- Integrated control project for the Senegal delta, covering Senegal and Mauritania, priority will be given to biological control, training and public enlightenment;
- A regional coordinating unit will be set up at the Executive Secretariat to assist affected Member States in the areas of enlightenment training and prevention.

Total estimated cost of the programme is US\$ 14,119,380.

The final report of the study was adopted at the meeting of the Steering Committee on the study held in Dakar, in November, 1995.

REGULATION C/REG. 8/7/96 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL METEOROLOGICAL PROJECT

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions:

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC. 8/7/94 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS meteorological programme;

AWARE of the need to strengthen cooperation between Member States in the exchange of meteorological information and management training;

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Article 1

The attached regional meteorological project on "contribution of meteorology to sustained development of ECOWAS countries", is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund shall take appropriate measures to mobilise the necessary funds for the realisation of the project.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Council ot Ministers.

It shall also be published in the National Gazette of each Member State within the same time-frame.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1996

HON. KWAME PEPRAH CHAIRMAN.

FOR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

METEOROLOGICAL REGIONAL PROJECT

CONTRIBUTION OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES

Introduction

- 1. The ECOWAS Council of Ministers, meeting in Cotonou, Benin, in July, 1993, adopted Decision C/Dec.1/7/93 containing the regional meteorological programme for the coordination of meteorological activities in the sub-region and for the promotion of meteorological applications in the various sectors of economic activity (agriculture, environment, transport, energy, water resources, etc.)
- 2. As part of the implementation of this programme, the Executive Secretariat, with financial assistance from the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), conducted an identification study under a project entitled "Contribution of Meteorological Services to sustainable Development in ECOWAS Member States". The study was adopted by the Directors of Meteorological Services at their meeting held in Abidjan from 15th to 17th November, 1995.
- 3. The project aims to ensure food security by improving the quality and quantity of agricultural production, natural resources management, environmental protection, climatic changes and desertification. It also seeks to monitor and achieve more effective use of agrometeorological and hydrological information.
- 4. The regional project has been conceived in five parts as follows:
 - a) Establishment and operation of an operational regional centre in charge of meteorological applications. Its role will be to monitor agricultural and climatological activities, drought and desertification;

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