

**A/DEC 10/5/79 DECISION OF THE
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
RELATING TO THE MODIFICATION OF
ARTICLE II OF THE PROTOCOL ON
ORIGINATING PRODUCTS**

GOVERNMENT

**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, its composition and functions;

DECIDES

- Article 1. Article II of the Protocol relating to the concept of products originating from Member States is interpreted to mean:
- (1) The promotion of trade in goods originating in Member States as well as the collective economic development of the Community requires indigenous ownership and participation. Goods shall be accepted as originating in Member States for purposes of trade liberalisation if:
- (a) they have been wholly produced as defined in Article V of this Protocol; or
- (b) they have been produced in a Member State other than by any of the operations and processes listed in Article IV of this Protocol or with the material from a foreign or undetermined origin used in the process of production of goods whose CIF value does not exceed 60% of the total cost of the material used in the process of production or with the raw material of Community origin whose value must not in any case be less than 40% of the total cost of the material used in the process of production or with the raw material used in the production; or
- (c) If the goods have been produced from material of a foreign or undetermined origin and having received in the process of production a value added of at least 35% of the ex-factory price of the finished product; and
- (2) If the Enterprises producing these goods attain a desirable level of indigenous ownership and participation. The Commission shall, on the basis of appropriate statistics, make proposals to the Council of Ministers to determine orientations and levels relating to ownership and participation.
- Article 2 - The ECOWAS Council of Ministers shall determine the elements that constitute the ex-factory price of a finished product as well as those of "Value Added"
- Article 3 - This Decision comes into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of the respective Member States.

Done at Dakar on 29th May, 1979 in single original in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Authority
Leopold Sedar Senghor
The Chairman

**A/DEC 11/5/79 DECISION OF THE
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
ON ARTICLES II,2, VII AND VIII OF THE
PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION
OF THE CONCEPT OF PRODUCTS**

**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, its composition and functions;

DECIDES

- Article 1 The application of the provisions of Articles II,2,VII and VIII of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from Member States shall remain in force.
- Article 2 The Council of Ministers and the Executive Secretary are directed to undertake the necessary in-depth studies with a view to making recommendations to the Authority that will permit the effective application of Articles II,2,VII and VIII of the Protocol relating to the definition of the concept of products originating from Member States.

Done at Dakar on 29th May, 1979 in single original in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Authority
Leopold Sedar Senghor
The Chairman

**A/DEC 12/5/79 DECISION OF THE
AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
RELATING TO THE PROGRAMME FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

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

CONSCIOUS of the compelling necessity for the development of the Telecommunications Network within the Economic Community of West African States;

TAKES note of the Report on the state of the Telecommunications Network in the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States; and

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to take all necessary measures required for the execution of the Programme for the Improvement and Extension of the Telecommunications Network within the Economic Community of West African States.

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For the Authority
Leopold Sedar Senghor
The Chairman