity;
- select the Headquarters of the Association;
- adopt and amend the statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the Association;
- elect the Bureau)
- adopt the budget of the Association;
- determine the venue of its meeting in consultation with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

#### Article 10

Members of international organisations responsible for women's affairs resident in the sub-region, as well as experts from other organisations may be invited to meetings of the Association.

#### Article 11

The Association may be informed of any problems concerning the activities of women in the sub-region and may adopt any recommendations in conformity with the spirit and objectives of the Economic Community of West African States.

#### Article 12

The General Assembly shall appoint as Chairperson for a non renewable two-year term the national official of the host country and shall elect the other members of the Bureau.

#### Article 13

Decisions of the Association shall be taken by consensus. In case of a vote, a simple majority shall be required.

### THE BUREAU

#### Article 14

The Bureau of the Association shall be made up of five members:

- the Chairperson
- 1st Vice-Chairperson
- 2nd Vice-Chairperson
- the Secretary General
- the Treasurer

The Bureau shall be elected by the General Assembly. Two External Auditors shall be elected from within the General Assembly and shall submit a report before each General Assembly responsible for renewing the Bureau. The External Auditors shall be nationals of two countries which shall not be the countries of the other members of the Bureau.

#### Article 15

The Bureau shall:

- meet twice a year and when necessary at the

invitation of the Chairperson;

- make preparations for meetings of the Association in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of the Community;
- implement the directives of the General Assembly;
- represent the Association within the technical and specialised commissions of ECOWAS;
- maintain contact between the General Assembly and other African and International Institutions pursuing the same objectives.

#### Article 16

The Chairperson shall be the legal representative of the Association, which she shall represent at all national and international institutions, and shall act in close collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS.

#### Article 17

The Secretary General shall be responsible for administrative matters of the Association and for any other activities which may be entrusted to her by the Chairperson of the Association.

#### Article 18

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial management of the Association and shall make payments on the instructions of the Chairperson.

### CHAPTER III BUDGET

#### Article 19

The resources of the Association shall consist of:

- annual contributions from member Associations;
- revenues generated from activities initiated by the Association;
- grants from ECOWAS or from any other subregional and international organisations;
- donations and legacies.

The Chairperson shall be responsible for giving instructions on the administration of the budget.

#### Article 20

The amount of the annual contributions shall be determined by the General Assembly and shall be paid up by 31 December of each year at the latest.

#### Article 21

The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1st January and end on 31st December.

### CHAPTER IV

### SPECIAL CLAUSES

#### Article 22

Any national member of the Association which does not pay up its contributions for a period of

two years shall be suspended from the activities of the Association.

**Article 23**

Any member Association may submit proposals for the amendment or revisions of these statutes.

Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Association at least six months before the meeting of the General Assembly.

**Article 24**

The Rules of Procedure shall give specific details of all the provisions contained in these statutes.

**Article 25**

The Association shall be constituted for an unlimited period.

**Article 26**

In case of dissolution of the Association, its movable and immovable assets shall be handed over to ECOWAS.

**Article 27**

The emblem of the Association shall be selected by the General Assembly after consultation with ECOWAS

**ENTRY INTO FORCE**

**Article 28**

These statutes shall enter into force upon adoption.

**RESOLUTION C/RES.5/7/87 ON THE GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF SPECIALISED INSTITUTION OF ECOWAS TO THE WEST AFRICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (WAWA)**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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

CONSIDERING Recommendation A/RFC.1/5/83 of the Authority on the mobilisation of the various social classes in the integration process.

CONVINCED of the important role of motivator which the Women's Association is capable of playing in the development process in Member States.

PROPOSES that the Authority of Heads of State and Government,

- approve and adopt the attached decision on the granting of the status of specialised institution of ECOWAS to the West African Women's Association, (WAWA).

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 6/7/87 ON THE FINANCING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.17/5/82 of the Authority relating to the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions,

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

PROPOSES to the Authority of Heads of State and Government the adoption of the attached draft Decision on the financing of the construction of the Headquarters of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 7/7/87 RELATING TO THE REMAINING PART OF THE AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS FUND,**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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

CONSCIOUS of Article 17 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Fund which empowers the Board to periodically review the adequacy


of the resources of the Fund and propose for the approval of the Council of Ministers an increase in the contributions to be paid by Member States:

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30 June to 2 July 1987;

**HEREBY RESOLVES**

TO RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to declare callable the remaining part of the Fund's authorised capital amounting to U.S. \$400,000,000 (four hundred million United States Dollars).

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES.8/7/87 RELATING TO THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE CALLED-UP CAPITAL OF THE ECOWAS FUND.**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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

CONSCIOUS of Article 7 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Fund which empowers the Board to periodically review the adequacy of the resources of the Fund and propose for the approval of the Council of Ministers an increase in the contributions to be paid by member States;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30 June to 2 July, 1987.

**HEREBY RESOLVES**

TO RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to call in for payment the second tranche of the called-up capital of the ECOWAS Fund, that is US \$50,000,000 (fifty million United States Dollars).

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/RES. 9/7/87 RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE DECISION ON THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE ECOWAS FUND**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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

CONSCIOUS of the important role the ECOWAS Fund has to play in the mobilisation of resources necessary for the implementation of the ECOWAS Economic Recovery Programme;

CONSIDERING the recommendations of the 19th Session of the Board of Directors of the ECOWAS Fund held in Abuja from 30 June to 2 July, 1987;

**DECIDES**

TO RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to confirm its decision setting up the capital structure of the ECOWAS Fund as follows:

- authorised capital : \$500,000,000 (five hundred million United States Dollars)
- called-up capital : \$100,000,000 (one hundred million United States Dollars)
- capital due for payment (first tranche) : \$50,000,000 (fifty million United States Dollars)
- callable capital : \$400,000,000 (four hundred million United States Dollars)

DONE AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY 1987



HON. DR. KALU I. KALU  
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL