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ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF

HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

ABUJA, 28-29 AUGUST, 1997

RESOLUTION A/RES. 1/8/97 ON THE

URGENT APPLICATION

OF THE COMMUNITY LEVY



THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:

Considering that all measures taken to prevail upon Member States to meet their financial obligations to the Community have not proved successful:

Considering the provisions of Protocol A/P 1/7/96 on conditions governing application of the Community levy:

Recalling its appeal made on 27 July 1996 to ratify the protocol on the Community levy before 31 December 1996 and to implement its provisions as from 1 January 1997:

Noting that, as at 30 June 1997, no instrument of ratification had been deposited with the Executive Secretariat in respect of the Protocol;

Considering that the absence of self-generated funds poses a serious obstacle to the functioning of the Community institutions and retards the regional integration process:

Considering Recommendation C/REC.7/8/97 of the forty-first session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23 to 26 August, 1997.

Reaffirming its commitment to pursue the goals of integration of Member States within a viable regional community.

Calls on Member States to commence effective implementation as from 1 January 1998 to the Protocol A/P 1/7/96 on the Community Levy.

Further Calls on Member States to take appropriate administrative and legal measures immediately to ensure effective application of the Community levy on the above-mentioned date and, consequently, to include the Community levy in their finance acts as from the 1998 fiscal year.

Mandates the current Chairman of the Authority to pay particular attention and monitor the implementation of this Resolution.

Directs the Executive Secretary to report on the difficulties encountered to the Chairman of the Authority who shall consult his peers to find appropriate solution.

Done at Abuja, this 29th Day of August, 1997.

H. E. GENERAL SANI ABACHA
Chairman for the Authority

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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THE NATIONAL WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

It is hereby certified that a National Weekly Lotto Draw was held on Friday, 27th March 1999 in accordance with the provisions of the National Weekly Lotto Act, 1961 and the Regulations published thereunder and that the following numbers were drawn in successive order:

58 - 37 - 87 - 42 - 89

Col. MARTIN GBIKPI
Director of National Lotteries

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

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the adoption and implementation of the single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States and the amendment thereto embodied in Decision A/DEC.6/6/89, dated 30 June, 1989;

Mindful of the decisions and regulations listing enterprises and products approved to benefit under the ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

Considering the applications for compensation for loss of revenue received from Member States having imported approved industrial products;

On the Recommendation of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance commission held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The following budget estimates for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-ECOWAS trade are hereby approved:

- (a) two hundred and eighteen million seven hundred and thirty nine thousand three hundred and forty four (218,739,344) CFA francs for 1996;
- (b) seventy eight million one hundred and thirty four thousand seven hundred and eighty six (78,134,786) CFA francs for 1997.

The tables annexed hereto indicate the share of contributions owed to the compensation budget by each exporting Member State.

Article 2

An exporting Member State which has not contributed to the estimated compensation budget or whose contribution is less than the amount of its debt, shall pay into the fund the amount of the compensation for losses incurred as a result of its exports.

Article 3

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall be responsible for the payment to the Member State that have suffered the loss of revenue of the amounts recorded in the compensation budgets for 1996 and 1997.

Article 4

This regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published in the National Gazette by each Member State within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October, 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23 - 28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.5/10/98 RELATING TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE ESTIMATED BUDGETS FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSS OF REVENUE FROM 1990 TO 1997

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October, 1998

REGULATION C/REG.3/10/98 APPROVING
THE BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE 1999
FINANCIAL YEAR

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the provisions of Article 69 of the Revised Treaty which relates to the budget of the Community;

Mindful of the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedure of the Institutions of ECOWAS adopted in Lome through Decision C/DEC.4/11/89 of 30 November 1989;

Having Examined the budget proposed by the Twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Financial Commission, held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October, 1998.

E N A C T S

Article 1

The budget of the Executive Secretariat for the 1999 Financial Year, balanced out in revenue and expenditure at Seven million, five hundred and twenty-one thousand, seven hundred and nineteen units of account (7,521,719 UA).

Article 2

An amount of Five million, six hundred and eighty-five thousand, three hundred units of account (5,685,300 UA) shall be derived from the annual contributions of Member States. Another sum of Three hundred and thirty-six thousand, four hundred and nineteen units of accounts (336,419 UA) shall be derived from the internal resources of the Executive Secretariat, while the balance of One million, Five hundred unites of account (1,500,000) shall be obtained from past budgets.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time-frame by each Member State in its National Gazette.

Done at Abuja, this 28th Day of October, 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for the Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.4/10/98 APPROVING THE
COMPENSATION BUDGETS FOR LOSS OF REVENUE
SUFFERED BY ECOWAS MEMBER STATES IN 1996 AND
1997 AS A RESULT OF THE LIBERALISATION
OF INTRA-ECOWAS TRADE

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.8/5/79 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, dated 29 May 1979 relating to the consolidation of customs duties and taxes of equivalent effect and non-tariff barriers;

Desiring to gather substantial funds for the execution of Community programmes in the war against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in all member States;

Considering that a lottery project, through its grassroots orientation, will help to popularise the aims and objectives of ECOWAS in all the member States, promote mutual understanding and cooperation, complement the efforts of Member States in the fight against drug abuse and raise funds for Community programmes;

On the Recommendation of the 22nd Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

The Executive Secretariat is hereby authorised to organise, in all Member States, a raffle draw (lottery) as a means of raising funds for the ECODRUG Fund.

Article 2

In carrying out the activity in Article 1 above, the Secretariat shall cooperate with the relevant authorities of the Member States and shall, to the extent of its international status, diplomatic immunities and privileges, abide by the rules and regulations governing such activity in the Member States.

Article 3

The sum of \$56,848 (fifty-six thousand, eight hundred and forty-eight United States dollars) is hereby approved as a loan to pre-finance the initial raffle draw to be conducted in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. All subsequent activities of the raffle draw shall be financed from the resources it generates.

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, the 28th day of October, 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.7/10/98 AUTHORISING RECRUITMENT OF ONE PERMANENT BILINGUAL SECRETARY (G5) FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission, endorsed by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-sixth session held in Lome from 15 to 17 December, 1994, to the effect that vacant non-quota posts should be considered on an individual basis and filled where necessary;

Considering the need to recruit a permanent G5 bilingual secretary in order to complement the staff strength of the Secretariat and ensure its smooth functioning;

On the Recommendation of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October, 1998;

Mindful of the Protocol dated 5 November 1976 relating to assessment of loss of revenue incurred by ECOWAS Member States as a result of the liberalisation of intra-Community trade:

Mindful of Decisions A/DEC.19/5/80 dated 28 May 1980, C/DEC.5/12/88, C/DEC. 8/7/91, C/DEC. 1/11/91, C/DEC. 5/12/92, C/DEC. 11/12/93, C/DEC. 18/12/94, C/REG. 13/12/95 and C/REG. 3/11/96 of the Council of Ministers approving compensation budget estimates for the years 1990 to 1997;

On the Recommendation of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October 1998.

ENACTS

Article 1

The estimated compensation estimates for loss of revenue approved for the years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 are hereby cancelled.

Article 2

Amounts paid by Member states to the compensation budget estimates for the above years and the interest accruing thereon shall constitute assets belonging to the contributor Member States.

Such amounts shall be utilised in settlement of the arrears owed by the said States to the compensation budgets approved by the Council of Ministers for loss of revenue.

Article 3

The Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund shall, each in his own capacity, oversee implementation of this regulation.

Article 4

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty days of signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.6/10/98 ON THE ORGANISATION OF AN ECODRUG RAFFLE DRAW (LOTTERY).

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 relating to drug prevention and control in West Africa and endorsing the Praia Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

Mindful of Regulation C/REG.4/8/97 on the financing of drug control activities and granting funds to the Regional Fund for Financing Drug Control Activities in West Africa (ECODRUG FUND);

Considering Article 17 of the Statutes of the Regional Fund for financing Drug Control activities in West Africa (ECODRUG Fund) which provides that the resources for the control of drug activities may be derived from any sources approved by the Council of Ministers;

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23 - 28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.9/10/98 AUTHORIZING THE
RECRUITMENT OF TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL STAFF
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission, endorsed by the Council of Ministers at its thirty-sixth session held in Lome from 15 to 17 December, 1994, to the effect that vacant non-quota posts should be considered on an individual basis and filled where necessary;

Considering the ever-increasing volume of work within the Department of Legal Affairs and the Department of Social and Cultural Affairs;

Considering the gross inadequacy of the current staff strength in the afore-mentioned departments and the urgent need for additional staff in order to ensure effective implementation of their programmes;

On the Recommendation of the twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October, 1998;

ENACTS**Article 1**

Authorisation is hereby given for the recruitment of the following temporary professional staff:

- Department of Legal Affairs: 1 P4 and 1 P2 officers;
- Department of Social and Cultural Affairs: 1 P5 officer.

Article 2

The officers to be recruited shall be nationals of Member States which are free of the sanctions set out in Article 77 of the revised Treaty, and in Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.5/7/95 dated 29 July, 1995.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ENACTS

Article 1

Authorisation is hereby given for the recruitment of a permanent bilingual secretary G5.

Article 2

The secretary referred to in Article 1 of this Regulation shall be a national of a Member State which is free of the sanctions set out in Article 77 of the revised Treaty, and in Article 1 of Decision A/DEC.5/7/95 dated 29 July, 1995.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1999

REGULATION C/REG.8/10/98 WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF
THE STAFF REGULATIONS GOVERNING RENEWAL OF
APPOINTMENTS FOR TEMPORARY STAFF

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Article 77 of the revised Treaty and Article 1. Decision A/DEC.5/7/95, dated 29 July 1995 prescribing sanctions against Member States which fail to honour their obligations;

Mindful of the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Commission endorsed by the thirty-sixth session of the Council of Ministers which took place in Lome from 15 to 17 December, 1994, and which provides that temporary appointments to vacant non-quota posts should be examined on an individual basis and as the need arises;

Aware of the need for prompt measures to resolve the very real problems arising from the fact of certain departments in the Executive Secretariat being understaffed;

Desirous, for this purpose, and as an exceptional measure, of waiving the provisions of the staff regulations governing the renewal of appointments for temporary staff;

On the Recommendation of twenty-second meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja from 13 to 22 October, 1998;

ENACTS

Article 1

As an exceptional measure, the provisions of the staff regulations governing temporary appointments shall be waived to permit the renewal, a maximum of three times, of the appointments of temporary staff. Each renewal shall be for a period not exceeding six-months.

Article 2

The officers whose temporary appointments may be renewed as provided for in Article 1 of this Regulation shall be nationals of Member States which are free of sanctions set out in Article 77 of the revised Treaty and in Article 1, Decision A/DEC.5/7/95 dated 29 July 1995.

Article 3

A temporary appointment renewed in accordance with Article 1 of this regulation shall lapse immediately a national of the Member State to which the post is allocated assumes office.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23 - 28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.10/10/98 APPROVING THE
SUBSTANTIVE COST OF THE PARTIAL MOVEMENT
OF STAFF TO ABUJA AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL
FUNDS TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TO COMPLETE THE EXERCISE

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions:

Considering the recommendation made at the 41st Session of the Council of Ministers on the transfer of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja and the need to move the staff from Lagos to Abuja in stages:

Considering that the Council decision to allocate a special reinstallation allowance to staff, and the authorisation given by the Chairman of Council to pay 3 days per diem to the said staff have incurred expenditure which was not included in the Executive Secretariat budget for 1998:

Observing that the substantive cost of accommodation in Abuja is higher than estimated.

Noting that a first group of officers has already been moved to Abuja:

Desirous of facilitating the movement of those officers remaining in Lagos before the end of December, 1998 and of allocating necessary funds for the purpose:

On the Recommendation of the 22nd Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 13 to 22 October 1998:

ENACTS

Article 1

The partial cost of the partial transfer of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja amounting to two hundred and twenty two thousand one hundred and ninety nine units of account (UA 222, 199) is hereby approved. This sum which was spent in 1998 was deducted from paid up arrears of contribution, and covers payment of the special reinstallation allowance, 3 nights per diem paid to staff and the deficit incurred due to the high rents obtaining in Abuja.

Article 2

Also approved is an additional sum of three hundred and thirty two thousand nine hundred and ninety units of account (UA 332,990) shall be deducted from arrears of contribution in 1998 in order to complete the movement of Secretariat staff, to Abuja.

Article 3

This regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame by each Member State in its National Gazette.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23 - 28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.11/10/98 ON THE ADDITIONAL LIST
OF ENTERPRISES AND PRODUCTS APPROVED TO BENEFIT
FROM THE ECOWAS LIBERALISATION SCHEME

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of the Protocol dated 5 November 1976 defining the concept of products originating from ECOWAS Member States and its subsequent amendments acts;

Mindful of Decisions C/DEC.3/6/88 and C/DEC.4/7/92 dated 21 June, 1988 and 25 July, 1992 of the Council of Ministers defining the procedure for approval of industrial enterprises and products under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme.

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 dated 29 July, 1992 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS on the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for products originating from Member States of the Community;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.4/7/96 dated 27 July, 1996 on the cancellation of the criterion relating to the level of participation of community nationals in the equity capital of enterprises;

On the Recommendation of the thirty-seventh meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payments Commission, held in Lagos from 2 to 6 June, 1998.

ENACTS

Article 1

The Industrial enterprises and products fulfilling the ECOWAS rules of origin listed in the attached annex are approved for the benefit of preferential treatment under the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat shall give each enterprise concerned, an approval number which must feature on the certificate of origin and on the ECOWAS customs declaration and inform Member States accordingly.

Article 3

Member States and the Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this decision.

Article 4

This regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days after signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.13/10/98 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF JOB PROFILES OF ECOWAS STATUTORY APPOINTEES OTHER THAN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Articles 17 and 18 of the Revised Treaty relating to the appointments of staff of Community Institutions;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government on the selection and evaluation of statutory appointees;

Mindful of Article 28 of the Protocol relating to the Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development on the appointments of the Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director of the Fund;

Mindful of Article IX of the Protocol establishing the West African Health Organisation relating to the appointments of the Director-General and Deputy Director-General;

Considering that apart from the post of the Executive Secretary whose functions as the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Institutions, are fully spelt-out in Article 19 of the Revised Treaty, there had been no specific description of the jobs of other statutory appointees of the Community Institutions;

Convinced that in order for the Community to appoint only officers possessing the highest standards of efficiency and technical competence, it has to clearly define the role and main tasks to be carried out by the statutory officers as well as their qualifications, experiences and personal qualities;

On the Recommendations of the Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on Selection and Evaluation of Statutory Appointees held in Abuja on 12 October 1998, the Meeting of Ministers of Health held in Lome on 30 and 31 July 1998 and the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abuja from 26 to 28 October, 1998:

ENACTS

Article 1

1. The attached job profiles and qualifications of the following Statutory Appointees are hereby adopted:
 - (i) Deputy Executive Secretary (Political Affairs, Defence and Security);
 - (ii) Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration and Finance);
 - (iii) Deputy Executive Secretary (Economic Affairs);
 - (iv) Financial Controller;
 - (v) Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund;
 - (vi) Deputy Managing Director of the ECOWAS Fund;
 - (vii) Director-General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO);
 - (viii) Deputy-General of WAHO
2. Only candidates possessing the stated qualifications and experience for each of the posts should be employed by the Community Institutions.
3. Unless otherwise provided in the Treaty or in a Protocol, all Statutory Appointees shall be under the direction and supervision of the Executive Secretary and shall carry out the functions herein assigned to the post.

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.14/10/98 ADOPTING THE REVISED
REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION AND THE 1999-2002
REGIONAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME FOR DRUG
CONTROL IN WEST AFRICA

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 on drug prevention and control in West Africa, which endorsed the Praia Political Declaration and Regional Plan of Action;

On the Recommendation of the second meeting of Co-ordinators of Inter-Ministerial Drug Control Committees, held in Banjul from 7 to 11 September, 1998:

ENACTS

Article 1

The revised Regional Plan of Action and the 1992-2002 Regional Priority Programme for Drug Control in West Africa, which are attached as an annex, are hereby adopted.

Article 2

The Executive Secretary shall monitor the implementation of the revised Plan of Action and Regional Priority Programme and report to the Council of Ministers on the results achieved, the difficulties encountered and the measures that should be taken to attain the objectives of the plan and programme.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja, 23-28 October 1998

REGULATION C/REG.1/10/98 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM FOR THE HARMONISATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme which provides for the establishment of a single monetary zone for ECOWAS Member States;

Convinced that the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies of Member States will accelerate the creation of the ECOWAS Single Monetary zone and enhance the overall integration effort;

Recommends To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision establishing a Surveillance Mechanism for the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies of Member States.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja, 30-31 October 1998

(DRAFT)

DECISION A/DEC/10/98 ESTABLISHING A SURVEILLANCE
MECHANISM FOR THE HARMONISATION OF THE ECONOMIC
AND FINANCIAL POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES**The Authority of Heads of State and Government,**

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme which provides for the establishment of a single monetary zone for ECOWAS Member States:

Convinced that the harmonisation of the economic and financial policies of Member States will accelerate the creation of the ECOWAS Single Monetary zone and enhance the overall integration effort:

On the Recommendation of the Forty-Third Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23 to 28 October 1998.

DECIDES

Article 1

All Member States and the Institutions of the Community shall ensure the harmonisation of the macro-economic policies in the Community.

Article 2

In pursuit of this objective, each Member State shall ensure the attainment of the following targets in the macro-economic aggregates defined below:

- (i) the maintenance of the budget deficit/GDP ratio of 5% by end 1998, and 3% subsequently
- (ii) maintaining central bank credit to government within the ceiling of 10% of previous year's fiscal receipts by end of 1998;
- (iii) the achievement of a single digit inflation rate by the end of 1999 and by the year 2000, etc.
- (iv) reduction of variability of nominal exchange rates to less than 10% by end of 1998 and less than 5% by the year 2000.

Article 3

There is hereby established a regional monitoring and surveillance Mechanism, to ensure compliance and assessment of the performance of Member States in relation to the above indicators of convergence.

Article 4

The surveillance mechanism shall involve the collection, analysis and processing of basic data, and making periodic reports on the trends in the macro-economic aggregate to ascertain and determine Member States' compliance with the indicators of convergence.

Article 5

An inter-ministerial coordination machinery, known as the National Macro-economic Committee (NAMEC) shall be established in each Member State to oversee operation of the surveillance mechanism.

Article 6

The Committee shall comprise the following:

- The Minister in charge of ECOWAS Affairs (Coordinator)
- The Minister of Finance
- The Minister of Planning or Economic Development
- The Governor of the Central Bank
- The Head of the National office of Statistics
- The Head of the National Economic Committee

Article 7

The duties of the Committee shall include:

- ensuring the formulation and application of appropriate macro-economic policies that facilitate harmonisation of macro-economic policies in the region;
- assessing national compliance with the regional macro-economic convergence criteria;
- advising government on appropriate policy review;
- the timely monitoring of the collection, compilation and publication of statistical data and information required under the regional surveillance mechanism;
- ensuring the preparation and review of the periodic country report for submission to ECOWAS Secretariat and the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) on national macro-economic performance;
- providing periodically relevant data and information to the Secretariat and WAMA;
- engaging in regular consultation with the Secretariat and WAMA on compliance with the indicators of convergence.

Article 8

In order to avoid in the establishment of parallel institutional structures in UEMOA Member States, the national committee responsible for monitoring the UEMOA convergence criteria shall be the same body responsible for performing the above functions of the Committee established in Article 5 above.

Article 9

WAMA shall in collaboration with the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat:

- maintain a regional system of up to date macro-economic data and information on all Member States;
- compile and submit periodic reports to the appropriate ECOWAS authorities on the performance of Member States in relation to the macro-economic indicators of convergence;
- hold regular consultations with Member States on harmonisation of macro-economic policies.

Article 10

The policy organs of the surveillance mechanism to receive reports, review progress, issue relevant policy guidelines and directives are:

- the Authority of Heads of State and Government
- the Council of Ministers
- the Committee of Governors of Central Bank.

Article 11

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published National Gazette of each Member State within the same time-frame.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.2/10/98 RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL
LAUNCHING OF THE ECOWAS TRAVELLERS CHEQUE

The Council of Ministers,

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions:

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 of Authority in July 1987 relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme aimed at establishing a Single Monetary Zone:

Wishing to promote the use of a common regional payments instrument to facilitate, trade, tourism and cross-border transactions:

Bearing in mind that the use of a regional payments instrument will enhance the integration effort and in particular the achievement of the objective of a single monetary zone:

Aware of the desire of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks for the introduction of an ECOWAS Travellers Cheque, as expressed at its meeting, held in Abuja on 26 October, 1998.

Recommends To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached draft Decision on the official launching of the ECOWAS Travellers Cheque.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja, 30-31 October 1998

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DECISION A/DEC./10/98 ON THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE ECOWAS TRAVELLERS CHEQUE

The Authority of Heads of State and Government,

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 of Authority in July 1987 relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme aimed at establishing a Single Monetary Zone;

Wishing to promote the use of a common regional payments instrument to facilitate, trade, tourism and cross-border transactions;

Bearing in mind that the use of a regional payments instrument will enhance the integration effort and in particular the achievement of the objective of a single monetary zone;

Aware of the desire of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks for the introduction of an ECOWAS Travellers Cheque, as expressed at its meeting, held in Abuja on 26 October, 1998.

On the Recommendation of the meeting of Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Bank held in Abuja on 28 October, 1998.

Considering the approval of the Heads of State of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on ECOWAS single monetary zone at its inaugural session held in Abuja 30 October, 1998.

DECIDES

Article 1

A regional payments instruments to be known as the ECOWAS TRAVELLERS CHEQUE (the cheque) is hereby launched.

Article 2

The cheque shall be issued by the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) on behalf of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks and shall be denominated in West African Units of Account (WAUA) equivalent to one unit of the Special Drawing Right of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Article 3

The cheque shall be issued in five denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 units of account.

Article 4

The cheque shall be acceptable in all Member States for the payment of all transactions in both goods and services.

Article 5

The Committee of Governors of Central Banks shall ensure the circulation and effective management of the ECOWAS Travellers Cheque initially by WAMA and eventually by the private sector.

Article 6

The WAMA directorate in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat shall monitor the use and acceptability of the cheques and submit a yearly report to the competent authorities of the Community.

Article 7

All Central Banks shall prevent the accumulation of new arrears in the clearing mechanism in order to ensure credibility of the system and impact confidence in the use of the travellers cheque.

Article 8

The Ministers of Finance and Governors of Central Banks of participating countries undertake to guarantee the prompt payment of any future arrears arising from the regional clearing system. They shall consider the arrears as priority payment in their settlement of multilateral debts.

Article 9

Countries in arrears should undertake to settle their debts as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, these countries shall be excluded from participating in the project until the debts have been settled.

Article 10

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published within the same time-frame by each Member State in its National Gazette.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja 30-31 October, 1998

DECISION A/DEC. 10/98 RELATING TO THE
REGULATION ON TRANSHUMANCE BETWEEN
ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

The Authority of Heads of State of Government

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:



Mindful of Article 25 of the Treaty relating to co-operation between Member States to ensure agricultural development and to achieve food security;

Convinced that the development of livestock breeding is an integral part of any food security policy;

Aware that livestock breeding in Member States is faced with numerous technical, climatic, legal and socio-economic constraints;

Convinced also that, given the current situation of the resources available in ECOWAS Member States, transhumance is essential for safeguarding and increasing agricultural production;

Aware that transhumance is, however, a source of health, social, environmental, economic and political problems;

Desiring to enhance the environment for livestock breeding in Member States and to formulate, for that purpose, a harmonious regulation on transhumance within the Community;

DECIDES

CHAPTER I—OBJECT AND SCOPE

Article 1

This Regulation set out the main principles of the rules governing transhumance within ECOWAS Member States.

Article 2

For the purpose of this Regulation

- "transhumance between States" means the seasonal movement between Member States of herds leaving their usual grazing areas in search of water and pasture;
- "quarantine" means the act of placing animals entering a particular region under veterinary observation with a view to determining their state of health;
- "stray animals" means animals that are allowed to move around freely or in parks without the supervision of a herdsman. Also included in this category are animals grazing in national parks or games reserves, even when they are under the supervision of a herdsman.

Article 3

All animals of the bovine, caprine, cameline, equine plus asinine species shall be allowed free passage across the borders of all Members State under the conditions set out in this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall not apply to animals that are taken from one country to another to be sold or animals not referred to in Article 3 above.

CHAPTER II—CONDITIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS

Article 5

All transhumant livestock shall be allowed free passage across points of entry into and departure from each country on the condition that have the ECOWAS International Transhumance Certificate, a sample of which is annexed to this Regulation.

The aims of the certificate are:

- to enable authorities to monitor the herds before they leave the country or origin;
- to protect the health of local herds;
- to make it possible to inform the host communities of the arrival of the transhumant animals.

The certificate contains details on the composition of the herd, the vaccinations given, the itinerary of the herds, the border posts to be crossed, and the final destination. It is issued by the livestock department and initialled by the local administrative authorities in the country of origin.

Article 6

The official document defined in Article 5 above shall be verified and counter-signed by the competent authorities at the entry and exit points in the host country.

Article 7

Transhumant herds shall follow the routes defined by Member States in accordance with the itinerary indicated on the ECOWAS International Transhumance Certificate.

Article 8

There shall be no crossing of borders during the night.

Article 9

Without prejudice to the sanctions provided for in the laws of the country concerned, herds not covered by a certificate shall be placed under quarantine and the costs borne by the owners.

CHAPTER III—SUPERVISION OF NOMADIC LIVESTOCK

Article 10

Transhumant livestock must be under constant guard, both while on the move and during grazing.

Article 11

The herd must be guarded by a sufficient number of herdsmen during migration. The number of herdsmen is determined by the number of heads of cattle. There must be a minimum of one herdsman for every fifty heads of cattle. In all cases, transhumant herds must be accompanied by a minimum of two herdsmen.

Article 12

Herdsmen must be in possession of identity papers duly issued by the competent authorities in their countries of origin. They must be able upon demand, to show proof of the identity and permanent residence of the owner (s) of the herd. Herdsmen must be at least 18 years old.

Article 13

Stray animals will be apprehended by the relevant authorities and impounded without prejudice to the application of sanctions against their owner or herdsmen, as provided for by laws applicable in cases of stray animals in the Member State concerned.

CHAPTER IV—ARRIVAL OF TRANSHUMANT LIVESTOCK IN THE HOST COUNTRY

Article 14

Each host country shall fix the period during which migrating livestock may enter into and depart from its territory, and inform the other States accordingly.

Article 15

Each State shall define the areas where transhumant animals may be stocked and shall determine the maximum capacity of each zone thus identified. The accompanying herdsmen must pen up his herd in the zone to which he is directed by officials at the point of entry.

Article 16

Herdsmen accompanying transhumant livestock and who are legally admitted into the host country shall be given protection by the authorities and their fundamental rights shall be guaranteed by the judicial institutions of the host country. In return, such herdsmen shall observe all laws and regulations of the host country, particularly those concerning the conservation of forest reserves and forest resources and the management of watering points and pastoral land.

Article 17

Any dispute between farmers and nomadic herdsmen shall first be judged by an arbitration commission on the basis of information gathered by the said Commission.

Article 18

This Commission shall be composed of representatives of the herdsmen, farmers, livestock officers and agricultural officers, officials from the ministries of Forest and Water Resources and local political and administrative authorities.

Article 19

In the event that an amicable settlement is not reached, the dispute may be resolved in the law courts in conformity with the rules governing settlement of contentious issues.

CHAPTER V—PUBLICATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 20

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty days of signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REC. 3/10/98 RELATING TO THE
REGULATION ON TRANSHUMANCE BETWEEN
ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

The Council of Ministers,

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Article 25 of the Treaty relating to co-operation between Member States to ensure agricultural development and to achieve food security;

Convinced that the development of livestock breeding is an integral part of any food security policy;

Aware that livestock breeding in Member States is faced with numerous technical, climatic, legal and socio-economic constraints;

Convinced also that, given the current situation of the resources available in ECOWAS Member States, transhumance is essential for safeguarding and increasing agricultural production;

Aware that transhumance is, however, a source of health, social, environmental, economic and political problems;

Desiring to enhance the environment for livestock breeding in Member States and to formulate, for that purpose, a harmonious regulation on transhumance within the Community;

On the Proposition of the experts meeting for the preparation of an ECOWAS Transhumance Certificate, held in Lagos from 11 to 14 December, 1996;

RECOMMENDS

To The Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached decision relating to the regulation on transhumance between ECOWAS Member States.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REG.4/10/98 AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF
DECISION A/DEC.19/5/80 RELATING TO APPLICATION OF
PROCEDURES FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSS OF REVENUE
SUFFERED BY MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF LIBERALISATION
OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE

The Council of Ministers,

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Protocol of 5 November 1976 relating to assessment of loss in revenue suffered by Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade;

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

Determined to simplify procedures for assessment and compensation of revenue loss incurred through trade liberalisation in order to expedite payment of compensation to States having incurred loss of revenue;

Desiring to harmonise the provisions of Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 and those of Article 2 (1b) of the Protocol of 5 November 1976 relating to assessment of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States;

On the Recommendation of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money and Payment Commission held in Abuja from 2 to 4 June 1998:

RECOMMENDS

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision hereto attached amending Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 dated 28 May 1980 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to application of procedures for compensation of loss of Revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.5/10/98 RELATING TO THE RATIONALISATION OF WEST AFRICAN INTER- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

The Council of Ministers

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Aware that the existence in West Africa of a large number of inter-governmental organisations sharing identical objectives is a source of duplication and wastage of resources in Member States;

Recognising the need for a more effective rationalisation and coordination of the activities of West African inter-governmental organisations in order to speed up the regional integration process and achieve sustained growth and development for West Africa;

Recalling Decision A/DEC.5/5/90 dated 30 May 1990, mandating the Executive Secretary to conduct the necessary studies for the formulation of flexible and pragmatic programme for the rationalisation of integration measures in the sub-region;

Considering the study prepared by the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) in Dakar, which was examined by the meeting of experts from Member States and inter-governmental organisations, held in Abuja on 8 and 9 June, 1998, and by the Council of Ministers at its 43rd Session held in Abuja from 23 to 28 October, 1998;

Noting the efforts deployed by the Executive Heads of ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS to harmonise the cooperation programmes involving the organisations;

RECOMMENDS

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision on the rationalisation of West African inter-governmental organisation annexed hereto.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja 30-31 October, 1998

DECISION A/DEC./10/98 AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF DECISION
A/DEC 19/5/80 RELATING TO APPLICATION OF PROCEDURES
FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY
MEMBER STATES AS A RESULT OF LIBERALISATION
OF INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE**The Authority of Heads of State and Government**

Mindful Article 7, 8 and 9 of the revised ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:

Mindful of the Protocol of 5 November 1976 relating to assessment of loss in revenue suffered by member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade:

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

Mindful of Decision C/DEC.5/12/88 relating to adoption of a compensation budget for loss of revenue for the take-off of the intra-Community trade liberalisation scheme:

Determined to simplify procedures for assessment and compensation of revenue loss incurred through trade liberalisation in order to expedite payment of compensation to States having incurred revenue loss;

Desiring to harmonise the provisions of Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 and those of Article 2 (1b) of the Protocol of 5 November 1976 relating to assessment of loss of revenue suffered by ECOWAS Member States;

Acting on Recommendation C/REC.../10/98 of the meeting of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23 to 28 October 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

Article 9 of Decision A/DEC.19/5/80 dated 28 May 1980 relating to application of procedures for compensation of loss of revenue suffered by Member States as a result of liberalisation of intra-Community trade is hereby amended as follows:

Article 9 (new)

"The contribution of a Member State to the compensation budget shall be equal to the amount of revenue loss incurred by all the other Member States as a result of importing goods originating from that Member State."

Article 2

This decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal within thirty days of signature by the Chairman. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time-frame.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.6/10/98 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A REGIONAL FUND FOR FINANCING DRUG CONTROL
ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA

The Council of Ministers,

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Concerned with the rapid expansion of the drug phenomenon in the entire Member States of the sub-region, and the recrudescence of drug-related crimes;

Convinced of the need for concerted and co-ordinated strategies combining prevention, repression, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

Considering the meagre financial resources available to the inter-ministerial Drug Control Committees (IDCC) for the execution of their assignments;

Bearing in Mind Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 on drug prevention and control in West Africa, and endorsing the Praia Political Declaration and Regional Plan of Action on drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking and the regional activities being undertaken by the IDCC require immense financial resources which cannot be provided by the Executive Secretariat budget;

Desiring to seek adequate financial resources for drug control activities in West Africa and to create a regional fund for that purpose;

RECOMMENDS

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision on the establishment of a regional fund for financing drug control activities in West Africa annexed hereto.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja 30-31 October, 1998

DECISION A/DEC./10/98 RELATING TO THE
RATIONALISATION OF WEST AFRICAN INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

The Authority of Heads of State of Government,

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Aware that the existence in West Africa of a large number of inter-governmental organisations sharing identical objectives is a source of duplication and wastage of resources in Member States;

Recognising the need for a more effective rationalisation and coordination of the activities of West African inter-governmental organisations in order to speed up the regional integration process and achieve sustained growth and development for West Africa;

Recalling Decision A/DEC.5/5/90 dated 30 May 1990, mandating the Executive Secretary to conduct the necessary studies for the formulation of flexible and pragmatic programme for the rationalisation of integration measures in the sub-region;

Considering the study prepared by the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) in Dakar, which was examined by the meeting of experts from Member States and inter-governmental organisations, held in Abuja on 8 and 9 June, 1998, and by the Council of Ministers at its 43rd Session held in Abuja from 23 to 28 October, 1998,

Noting the efforts deployed by the Executive Heads of ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS to harmonise the cooperation programmes involving the organisations;

Considering Recommendation C/REC..../10/98 of the Council of Ministers meeting in Abuja from 23 to 28 October 1998:

DECIDES

Article 1

A two-phase harmonisation plan is hereby adopted as follows:

- (i) The regional economic communities of ECOWAS (the Economic Community of West African States) UEMOA (the West African Economic and Monetary Union) and MRU (the Mano River Union) shall harmonise their policies and instruments for cooperation and regional integration. The three institutions shall identify the areas in which they are mutually complementary and propose measures to obtain the convergence of their programmes;
- (ii) All other IGO's which are not economic communities shall be rationalised according to areas of activity through mergers, dissolution and reorganisation, each surviving IGO becoming a specialised agency of ECOWAS. The sectors of activity shall be the following:
 - agriculture, livestock farming and fisheries;
 - water resource development;
 - health care;
 - protection of the environment and of nature;
 - money and finance.
- (iii) Within the monetary and financial sector, the role of the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA) which includes the central banks of all ECOWAS Member States shall be taken into due consideration in seeking to achieve the final objective which is to set up a central bank of ECOWAS; WAMA shall be responsible for the implementation of the regional monetary programme.

Article 2

The rationalisation exercise shall take into account the costs and benefits of each IGO concerned and the experience of the merger between the organisation for the control of the major endemic diseases (OCCGE) and the West African Health Organisation (WAHO).

Article 3

The rationalisation procedure for the different IGOs shall be examined during sectoral meetings involving Member States and the joint OAU/ECA/ADIS secretariat as equal partners;

Article 4

All aspects of the rationalisation exercise shall be completed by 2007, and compliance with the recommendations of IDEP.

Article 5

All IGOs concerned shall make provision within their respective budgets to fund their attendance at sectoral meetings and to carry out any activities relating to the rationalisation of West African IGOs. The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall respect the proposed implementation time-table and mobilise funds from donors or other sources to execute the plan of action for the rationalisation process.

Article 6

This decision shall be brought to the attention of the decision-making authorities of the IGOs concerned in order to ensure its prompt implementation.

There is furthermore hereby created a monitoring committee comprising ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS, OAU/AEC, ECA and IDEP. The committee shall meet at regular intervals to review progress achieved and difficulties encountered. It shall report to the joint meeting of Member States and IGOs.

The meeting of Member States and IGOs shall be convened at regular intervals to appraise progress in the rationalisation process.

Article 7
The Executive Secretary shall expedite action on the study on the reorganisation of the Executive Secretariat.

Article 8
This decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the current Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published within by each Member State the same time frame in its National Gazette.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja 30-31 October, 1998

DECISION A/DEC./10/98 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A REGIONAL FUND FOR FINANCING DRUG CONTROL
ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA

The Authority of Heads of State of Government

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions:

Concerned with the rapid expansion of the drug phenomenon in the entire Member States of the sub-region, and the recrudescence of drug-related crimes:

Convinced of the need for concerted and co-ordinated strategies combining prevention, repression, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts:

Considering the meagre financial resources available to the inter-ministerial Drug Control Committees (IDCC) for the execution of their assignments:

Bearing in Mind Resolution A/RES.2/8/97 on drug prevention and control in West Africa, and endorsing the Praia Political Declaration and Regional Plan of Action on drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking and the regional activities being undertaken by the IDCC require immense financial resources which cannot be provided by the Executive Secretariat budget:

Desiring to seek adequate financial resources for drug control activities in West Africa and to create a regional fund for that purpose:

Considering Recommendation C/REC.4/8/97 of the Forty-first Session of the Council of Ministers, held in Abuja from 23 to 26 August 1997:

DECIDES

Article 1
It is hereby established a regional fund, herein referred to as ECODRUG-Fund for financing drug control activities in West Africa.

Article 2

The modalities for financing, managing and operating the ECODRUG-Fund, are stipulated in the Statutes of the fund, adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Article 3

This decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the current Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State within the same time frame in its National Gazette.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.7/10/98 ON THE REQUEST OF
BURKINA FASO TO HOST THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WEST
AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

The Council of Ministers,

Mindful of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Considering the establishment of the West African Health Organisation by Protocol A/P.2/7/87 signed in Abuja on 9 July 1987;

Mindful of Article XI of the said Protocol relating to the selection of the headquarters of the West African Health Organisation;

Desiring to pool efforts of all Member States in order to resolve the health problems of the sub-region by the establishment of a single health organisation for the Community;

Considering the verbal request made by the representative of Burkina Faso during the forty-third Session of the Council of Ministers for his country to be allowed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

Considering also that Bodo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso has all the facilities needed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

On the Proposition of the Third Meeting of the Assembly of ECOWAS Health Ministers held in Lome, Togo on 30 and 31 July, 1998;

RECOMMENDS

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision approving the request of Burkina Faso to host the headquarters of the West African Health Organisation annexed hereto.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GRADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
 TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
 OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja 30-31 October, 1998

DECISION A/DEC.../10/98 ESTABLISHING AN *AD HOC*
 MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF
 THE ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

The Authority of Heads of State of Government,

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Desiring to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Secretariat and to make it more suitable to face the new challenges facing the Community;

Desiring also to put more impetus to the regional integration process;

On the Recommendation of the 43rd Session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja from 23 to 28 October 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1: *ESTABLISHMENT*

An *Ad Hoc* Ministerial Committee for the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat is hereby established.

Article 2: *COMPOSITION*

The *Ad Hoc* Ministerial Committee shall be composed of the Ministers responsible for ECOWAS Affairs of the following Member States:

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Article 3: *Mandate*

(ii) The *Ad Hoc* Ministerial Committee shall act on behalf of the Council of Ministers and shall make appropriate proposals to the Heads of State and Government for the restructuring of the Executive Secretariat.

(iii) It shall:

- (a) Establish such sub-committees and technical committees as it may consider necessary;
- (b) Commission such studies and consult other organisations, institutions, corporations and individuals as it may consider necessary.

Article 4: *Meetings*

The *Ad-Hoc* Ministerial Committee shall meet as often as necessary.

Article 5: *Publication*

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
 FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
 Abuja 23-28 October, 1998

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.8/10/98 RELATING TO
 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN *AD HOC* MINISTERIAL
 COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE
 ECOWAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

The Council of Ministers,

Mindful of Article 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

Desiring to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Secretariat and to make it more suitable to face the new challenges facing the Community:

Desiring also to put more impetus to the regional integration process:

On the Proposition of the 22nd meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Abuja, from 23 to 28 October 1998:

RECOMMENDS

To the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the draft decision hereto attached establishing an *Ad Hoc* Ministerial Committee for the restructuring of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat.

Done at Abuja, this 28th day of October 1998

RASHEED GBADAMOSI
Chairman for Council

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Abuja 30-31 October, 1998

DECISION A/DEC.../10/98 APPROVING THE REQUEST OF BURKINA FASO TO HOST THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION

The Authority of Heads of State and Government,

Mindful of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Considering the establishment of the West African Health Organisation by Protocol A/P 2/7/87 signed in Abuja on 9 July 1987;

Mindful of Article XI of the said Protocol relating to the selection of the headquarters of the West African Health Organisation;

Desiring to pool efforts of all Member States in order to resolve the health problems of the sub-region by the establishment of a single health organisation for the Community;

Considering the verbal request made by the representative of Burkina Faso during the Forty-third Session of the Council of Ministers for his country to be allowed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

Considering also that Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso has all the facilities needed to host the headquarters of WAHO;

On the Recommendation of the Third Meeting of the Assembly of ECOWAS Health Ministers held in Lome, Togo on 30 and 31 July 1998;

DECIDES

Article 1

The Headquarters of the West African Health Organisation shall be situated in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. The Headquarters may be relocated to any other Member State on the decision of the Authority.

Article 2

This decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the current Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State within the same time frame in its National Gazette.

Done at Abuja, this 31st day of October 1998

H.E. GENERAL ABDULSALAMI ABUBAKAR
Chairman for the Authority