



## **FORTY FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Accra, 10-11 July 2014

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA. 1/07/14 AMENDING PARAGRAPH 8 OF ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE 3 AND PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE 5 OF PROTOCOL A/P1/5/79 ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, RIGHT OF RESIDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT RELATING TO TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

#### **THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES**

**MINDFUL** of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of States and Government and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 3 of the said Treaty particularly paragraph 2 (d) (iii) which mandates member States to ensure the removal of all obstacles to the free movement of persons, goods, services and capital and to the right of residence and establishment;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P1/5/79 on the Free movement of Persons, Right of residence and Establishment;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/7/85 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States relating to the establishment of ECOWAS Travel Certificate for Member States;

**CONSIDERING** that the objective of the Protocol on Free movement is to ensure the attainment of a borderless region which is integral in the facilitation of regional integration and establishment of a common market;

**CONSIDERING** that the standardization of travel document constitutes appropriate facilitation of free movement of person and goods;





**CONSIDERING** also that standardization of the said document constitutes also security checks on movement of persons and goods irrespective of entry and exit points within the Region;

**DESIROUS** of establishing the usage of 'valid travel document' within the ECOWAS region;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Seventy Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which was held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

**AGREE AS FOLLOWS :**

**ARTICLE 1 : Amendment of paragraph 8 of Article 1 on definitions**

The provisions of paragraph 8 of Article 1 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 on the Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment on 'valid travel document' are hereby amended and replaced by new provisions as follows:

**New Paragraph 8 of Article 1**

A valid travel document shall be a passport, other official biometric national identity card or a laissez-passer issued by a member State or by any other ECOWAS Institution.

**ARTICLE 2: Amendment of paragraph 1 of Article 3**

The Provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 3 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are amended as follows:

**NEW PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 3**

Any citizen of the Community who wishes to enter the territory of any member State shall be required to hold a travel document in accordance with the provisions of new Article 1 paragraph 8 of this Supplementary Act.

**ARTICLE 3: Abrogation of Paragraph 2 of Article 3**

The provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are hereby repealed.





#### **ARTICLE 4: Amendment of Paragraph 1 of Article 5**

The provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 5 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are amended as follows:

#### **NEW PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 5**

##### **Private Vehicles**

Private vehicles registered in the territory of a member State may enter the territory of another member State upon presentation of the documents listed hereunder:

1. Valid driving license;
2. Certificate of registration (ownership card of log book);
3. Insurance Policy recognized by member States;
4. Emergency Travel Certificate from Customs.

#### **ARTICLE 5: Amendment of Paragraph 2 of Article 5**

The provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 5 are amended as follows:

#### **NEW PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 5**

##### **Commercial Vehicles**

Commercial vehicles registered in the territory of a Member State and carrying passengers, may enter the territory of another member State under the same conditions provided for private vehicles under Article 4 (1) of this Supplementary Act.

#### **ARTICLE 6: IMPLEMENTATION**

1. In order to ensure the effective implementation of this Supplementary Act, the ECOWAS Commission shall set up a monitoring and evaluation Committee which shall monitor and evaluate on the implementation of this Supplementary Act, particularly in relation to security related issues.





2. An Enabling Regulation shall define the composition and the operation of the monitoring and evaluation Committee provided for in Paragraph 1 of this Article.

#### **ARTICLE 7: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon signature. Consequently the signatory Member States and ECOWAS Institutions undertake to start implementing its provisions upon its entry into force.
2. This Supplementary Act shall be attached as an Annex to the ECOWAS Treaty of which it is an integral part.

#### **ARTICLE 8: PUBLICATION**

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the date of its signing by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its official Gazette thirty (30) days after the notification by the Commission.

#### **ARTICLE 9: DEPOSITORY AUTHORITY**

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to all the Member States and shall ensure its registration with the African Union, the United Nations Organization and any other organization designated by the Council.

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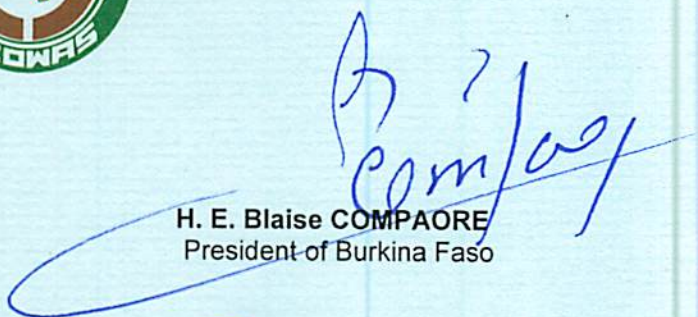
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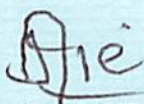


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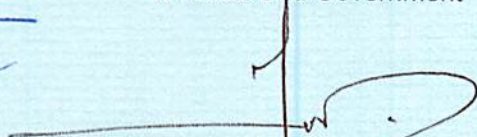
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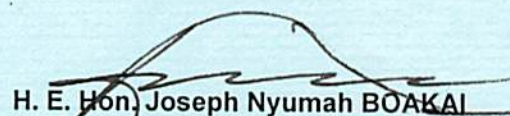
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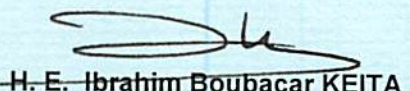
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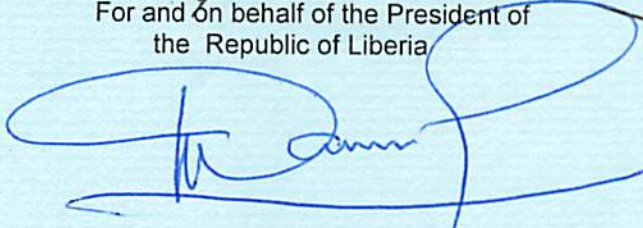
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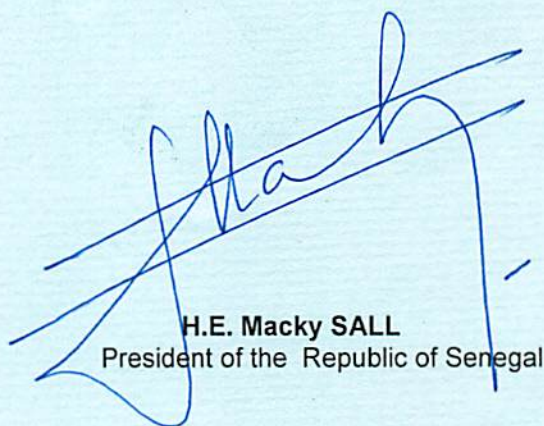
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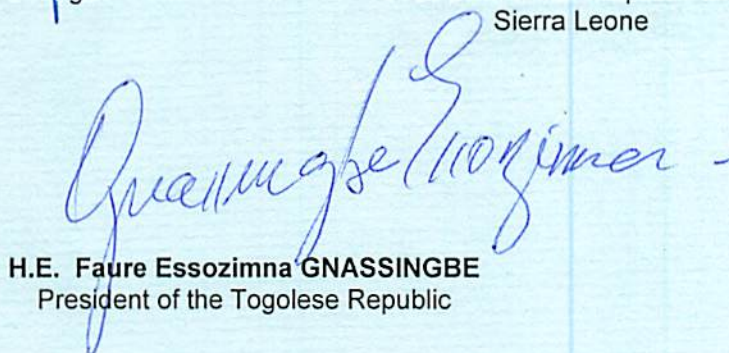


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## **FORTY FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Accra, 10 – 11 July 2014

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.2/07/14 AMENDING PARAGRAPH 9 OF ARTICLE 1 OF PROTOCOL A/SP.1/7/85 ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, RIGHT OF RESIDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT**

#### **THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES**

**MINDFUL** of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 3 of the said Treaty particularly paragraph 2 (a) (iii) which mandates Member States to ensure the removal of all obstacles to the Free Movement of persons, goods, services and capital, and to the right of residence and establishment;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/SP2/7/85 on the Code of Conduct for the implementation of the Protocol on the Free Movement of persons, right of Residence and Establishment;

**CONSIDERING** that the objective of the Protocol on Free Movement is to ensure the attainment of a borderless region which is integral in the facilitation of regional integration and establishment of a common market;

**NOTING** that in actualizing the ECOWAS vision 2020 from an ECOWAS of States to an ECOWAS of People the granting of right of residence to nationals of Member States is essential;





**CONVINCED** of the need to ensure that a citizen who is a national of one Member State and resides in a Member State other than his state of origin is granted equality of rights with the citizen of the Member State where he resides.

**DESIRIOUS** of reviewing the provisions on the right of residence to be in tandem with the objectives of creating a borderless space within the region and the ECOWAS Vision 2020;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Seventy Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which was held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

**AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENT OF PARAGRAPH 9 OF ARTICLE 1  
ON DEFINITIONS**

The provisions of paragraph 9 of Article 1 on Definition of 'Right of Residence' in the Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/7/85 on the Code of Conduct for the implementation of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment shall be amended as follows:

**New Paragraph 9 of article 1**

**"Right of residence"** The right granted to a citizen who is a national of one Member State to reside in a Member State other than his State of origin.

**ARTICLE 3: Abrogation of Paragraph 2 of Article 3**

The provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Protocol A/P1/5/79 are hereby repealed.





## **ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION**

1. In order to ensure the effective implementation of this Supplementary Act, the ECOWAS Commission shall set up a Monitoring and Evaluation Committee which shall monitor and evaluate on the implementation of this Supplementary Act, particularly in relation to security related issues.

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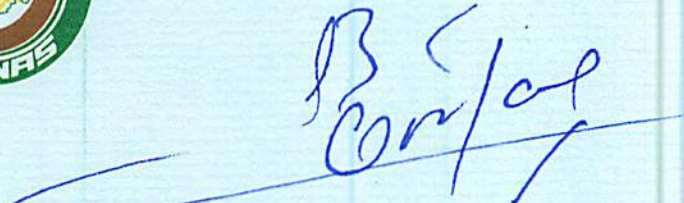
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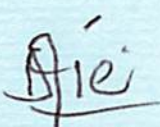



  
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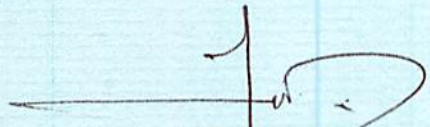
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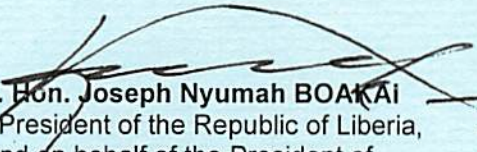
  
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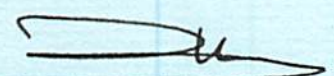
  
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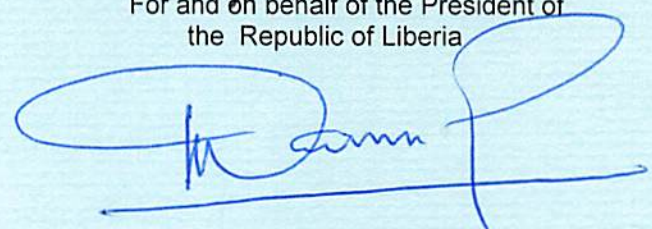
  
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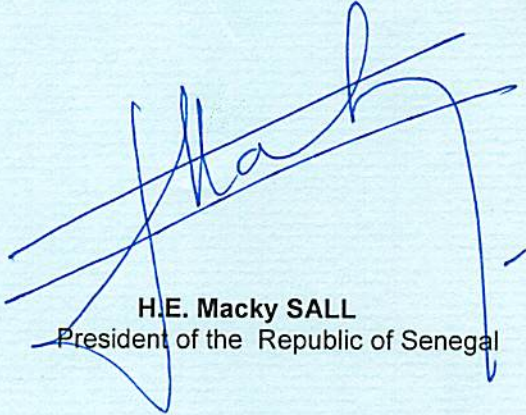
  
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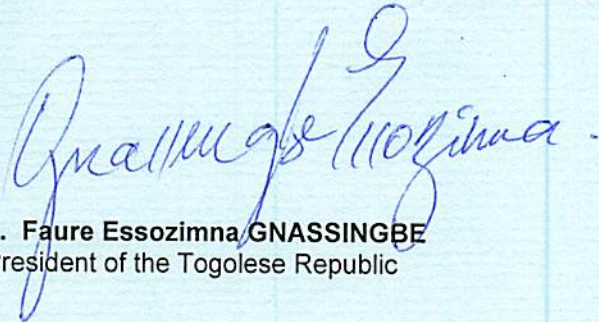




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Accra, 10 – 11 July 2014

**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.3/07/14 REPEALING CHAPTER III,  
ARTICLES 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9 ON RESIDENCE CARD VALID AS VISITING  
AND RESIDENCE PERMIT OF PROTOCOL A/SP/1/7/86 ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND STAGE (RIGHT OF RESIDENCE)  
OF THE PROTOCOL ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, RIGHT OF  
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RESIDENCE PERMIT**

### **THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES**

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**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/7/86 on the Second Phase (Right of Residence) of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, the Right of Residence and Establishment;

**CONSIDERING** that the processes of obtaining the ECOWAS residence card or permit are long, tedious, costly thereby causing unnecessary hindrance to the free movement of persons, rights of residence and establishment;





**CONVINCED** of the urgent need to abolish the ECOWAS residence card or permit;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Seventy Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which was held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

**AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1 : REPEAL**

The provisions of Chapter III, Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the Resident Card or Resident Permit is hereby repealed.

**ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION**

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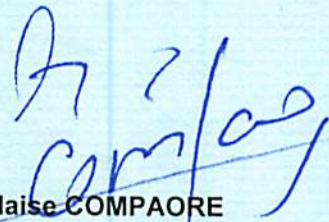
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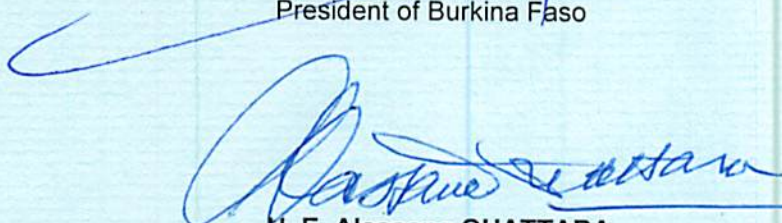




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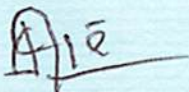


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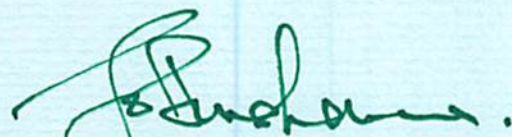


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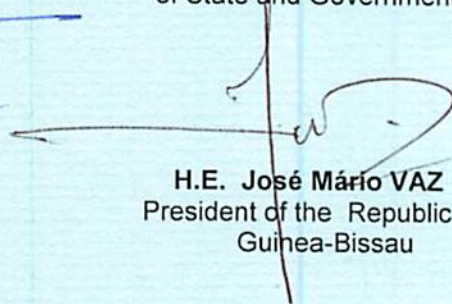
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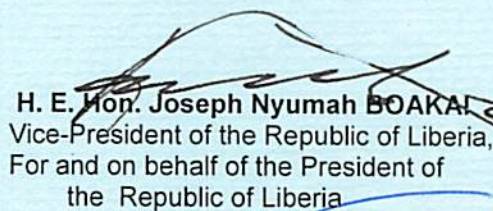
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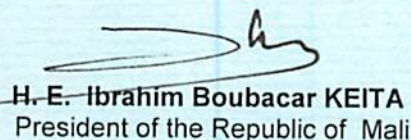
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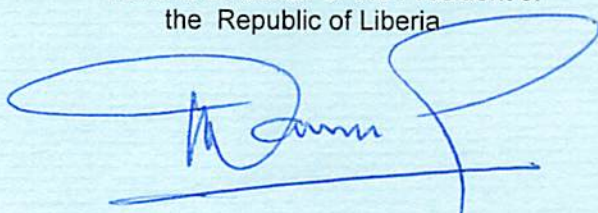
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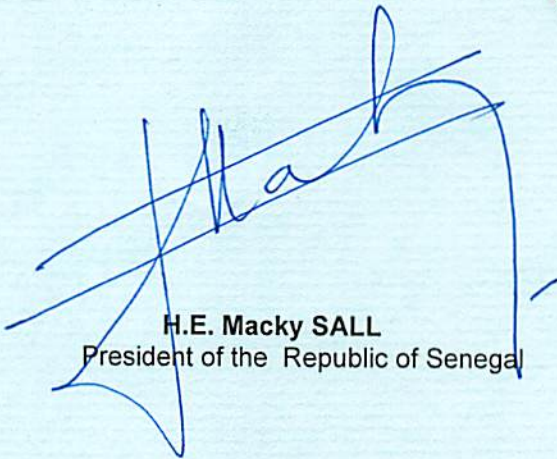
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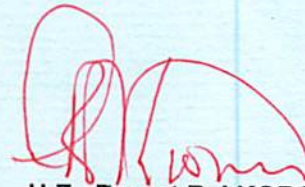
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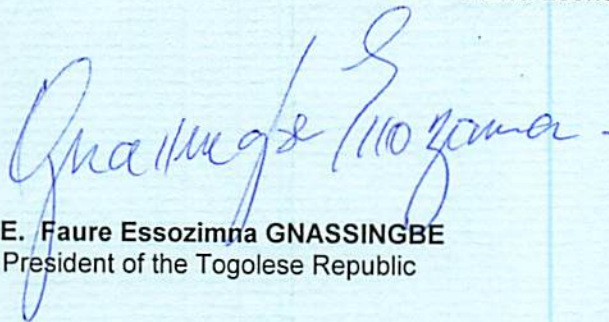




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**FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA. 4/07/14 ADOPTING THE REGIONAL  
DOCUMENT OF THE ECOWAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME**

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

**MINDFUL** of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 3 of the said Treaty relating to the goals and objectives of ECOWAS which aims to promote cooperation and integration in the context of an economic union in West Africa;

**RECALLING** of the ECOWAS Vision 2020 aiming at moving from an ECOWAS of States to an ECOWAS of people;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the Final Communiqué of the thirty-second ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held on June 15th, 2007 in Abuja, Nigeria, enshrining the Community Development (CDP) Program as a program aimed at implementing the Strategic Vision of ECOWAS;





**WHEREAS** the Regional CDP Document is the result of a process that has taken into consideration the contributions from all stakeholders of the ECOWAS Regional Integration programme leading to a synthesis;

**CONSIDERING** that the CDP constitutes a development strategy at the regional level aimed at translating in coherent manner the programs and actions of Institutions tied to the objectives of ECOWAS integration process;

**DESIROUS** of adopting the Regional Document of the Community Programme for advancing the implementation of ECOWAS Development programmes and Regional Integration as a whole and wishing to ensure the appropriate institutional anchorage for the implementation of the CDP;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Seventy Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers which was held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

**AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Article 1:**

The CDP Regional Document comprising the three (3) volumes of the CDP, the synthesis and their annexes attached, is hereby adopted.

**Article 2 :**

A Coordination Unit for the implementation of the Community Development Programme (CDP) shall be established within the ECOWAS Commission.





### **Article 3 :**

Member States shall:

- a) continue discussions on the issue of mobilizing domestic resources through appropriate mechanisms including innovative financing mechanisms for the implementation of the CDP;
- b) strengthen the coordination between Members States for better implementation of regional projects;
- c) continue communication and dissemination of the CDP, in collaboration with Non-State Actors.

### **Article 4 :**

The ECOWAS Commission shall:

- a) Establish the appropriate institutional linkages and synergy between the coordination Unit of the CDP referred to in article 2 of this Supplementary Act and all other programme Departments within the Commission.
- b) take immediate steps to mobilize resources for funding and implementation of the CDP projects.
- c) promote the active involvement of the regional private sector in the financing of the CDP in particular through the promotion of public-private partnership;
- d) ensure consistency of the implementation of the CDP investments with the convergence criteria of the Community;
- e) pursue actions that will guarantee the participation of all IGOs on the CDP platform to ensure coherence in the implementation of development initiatives in the region;





- f) develop negotiation strategies with partners in key sectors such as mining, fishing, telecommunications to a greater mobilization of domestic resources;
- g) ensure the involvement of all stakeholders in the monitoring and evaluation of the CDP;
- h) explore innovative financing mechanisms and assess their impact in terms of additional resource mobilization and competitiveness of the economies in the region;
- i) facilitate the mobilization of financing as well as operations of National CDP Committees;
- j) continue the implementation of the T21 model within the eight (8) non-pilot Countries in order to develop tools for measuring the impact of the implementation of the CDP projects.

**Article 5 :**

Regional Financing Institutions shall:

- a) support the Commission and Member States in mobilizing resources for the financing of the CDP;
- b) ensure emphasis on funding regional projects;
- c) support more effectively development initiatives by reducing the cost of credit, particularly in the agricultural sector in order to promote effective private sector involvement in the financing of the CDP.





#### **Article 6 :**

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same timeframe after notification by the Commission.

#### **Article 7**

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon publication. Consequently, signatory Member States shall embark on the implementation of its provisions once it enters into force.
2. This Supplementary Act shall be attached as an annex to the ECOWAS Treaty to which it shall be an integral part.

#### **Article 8**

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited at the Commission, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to all Member States and register same with the African Union (AU), the United Nations and such other Organisations as may be decided by the Council.


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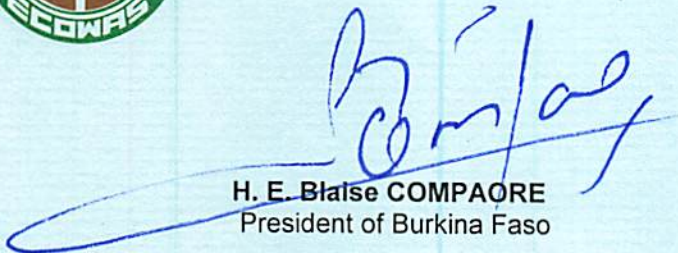
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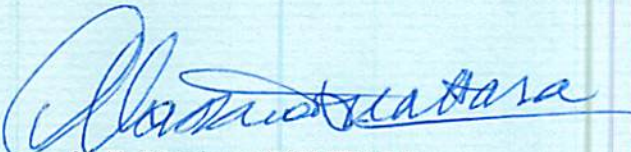


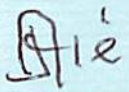


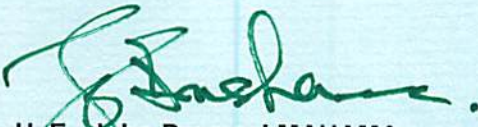
  
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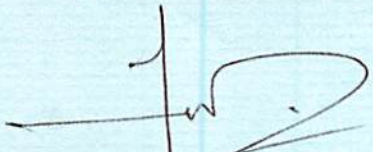
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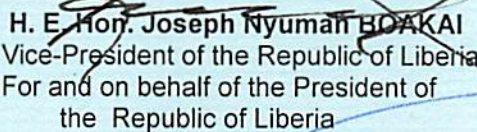
  
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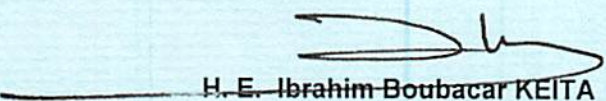
  
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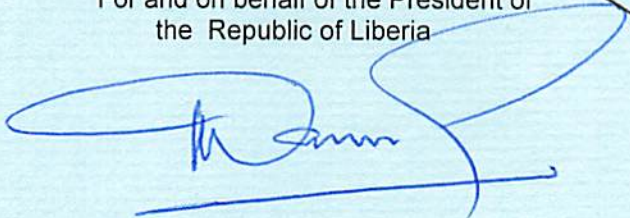
  
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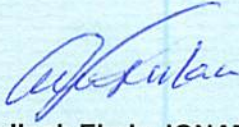
  
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## **FORTY FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Accra, 10 –11 July 2014

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SP.5/07/14 RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC DECLARATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY STATUTORY APPOINTEES OF ECOWAS INSTITUTIONS**

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

**MINDFUL** of Articles 7, 8, and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10 and 69 of the said ECOWAS Treaty that gives the Council of Ministers the responsibility of approving the Organisational Structure of ECOWAS Institutions as well as issues relating to Administration and Personnel Management;

**MINDFUL** of New Article 18 paragraph 3 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Revised ECOWAS Treaty which empowers the Council of Ministers to appoint Statutory Appointees with the exception of the President of the ECOWAS Commission and the Judges of the Community Court of Justice;

**RECALLING** the categorisation of the Statutory Appointees under Article 3 of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations of 2005 as staff members appointed in compliance with Article 18 of the ECOWAS Treaty of 1993 as amended;

**ALSO RECALLING** that Statutory Appointees refer to the Heads and Deputy Heads of ECOWAS Institutions;

**RECALLING** the recruitment rules of the Community as contained in the said 2005 Staff Regulations that all staff of the Community must subscribe to an oath of Office;





**MINDFUL** of New Article 18 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending the Revised Treaty of 1993 which provides that the President and other Commissioners of the ECOWAS Commission shall prior to assumption of office subscribe to a public oath of office to be administered by the President of the Community Court of Justice before the Authority of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers respectively;

**WISHING** to ensure that all other Statutory Appointees also subscribe publicly to an oath of office because of the nature and status of their positions in the Institutions of the Community;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Seventy Second Session of the Council of Ministers which took place in Accra, Ghana, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014;

### **AGREES AS FOLLOWS**

#### **Article 1:**

All Statutory Appointees in ECOWAS Institutions shall subscribe to a public Declaration of their oaths of office.

#### **Article 2:**

The procedure for the public declaration of oath of office referred to in Article 1 of this Decision shall be as follows:

- a) The President of the ECOWAS Commission whose oath of office is to be administered by the President of the Community Court of Justice, shall take the said oath at a session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government;
- b) The Judges of the Community Court of Justice shall take their oaths of office either at a session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government or in the presence of the Chairman of Authority;





- c) All other Statutory Appointees of Community Institutions shall take their oath of office at a session of the Council of Ministers and such oath shall be administered by the President of the Community Court of Justice.

### **ARTICLE 3: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon signature. Consequently the signatory Member States and ECOWAS Institutions undertake to start implementing its provisions upon its entry into force.
2. This Supplementary Act shall be attached as an Annex to the ECOWAS Treaty of which it is an integral part.

### **ARTICLE 4: PUBLICATION**

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the date of its signing by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its official Gazette thirty (30) days after the notification by the Commission.

### **ARTICLE 5: DEPOSITORY AUTHORITY**

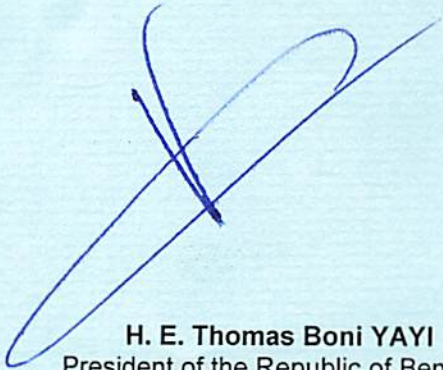
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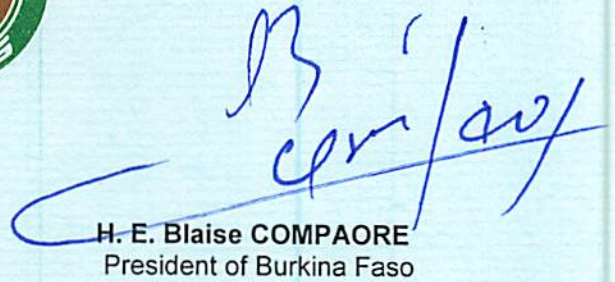
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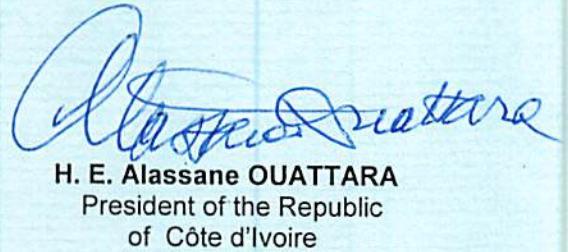


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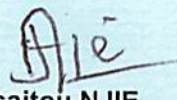


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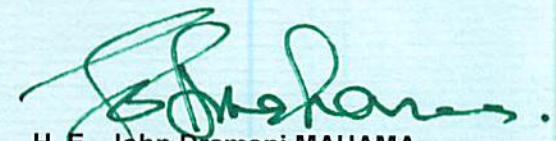
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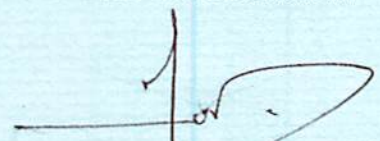
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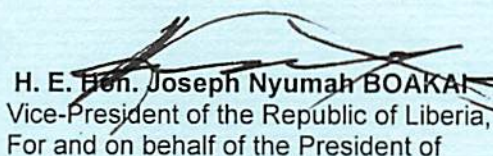
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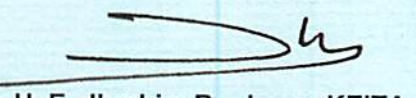
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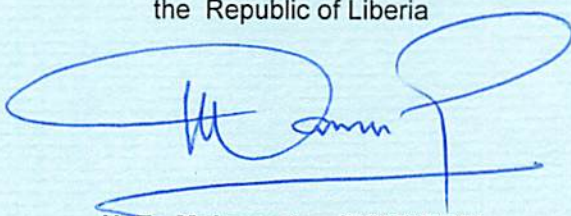
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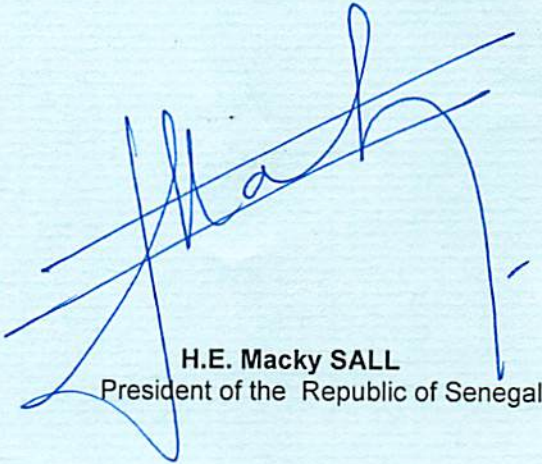
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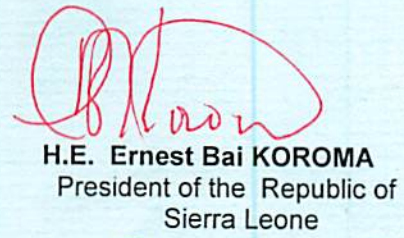


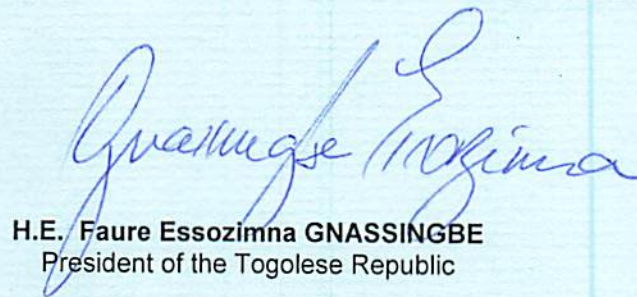
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## **FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF ECOWAS HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT**

Accra, 10 – 11 July 2014

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.6/07/14 ADOPTING THE POLICY FRAMEWORK ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLY WARNING AND RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISMS IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES**

#### **THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES**

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

**Mindful of** Article 58 of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on Regional Security, which prescribes the institutionalization and enhancement of intra-State and inter-State conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms ;

**Mindful of** the ECOWAS Protocol relating to Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution and Peacekeeping and Security signed on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1999, in Lome;

**Mindful of** the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF), defining the principles of subsidiarity and complementarity, based on the modalities of cooperation among the Member States and ECOWAS;





**CONSIDERING** that the Protocol below established an early warning system to provide real-time information on events or other incidents likely to affect social peace and security in the West African region;

**CONSIDERING** that the early warning system also seeks to provide information on the occurrence of social and political events and climate change or bad weather;

**CONSIDERING** that the smooth operation of this regional early warning system requires the establishment of a policy framework on the early warning and rapid response mechanisms;

**AWARE** that the smooth operation of this mechanism calls for the establishment of national early warning and rapid response mechanisms in the Member States to provide information for the regional early warning system;

**CONVINCED** of the need for ECOWAS to involve the Member States in efforts to improve their capacity to manage low-intensity local conflicts by developing national mechanisms to enhance the existing peace and security architecture, with a view to according them the prime responsibility of ensuring peace and security on their territory, as well as the potential of the proposed national mechanisms to serve as pillars for the regional mechanism;





**DESIROUS** of adopting a policy framework on the establishment of national early warning and rapid response mechanisms in ECOWAS Member States, including the regional early warning mechanism, by providing all the useful information for its operation;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Thirty-Second Ordinary Session of the Mediation and Security Council at the ministerial level held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in Accra (Republic of Ghana);

**AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Article 1:**

This Supplementary Act hereby adopts the attached Policy Framework on the Establishment of Early Warning and Rapid Response Mechanisms in the ECOWAS Member States;

**Article 2:**

1. The Member States shall adopt national legislations and regulations to establish or put in place a national early warning mechanism based on the legal provisions in force in the ECOWAS region;
2. The Member States shall undertake to establish national early warning coordination centres within three (3) years from the signing of this Supplementary Act.

**Article 3:**

The ECOWAS Commission shall take the necessary steps to support the Member States in the area of technical expertise and resource mobilization.





**Article 4:**

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within thirty (30) days after notification thereof by the Commission

**Article 5:**

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon its publication. Consequently, Member States shall undertake to commence the implementation of its provisions upon its entry into force.
2. This Supplementary Act shall be annexed to the ECOWAS Treaty and shall form an integral part thereof.

**Article 6:**

This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission, which shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all Member States, and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations and similar organizations, as may be determined by Council.


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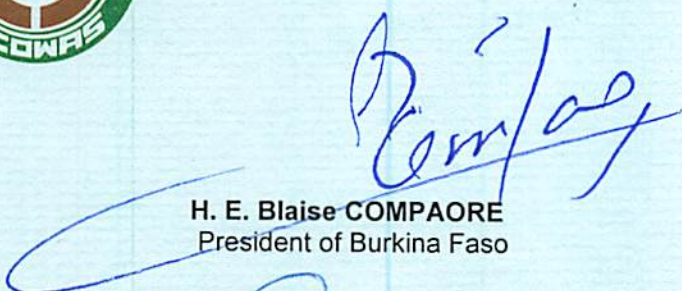
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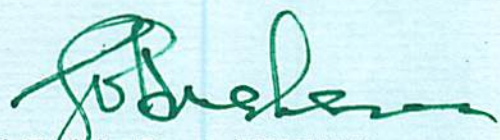
  
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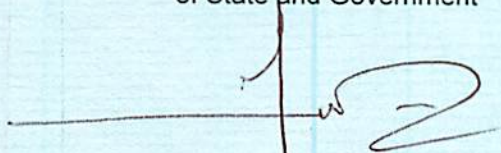
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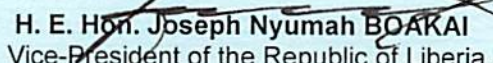
  
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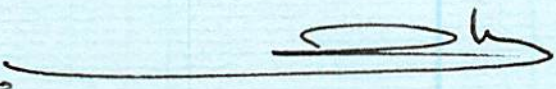
  
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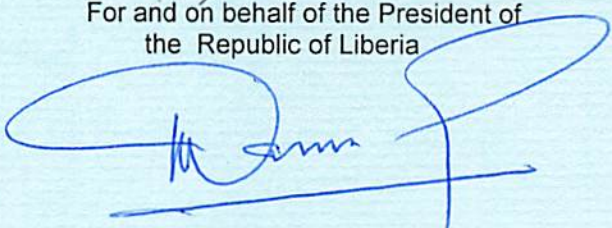
  
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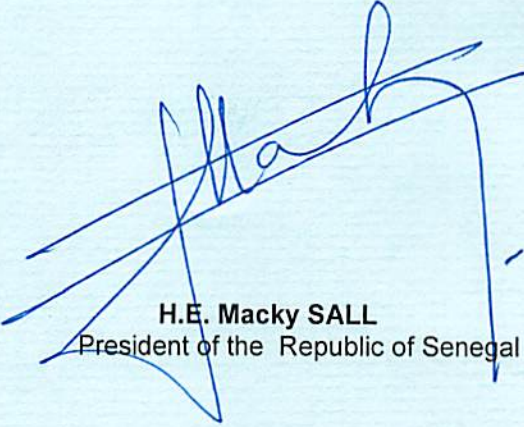
  
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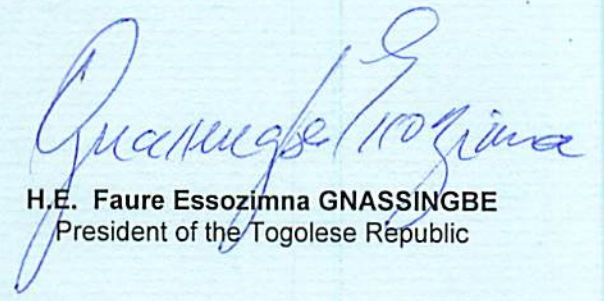
  
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**EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF  
STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Accra, 6 November 2014

**DIRECTIVE A/DIR 01/11/14 ON THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE  
(EVD) IN THE REGION**

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

**MINDFUL** of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its functions and composition;

**CONSIDERING** that the Ebola Virus was discovered in 1976 and that since its identification, West Africa has experienced the most severe impact of the outbreak;

**RECALLING** that in March 2014, the ECOWAS Security and Mediation Council characterized the epidemic as a security threat to West Africa;

**CONSIDERING** that the areas affected by the outbreak are lacking in human and infrastructural resources, limited access to water sanitation and hygiene and medical facilities;

**CONSIDERING** also that the devastating effect of the EVD has put a huge strain on the health system, disrupted agricultural activities thereby affecting the prices of food items, caused a decline in mining activities, impacted the education sector as schools has been shut for long periods , reduced the free movement of people and goods within the region;

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**TAKING NOTE** of the effect of the EVD on the ECOWAS Commission as programs have not been fully implemented and this has had direct impact on the integration project and the people oriented ECOWAS vision 2020;

**NOTING** the United Nations Security Council Resolution urging UN Member States to provide resources to fight the outbreak of EVD and the setting up of the UN Mission For Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) in Accra, Ghana whose main mission is to stop the spread of EVD and prevent the spread to other countries;

**RECOGNISING** the interventions made by ECOWAS at the 45<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Heads of State and Government where a Special Fund was set up on Ebola, and UEMOA the monetary contributions of Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal, Mali, and Niger to the Fund, the sensitization programs, distribution of humanitarian relief fund, provision of protection kits and consumables for diagnostics and treatment by the West African Health Organization (WAHO);

**TAKING INTO COGNIZANCE** various interventions from the West African Monetary Union (UEOMA), African Development Bank (AfDB), World Health Organization (WHO), United States of America, Cuba, France, Germany, United Kingdom, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), European Union (EU) Canada and China;

**DESIRIOUS** of mobilizing and coordinating the efforts of all stakeholders at the country, regional and global levels in the fight against EVD;

**AFTER THE CONSIDERATION** of the memorandum of the President of the Commission,

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## PRESCRIBES

### Article 1

1. Member States shall: -

- a) prioritize adoption and implementation of guidelines on Ebola preparedness, treatment and management in conformity with the WHO standard.
- b) strengthen their health care system notably by allocating at least 15% of their annual budget as recommended by the Abuja Declaration as well as coordination mechanism of the national Ebola response;
- c) engage in massive public education and awareness on Ebola to help break the transmission of the Ebola Virus Disease;
- d) Mobilize their armed and security Forces for the regional response to Ebola epidemic by providing among others medical personnel, logistics and security support as well as engineering personnel;
- e) fulfil their commitment and increase their financial contribution to the ECOWAS Solidarity Fund to fight Ebola;
- f) cancel restrictions on flights and passengers to/from affected countries and to lift any ban of air flights from/to the affected countries as recommended by the Health Ministers of ECOWAS countries at their meeting held in Accra, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014;

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- g) join and request assistance visits from International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)/WHO's Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable diseases through Air travel (CAPSCA) that already has a programme in place to assist countries develop and implement preparedness plan in the aviation sector.

## Article 2

1. ECOWAS shall: -

- a) through WAHO coordinate effective implementation of Ebola response mechanism in the region and to play a leadership role in the implementation of the different actions of the partners in supporting the Member States;
- b) continually advocate for the increase in financial contribution to the Solidarity Fund to fight Ebola;
- c) assist Member States in reinforcing their capacity for better coordination of activities in their countries;
- d) actively participate in the planning, implementation and coordination of all UNMEER activities in the region;
- e) speed up necessary action to set up a regional center for disease prevention and control in West Africa;
- f) participate in the research to find vaccine and drugs against the virus;

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- g) ensure the massive deployment of health personnel and volunteers in the affected countries beginning with facilitation of the clinical trials in the region;
  - h) encourage airlines to continue operating into the affected countries or to restart operations if currently halted especially to carry goods, medicine, experts and equipment for humanitarian and health purpose;
2. The Chairman of Authority should endorse and support the Regional Operational Plan for Response to the Ebola Virus Disease which was approved by the Ministerial Ad Hoc Committee for coordination on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in Accra - Ghana.

### Article 3

Partners are encouraged;

- a) to develop mechanisms to support preparedness and prevention in the non-affected Member States;
- b) In conjunction with UNMEER and ECOWAS to develop a concerted framework for short, medium and long terms response;
- c) In consultation with Stakeholders including Private Sector, Civil Society, regional and international humanitarian and development organizations should intensify efforts in technical and institutional assistance to support treatment centers and other regular medical facilities in the countries as well as public education and awareness;
- d) to reinforce the budgetary support to the affected Member States due to the negative impact on their public funds;

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- e) to accelerate the regional efforts for vaccines and adequate therapy against the virus as well as support the region in the development of research capacity;

#### **Article 4**

This Directive shall enter into force upon signature. Consequently, Member States undertake to commence the implementation of its provisions on its entry into force.

#### **Article 5**

This Directive shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the official journal of the Community within thirty (30) days after its signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its official Gazette thirty (30) days after its notification by the Commission.

#### **Article 6**

This Directive shall be deposited with the Commission which shall submit certified true copies thereof to all Member States and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations and such other organizations as Council may determine.

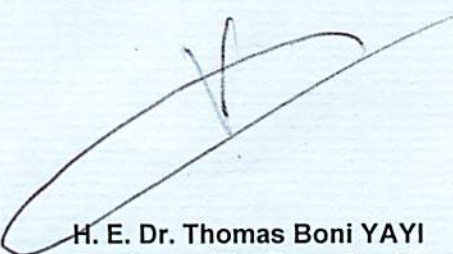
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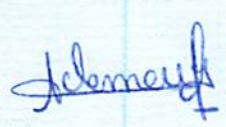
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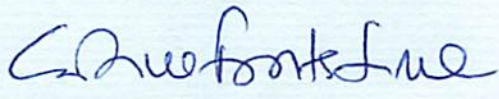
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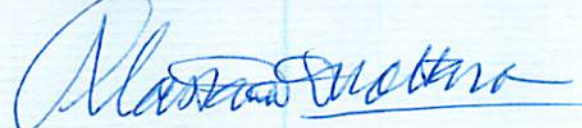
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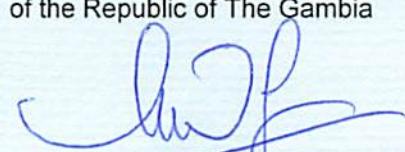
  
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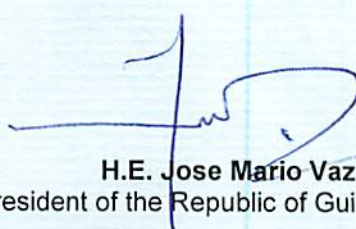
  
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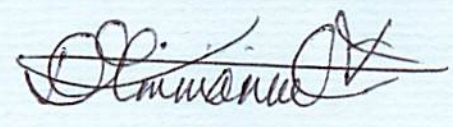
  
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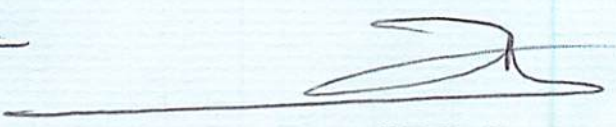
  
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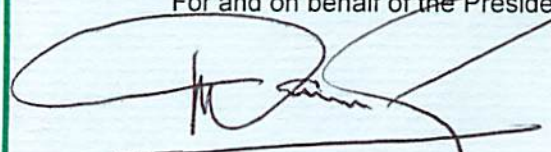
  
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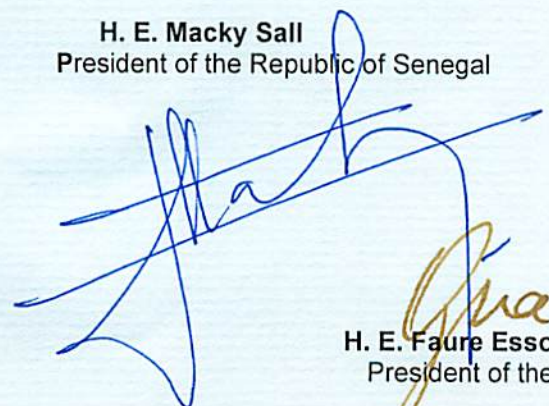
  
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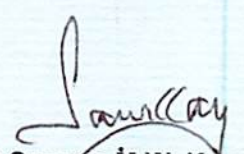
  
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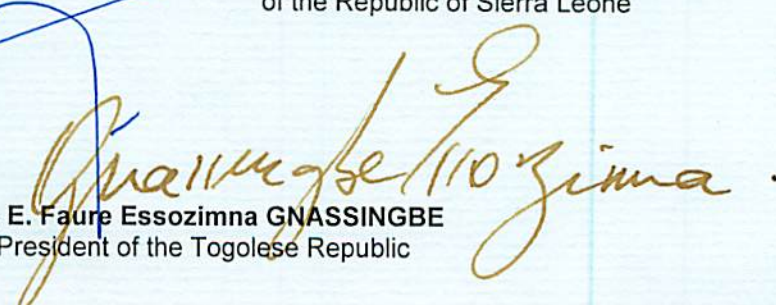
  
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President of the Republic of Senegal

  
**H. E. Dr Samura M.W. Kamara**  
Minister of foreign Affairs and International  
Cooperation, For and on behalf of the President  
of the Republic of Sierra Leone

  
**H. E. Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE**  
President of the Togolese Republic



## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.1/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/06 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioners at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for Science, Education and Culture was allocated to the Republic of Benin by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected to interview process conducted by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 in Abidjan;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Benin as Commissioner for Education, Science and Culture of the ECOWAS Commission;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

## **ENACTS**

### **Article 1**

1. **Mr. Jean Pierre Ezin** is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Education, Science and Culture of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.
2. The appointment of the new Commissioner for Education, Science and Culture Management takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **Article 2**

1. This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2014.**



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**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COUNCIL



## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.2/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/06 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioners at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for Telecommunication and Information Communication Technology was allocated to the Republic of Cape Verde by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected to interview process conducted by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 in Abidjan;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Cape Verde as the Commissioner for Telecommunication and Information Communication Technology of the ECOWAS Commission;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

## **ENACTS**

### **Article 1**

1. **Dr. Isias Baretto Olimpio da Rosa** is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Telecommunication and Information Communication Technology of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.
2. The appointment of the new Commissioner for Telecommunication and Information and Communication Technology takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **Article 2**

1. This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2014.**



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## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.3/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE SECTOR PROMOTION OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/06 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioners at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**ALSO RECALLING** Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion was allocated to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected to interview process conducted by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 in Abidjan;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire as the Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion of the ECOWAS Commission;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

## **ENACTS**

### **Article 1**

1. **Mr. Kalilou Traoré** is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.
2. The appointment of the new Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **Article 2**

1. This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2014.**



**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**

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## **EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### **REGULATION C/REG.4/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCE OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/03 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioner at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for General Administration and Conference was allocated to the Republic of Ghana by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected



## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.5/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENERGY AND MINES OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/06 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioners at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for Energy and Mines was allocated to the Republic of Guinea by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected to interview process conducted by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 in Abidjan;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Guinea as Commissioner for Energy and Mines of the ECOWAS Commission;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

**ENACTS:**

**Article 1**

1. **Mr. Bangoura Morlaye** is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Energy and Mines of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.
2. The appointment of the new Commissioner for Energy and Mines takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

**Article 2**

1. This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2014.**



**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**

**CHAIRMAN**

**FOR THE COUNCIL**



## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.6/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/06 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioners at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for Human Resources Management was allocated to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected to interview process conducted by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 in Abidjan;

**DESIROUS** therefore of appointing a national of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau as Commissioner for Human Resources Management of the ECOWAS Commission.

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

## **ENACTS**

### **Article 1**

1. **Mr. Silva Montero Joao** is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Human Resource Management of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.
2. The appointment of the new Commissioner for Human Resources Management takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **Article 2**

1. This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

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**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**

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## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.7/01/14 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND GENDER OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Article 2 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 amending articles 17 and 18 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty and providing for the appointment of seven (7) Commissioners and defines the procedure for this appointment;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of the President, Vice-President, other Commissioners of the Commission and other Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** Decision A/DEC.1/06/06 relating to the Commission of ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/06/06 increasing the number of Commissioners within the ECOWAS Commission from nine (9) to twelve (12) and Decision A/DEC.4/02/13 which further increased the number of Commissioners at the Commission to fifteen (15);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.2/07/13 relating to the establishment of six (6) additional Departments within the Commission as a result of the increased Commissioner posts and allocating the six (6) new Commissioner positions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/7/91 relating to the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** that by Decision A/DEC.2/07/13, the position of Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender was allocated to the Republic of Senegal by the Authority of Heads of State and Government and that candidates from this country have been subjected to interview process conducted by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 in Abidjan;

**DESIROUS** therefore of appointing a national of the Republic of Senegal as Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender of the ECOWAS Commission.

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

## **ENACTS**

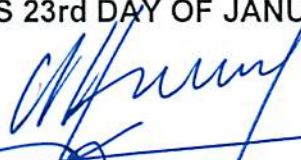
### **Article 1**

1. **Dr. Fatimata Dia Sow** is hereby appointed as the Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender of the ECOWAS Commission for a non-renewable term of four (4) years.
2. The appointment of the new Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **Article 2**

1. This Regulation, shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.
2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2014.**

  
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**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**  
CHAIRMAN

**FOR THE COUNCIL**



## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.8/01/14 APPOINTING THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Articles, 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and function;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.4/12/2001 confirming the position of the Financial Controller as being a statutory position;

**MINDFUL** of Regulation C/REG.5/05/09 adopting the Financial Regulations of the Institutions of the Community and also defining the functions of the Financial Controller;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the importance of the Office of the Financial Controller which has the principal responsibility of ensuring the proper implementation of the Community budget monitoring controls.

**RECALLING** that by Regulation C/REG.14/06/11 the Council of Ministers, in the absence of a substantive Financial Controller, appointed an Acting Financial Controller, pending the allocation of this position to a Member State;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/02 on the modalities of the allocation of Statutory positions within ECOWAS Institutions to Member States;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.6/07/2013 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government allocating the position of Financial Controller of Community Institutions to the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

**DESIROUS** thereafter of appointing a national of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as the substantive Financial Controller of the Institutions of the Community;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community held in Abidjan from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014.

## **ENACTS**

### **ARTICLE 1**

1. **Dr. Muhammad Sani Bello** is hereby appointed as Financial Controller of the Institutions of the Community for a four (4) year non-renewable period.
2. The appointment of the new Financial Controller of the Institutions of the Community takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **ARTICLE 2**

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2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

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## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.9/01/14 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its compositions and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P.2/7/87 of 9 July 1987 on the establishment of a West African Health Organisation (WAHO);

**MINDFUL** of Article IX of the above-stated Protocol relating to the post of Director-General of WAHO;

**MINDFUL** of new Article 18 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/06/06 of 14 June 2006 relating to the appointment of Statutory Appointees of Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SA.2/06/07 allocating the posts of Director General and Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) to the Republic of Guinea Bissau and Liberia respectively, for a four (4) year non-renewable period;

**CONSIDERING** that the tenures of the aforementioned States to those positions expired on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.4/07/13 relating to the Allocation of the Posts of Director General and Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organisation to the Republics of Niger and Benin respectively;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Niger as the Director-General of the West African Health Organisation;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of the Statutory Appointees which took place in Abidjan from the 20-22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

**ENACTS:**

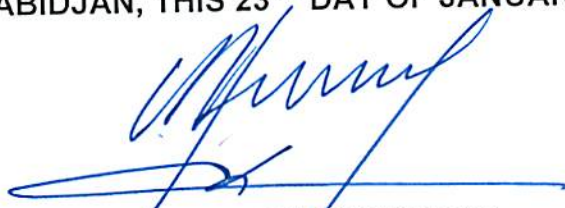
**ARTICLE 1**

1. **Dr. Crespin XAVIER** is hereby appointed as the Director General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) for a four (4) year non-renewable period.
2. The appointment of the new Director General of GIABA takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

**ARTICLE 2**

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2. It shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days from the date of signature. It shall equally be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same period after notification by the Commission.

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## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.10/4 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its compositions and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P.2/7/87 of 9 July 1987 on the establishment of a West African Health Organisation (WAHO);

**MINDFUL** of the relevant provisions of the above-stated Protocol relating to the post of Deputy Director-General of WAHO;

**MINDFUL** of new Article 18 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/06/06 of 14 June 2006 relating to the appointment of Statutory Appointees of Community Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of the positions of Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SA.2/06/07 allocating the posts of Director General and Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) to the Republics of Guinea Bissau and Liberia respectively, for a four (4) year non-renewable period;

**CONSIDERING** that the tenures of the aforementioned States to those positions expired on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.4/07/13 relating to the Allocation of the Posts of Director General and Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organisation to the Republics of Niger and Benin respectively;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Benin as the Deputy Director-General of the West African Health Organisation;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the meeting of the Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of the Statutory Appointees which took place in Abidjan from the 20-22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

**ENACTS:**

**ARTICLE 1**

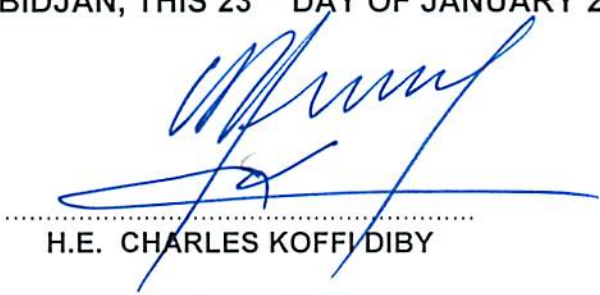
1. **Dr. Laurent Aholofon ASSOGBA** is hereby appointed as the Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) for a four (4) year non-renewable period.

1. The appointment of the new Deputy Director General of WAHO takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

**ARTICLE 2**

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## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG.11/01/14 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA (GIABA)

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.9/1/99 establishing an Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in Africa (GIABA);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.6/12/00 adopting the Statutes of GIABA;

**MINDFUL** of Article 18 (f) of the Treaty as amended by Protocol A/SPI/06/06 relating to the appointment of Statutory Appointees of Community Institutions and limiting their tenure to a non-renewable period of four(4) years;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions;

**RECALLING** Decision A/DEC.2/08/08 allocating the post of Director General, GIABA to the Federal Republic of Nigeria for another four (4) year term which expired on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/07/13 relating to the allocation of the posts of Director-General and Deputy Director-General of the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) to the Republics of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana respectfully;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire as the Director General of GIABA;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of the Statutory Appointees which took place in Abidjan from the 20<sup>th</sup>– 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

## **ENACTS**

### **ARTICLE 1**

1. **Mr. Adama COULIBALY** is hereby appointed as the Director General of the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) for a four (4) year non-renewable period.

2. The appointment of the new Director General of GIABA takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **ARTICLE 2**

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## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 23rd January 2014

### REGULATION C/REG. 12/01/14 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA (GIABA)

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THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.9/1/99 establishing an Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in Africa (GIABA);

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.6/12/00 adopting the Statutes of GIABA;

**MINDFUL** of Article 18 (f) of the Treaty as amended by Protocol A/SPI/06/06 relating to the appointment of Statutory Appointees of the Community Institutions and limiting their tenure to a non-renewable period of four(4) years;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SP.14/02/12 on the modalities of the allocation of Statutory Appointees of ECOWAS Institutions to Member States;

**RECALLING** Decision A/DEC.2/08/08 relating to the re-allocation of the post of Deputy Director General, GIABA to Senegal for another four (4) year term which expired on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.3/07/13 relating to the allocation of the posts of Director-General and Deputy Director-General of the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) to the Republics of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana respectfully;

**DESIROUS** of appointing a national of the Republic of Ghana as the Deputy Director-General of GIABA;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of the Statutory Appointees which took place in Abidjan from the 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014;

## **ENACTS**

### **ARTICLE 1**

1. **Mr. Brian SAPATI** is hereby appointed as the Deputy Director General of the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) for a four (4) year non-renewable period.
2. The appointment of the new Deputy Director General of GIABA takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

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## FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Accra, Republic of Ghana, 10 July 2014

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### FINAL COMMUNIQUE

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1. The forty-fifth Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was convened in Accra, Republic of Ghana, on 10 July 2014, and was chaired by **His Excellency John Dramani Mahama**, President of the Republic of Ghana, current Chairman of the Authority.

2. The following Heads of State and Government or their duly mandated representatives attended the Summit:

- H. E. Mr. **Thomas Boni YAYI**, President of the Republic of Benin
- H. E. Mr. **Blaise COMPAORE**, President of Burkina Faso
- H. E. Mr. **Alassane OUATTARA**, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- H. E. Mr. **John Dramani MAHAMA**, President of the Republic of Ghana
- H. E. Mr. **José Mario VAZ**, President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau
- H. E. Mr. **Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA**, President of the Republic of Mali
- H. E. Mr. **Mahamadou ISSOUFOU**, President of the Republic of Niger
- H. E. Mr. **Goodluck Ebele JONATHAN**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- H. E. Mr. **Macky SALL**, President of the Republic of Senegal
- H. E. Mr. **Ernest Bai KOROMA**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- H. E. Mr. **Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE**, President of the Togolese Republic
- H. E. Mrs. **Isatou NJIE**, Vice-President of the Republic of The Gambia
- H. E. Hon. **Joseph Nyumah BOAKAI**, Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia
- H. E. Mr. **Lourenço FALL**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guinea
- H. E. Mr. **Cesar MONTEIRO**, Ambassador of the Republic of Cape Verde in Senegal

3. The Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for West Africa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Popular and Democratic Republic of Algeria, the representatives of the President of Cameroun, Chairperson of the African Union

Commission, President of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), as well as the Head of MINUSMA also attended the Summit as observers.

4. General Yakubu GOWON, former Head of State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria also attended the Summit as a special guest.

5. During their Session, the Heads of State and Government took note of the 2014 Interim Report of the President of the Commission and the Reports of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council presented by the Chairperson of Council.

6. The Authority welcomed the quality of the reports presented and the relevance of the challenges mentioned therein with a view to deepening the West African integration process.

7. The Heads of State and Government adopted the recommendations made in the different reports, and reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to accelerating the region's reforms and integrated economic development in an environment of sustainable peace, security and democratic good governance.

8. After careful consideration of the current challenges for the integration process, the Summit reached the following specific conclusions and decisions.

## **REGIONAL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE COMMON MARKET**

9. The Authority takes note of the positive outlook of the regional growth achieved during the first half of the year 2014 and welcomes the observed gradual diversification of the economies. The Authority urges the Member States to sustain their efforts particularly by strengthening the economic, budgetary and financial reforms, as well as taking ownership and ensuring effective implementation of the regional programmes, with a view to consolidating the achievements.

10. In that regard, the Heads of State and Government welcome the actions implemented in line with the different roadmaps adopted, particularly by ensuring that the ECOWAS-CET comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, ensuring effective implementation of the trade liberalisation scheme and attaining the Monetary Union by 2020.

11. Furthermore, the Authority approves the abolition of the residence permit and the introduction of the Biometric Identity Card for the Community citizens. Regarding the status of residence permit and the introduction of the Biometric Identity Card for Community citizens and directs the Ministers in charge of Security to review all the security implications of the measure prior to the signing of the Supplementary Acts.

12. The Authority encourages the Member States to sustain these efforts to boost the regional economic performance and consolidate the common market. More specifically, the Authority instructs the Commission, in conjunction with all stakeholders, to ensure the implementation deadlines of the pending tasks.

13. The Summit reaffirms its sincere gratitude to **His Excellency Blaise Compaoré**, President of Burkina Faso, **His Excellency Mahamadou Issoufou**, President of the Republic of Niger and **His Excellency John Dramani Mahama**, President of the Republic of Ghana, respectively, for their coordination efforts and leadership role in the free movement of persons and goods, as well as monetary cooperation in West Africa. The Authority encourages them to sustain these efforts.

14. On the ECOWAS Single Currency, the Summit endorses the recommendations on the convergence criteria, the streamlining of the institutions and the revised roadmap with a specific indication of the institutions in charge of its implementation.

### **ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA)**

15. The Summit welcomes the work done by the Ad Hoc Committee set up by the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government to consider the technical concerns raised by some Member States and whose recommendations led to appropriate solutions on these issues.

16. On the basis of the consensual results reached by the Chief Negotiators on all the issues (particularly on the market access offer, the EPA Development Programme (EPADP) and the text of the Agreement), the Heads of State and Government endorse the Economic Partnership Agreement negotiated which has taken due account of the technical concerns raised.

17. Consequently, the Heads of State and Government instruct the West African Chief Negotiators to take all necessary steps to quickly start the process of signing and implementing the Agreement.

18. In that regard, the Summit encourages them to sustain their efforts, particularly by informing and raising awareness of the national and regional actors.

19. The Authority congratulates the Chief Negotiators and the Ministerial Monitoring Committee for their resolve and sense of compromise that led, through a constructive approach, to the conclusion of a fair, balanced and mutually beneficial Agreement for both parties.

20. The Authority also reaffirms deep appreciation to **His Excellency Macky Sall**, President of the Republic of Senegal, for the decisive and highly political role he played in the successful conclusion of this development-oriented Agreement which reinforces the West African integration process.

## SECTORAL POLICIES

21. The Heads of State and Government underpin the importance of the sectoral policies in achieving the region's development goals.

22. The Authority reiterates its main decisions to ensuring food security, access to energy, development of regional infrastructure and human development, and reducing the region's vulnerability to the climate change challenges. The Summit directs the Commission to continue coordinating activities to implement the various regional policies adopted to this effect.

23. The Authority reiterates its gratitude to **His Excellency Alassane Ouattara**, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, for his leadership role in boosting the infrastructure sector, as a way of improving the region's competitiveness. The Authority encourages him to continue with those efforts.

24. The Heads of State and Government adopt the Community Development Programme (CDP), whose priority components and projects identified, contributed to sustain the medium and long-term development challenges of the region.

25. In that regard, the Authority directs the Commission to take appropriate measures to mobilize the resources needed to implement the development programme. It appeals to all development partners to put to support the implementation of the programme.

26. The Authority also reaffirms the principle of solidarity as the foundation of the Community. In that regard, it highlights the need to ensure balanced development in the region, through appropriate and all-inclusive investments in all the countries, particularly in the area of infrastructure.

## PEACE AND SECURITY

27. The Heads of State and Government note with satisfaction, the progress recorded in the process of democratic consolidation and stability in the Member States, which climaxed in the successful swearing-in of the democratically elected President of Guinea Bissau, **His Excellency José Mário Vaz** on 23 June 2014. In this regard, they take note of the commitment of the Community to the value and practice of democracy and good governance which progressively deepened the democratic culture in the Member States and ensured that all the ECOWAS Member States are now governed by democratically-elected Governments.

28. In the light of the above and in view of the critical Presidential and Parliamentary elections scheduled for 2015 in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Nigeria and Togo, the Authority reiterates its commitment to ensuring that the processes preceding, and the actual conduct of these elections are free, fair and credible, in line with the Constitutional Convergence and Democratic Elections Principles of the ECOWAS

Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance (2001) and in accordance with internationally acceptable standards.

29. The Authority recalls the conclusions of the Extraordinary Summit of 30 May 2014 regarding the increasing terrorist attacks by the Boko Haram insurgents in Nigeria, particularly the reprehensible abduction of women and girls, and expresses concern over the continued non-release of the Chibok school girls as well as other bombings and crimes against the populace being perpetrated in the country.

30. The Summit expresses its sympathy with the Government and people of Nigeria over the recent bombing at Emab Plaza, Abuja, and assures the Nigerian Government of its continued support and unflinching solidarity in combatting the menace of terrorism.

31. The Heads of State and Government, express their deep concerns over the growing menace of terrorism in the Member States, as well as the damning effects of piracy, human trafficking, proliferation of small arms and light weapons, abductions and other criminal acts perpetrated by non-state armed groups. They instruct the ECOWAS Commission to strengthen its multi-sectoral programmes to support the Member States in fighting these challenges, particularly in areas of training and capacity-building and information sharing.

### **On Mali**

32. The Heads of State and Government welcome the improvement recorded in the security situation in Northern Mali since the skirmishes of May 2014. They welcome the initiative of the Algerian Government to provide the venue for the commencement of the inter-Malian dialogue in line with the Ouagadougou Preliminary Agreement.

33. The Authority expresses its unflinching solidarity with the Government of Mali and in this regard restates its readiness to continue its support to on-going peace processes, particularly the Inter-Malian Dialogue, and the activation of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission, in line with the Ouagadougou Preliminary Agreement.

34. The Authority also reiterates its commitments to the unity and territorial integrity of Mali and restates the non-negotiable and sacrosanct sovereignty of Member States. The Authority further encourages the other parties to the dialogue to negotiate with the Malian Government in the process to be commenced in Algeria on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 in good faith and with a commitment to respect the unity, territorial integrity and secularity of the Republic of Mali.

35. The Heads of State and Government express the need for all the parties to remain committed to the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Northern Mali. In this regard, they call on the non-state armed groups to cease all acts of hostilities, including violent attacks on Government Forces positions, MINUSMA and civilians. The Summit also reiterates its earlier calls on them to lay down their weapons, submit to cantonment, and

pursue the peaceful resolution of the conflict within the framework of the inclusive national dialogue.

36. The Summit strongly condemns the various attacks on troops of MINUSMA, humanitarian workers and the Malian Defence and Security Forces by non-state armed groups, and present its condolences to countries, whose nationals have recorded fatalities in the recent attacks.

37. The Heads of State and Government welcome the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2164, which has enhanced the mandate and operational capacities of MINUSMA and established a more robust humanitarian framework for engagement in Mali. In this regard, they express the need for coherence and coordination among Partners in accompanying Mali in finding a peaceful solution to the crisis.

38. The Authority calls on the Member States to pay up their pledged financial support to AFISMA, to enable the Commission conclude the liquidation of all outstanding financial obligations of AFISMA. It also calls on the UN and the AU to make resources available from the Trust Fund in this regard, to enable the ECOWAS Commission to pay up arrears to Troops Contributing Member States.

39. The Heads of State and Government reaffirm their confidence in, and support for the mediation efforts of H.E. Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso and ECOWAS Mediator in Mali, and H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Associate Mediator, in their efforts to strengthen peace and stability in Mali, and confirms ECOWAS support for the inter-Malian dialogue to commence in Algiers on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

### **On Guinea Bissau**

40. The Summit extends warm congratulations to H.E José Mário Vaz, the new President of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and pays tribute to H.E Manuel Serifo Nhamadjo, former Interim President for his commitment and determination in bringing the transitional process to a successful end.

41. The Summit encourages **H.E. President José Mário Vaz**, and the Popular National Assembly, to prioritize an inclusive approach to governance as the surest way of forging national consensus and mobilizing all the active forces in the country towards the urgent post electoral reforms facing the nation.

42. The Heads of State and Government encourage the new government to adopt and implement a comprehensive reform agenda, encompassing national dialogue and reconciliation; economic recovery; the reform of the governance and political institutions and processes to sustain the stabilization and recovery efforts. They pledged the assistance of ECOWAS and the rest of the international community in the implementation of the reforms.

43. The Summit approves the Post-Election Reform Programme for Guinea Bissau and requests the ECOWAS Commission to liaise with the Government of Guinea Bissau for its implementation.
44. The Authority directs the ECOWAS Commission to support the Government of Guinea Bissau in the process of resource mobilization for the implementation of the reforms, including but not limited to the facilitation of an International Donor Conference.
45. Given the urgent challenges facing the new government on the social level, the Summit decides to create a Special Emergency Support Fund for Guinea Bissau and appeals to the Member States and development partners to provide their contributions for the creation of the fund
46. While welcoming the lifting of sanctions on Guinea Bissau by the African Union's Peace and Security Council's (PSC), the Heads of State and Government commend the AU for putting the country on the African Solidarity Initiative.
47. The Authority commends the Head of Mission and Special Representative of the President of the Commission in Guinea Bissau, Force Commander, officers, men and women of the ECOWAS Security Mission in Guinea Bissau (ECOMIB) for their laudable efforts in assisting to ensure the security of institutions and the population, and instructs the ECOWAS Commission to take urgent steps, in close consultation with the Government of Guinea Bissau, the International Community and other partners, to review the mandate of ECOMIB after 31 December 2014.
48. The Heads of State and Government direct the ECOWAS Commission to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the Defence and Security Sector Reform programme. To this end, they direct the Commission to expedite action in order to enhance the human, financial and logistical capacities of the Office of the Special Representative of the President of the Commission in Guinea Bissau.
49. The Authority expresses its deep appreciation to the Governments of the ECOMIB Troop and Police Contributing Countries for their commitment and sacrifices in assisting a sister nation in need and helping to maintain peace and security throughout the transition period in Guinea Bissau.
50. The Heads of State and Government express their profound gratitude to H.E Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman of the Regional Contact Group on Guinea Bissau (RCG-GB), and members of the Group, and to H.E Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea and Mediator in Guinea Bissau, for their assistance to Guinea Bissau and their commitment to ensuring a successful and inclusive transition.

## **NATIONAL EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE MECHANISMS**

51. The Authority of Heads of State adopts the recommendations on the establishment of National Early Warning and Response Mechanisms.

## INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

52. The Authority takes note of the swearing-in, on 19 June 2014, of seven new Commissioners, appointed by the 71<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers.

53. The Authority also endorses the swearing-in, on 18 June 2014, of seven new Judges for the Community Court of Justice, appointed by the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. **Justice Maria Do Ceu Monteiro Silva** of Guinea Bissau was elected President of the Court, **Mr Justice Friday Chijoke Nwoke** of Nigeria as Vice President and **Mr Jérôme Traoré** of Burkina Faso as Dean of the Court.

54. The Authority reiterates its previous decisions on improving institutional performance and the efficient implementation of community programmes.

55. Urging all the institutions of the Community to continue their efforts in that regard, the Authority reiterates its appeal to all the Member States to take prompt action to adhere strictly to all the provisions of the Protocol on the Community Levy.

56. Welcoming the strengthening of partnerships around the ECOWAS Vision 2020, the Authority expresses its heartfelt appreciation to all partners for supporting the region to achieve its integration and peace and security consolidation goals.

## ON THE EBOLA HAEMORPHAGIC FEVER

57. The Authority highlights the serious threat of the continuous spread of the Ebola disease in the region which has so far claimed about 500 lives and condoles with the Governments and people of the affected Member States.

58. The Authority directs the Commission, in liaison with the West African Health Organization (WAHO), to adopt a regional approach towards containing and managing the Ebola outbreak. To this end, Summit directs that a solidarity fund be established. In this regard, Summit commends Nigeria's contribution of USD3,500,000 as follows: USD1,000,000 to Guinea, USD500,000 to Liberia, USD500,000 to Sierra Leone, USD500,000 to WAHO and USD1,000,000 to the ECOWAS Pool Fund for Ebola. The Summit, while accepting contribution of Nigeria appeals to other Member States as well as the International Community to contribute to the Ebola Solidarity fund.

59. The Heads of State and Government pay tribute to His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, and current Chairman of ECOWAS, for his unflinching support in deepening the regional integration process and his commitment to entrenching the culture of democracy and promoting good governance in West Africa.

60. The Heads of State and Government decide to hold their next Ordinary Session in Abuja at a date to be set after consultations.

**DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2014**

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## FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Accra, Republic of Ghana, 10 July 2014

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### **VOTE OF THANKS**

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We, Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States meeting on 10 July 2014 at our 45<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session in Accra, express our profound appreciation to His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, current Chairman of ECOWAS and the Government and people of Ghana, for their warm hospitality extended to us and our delegations.

We particularly wish to thank him sincerely for his unflinching support to the values of integration in our region and his positive contributions to deepening of the regional integration process within an environment of lasting peace, security and good democratic governance.

In that regard, We, Heads of State and Government, express our highest regard and appreciation to President Mahama for the skills and effectiveness with which he presided over proceedings, which greatly facilitated deliberations and ensured the successful formulation of relevant decisions for the deepening of the integration process.

Given the importance of the issues discussed, we are also grateful to him for the relaxed atmosphere in which we held our meetings, and also for the excellent facilities provided for the success of our Session.

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