

**REGULATION C/REG.1/12/99 RELATING TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.21/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing the Special Fund for Telecommunications;

RECOGNISING that the Special Fund for Telecommunications was established to accelerate the development of telecommunications infrastructures in the sub-region, as well as to ensure their maintenance;

DESIRING to ensure that the Special Fund for Telecommunications is fully utilised and that it fulfils its assigned roles;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the third Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Telecommunications held in Bamako on 10th September, 1999.

**ENACTS**

**Article 1**

1. The Special Fund for Telecommunications as well as its operational mechanisms shall be restructured to enable it effectively perform its responsibility as a catalyst for the modernisation and overall development of telecommunications within the sub-region.
2. In this regard ECOWAS Institutions and Member States shall strengthen it by redefining its role, its objectives and administration as well as ensure the inflow of necessary financial resources.

**Article 2**

Each Member State shall establish a telecommunications fund within its domain.

**Article 3**

1. Member States shall adopt sub-regional perspectives in their activities within the legal and regulatory aspects of the telecommunications sector.

2. ECOWAS shall harmonise all legal and regulatory telecommunications frameworks of Member States.

**Article 4**

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

**DONE AT LOME,  
THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1999**



**ABDOUL HAMID S.B. TIDJANI-DOURODJAYE  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL**

**REGULATION C/REG.2/12/99 ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIVITY IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

RECOGNISING that direct interconnection between ECOWAS States using modern telecommunications systems is a prerequisite for sub-regional economic integration;

CONSIDERING that only thirty-two percent of traffic

within the ECOWAS zone is by direct connectivity and that this situation is due in part to the poor quality of connections and inappropriate transit charges;

NOTING that twelve of the sixteen Member States are connected to INTELSTAT 355.E, of which ten are already equipped with DAMA satellite system;

NOTING ALSO that establishing an overall DAMA network for ECOWAS Member States and bringing in new digital technology will improve the flow of traffic by providing new direct links at competitive rates.

### ENACTS

#### Article 1

1. Member States and telecommunications operators shall take all necessary measures to ensure efficient functioning of existing links;
2. To this end, Member States shall:
  - (a) make every necessary provision to ensure direct connectivity between their countries on the DAMA network as an initial step, whilst exploring other possibilities from existing technologies;
  - (b) seek all technical and technological means and seek the funding required to improve connectivity between Member States.

#### Article 2

The necessary coordination shall be established between the Executive Secretariat and the different regional and sub-regional telecommunications organisations in order to optimise the investment resources available, and ensure better planning of the National Networks.

#### Article 3

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CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL

### REGULATION C/REG.3/12/99 RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTELCOM II PROGRAMME

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/8/97 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government launching the Second ECOWAS Telecommunications Programme (INTELCOM II);

DESIROUS of providing Member States with a modern, reliable telecommunications network that can carry all services including multimedia;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the third Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Telecommunications held in Bamako on 10th September, 1999.

### ENACTS

#### Article 1

Member States shall support the implementation of Intelcom II programme.

**Article 2**

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall:

- (a) prepare a schedule of activities from the feasibility study up to the implementation stage of Intelcom II;
- (b) draw up a detailed programme for each Member State based on the global strategy adopted for Intelcom II;
- (c) organise regular meetings of relevant officials in order to ensure effective monitoring of implementation of the Intelcom II programme;
- (d) organise a tripartite meeting between ECOWAS, RASCOM and INTELSAT with a view to harmonising their activities in the satellite telecommunications sector.

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

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**ABDOUL HAMID S.B. TIDJANI-DOURODJAYE,  
CHAIRMAN,  
FOR THE COUNCIL.**

**REGULATION C/REG.4/12/99 ADOPTING THE  
STAFF RULES AND STAFF REGULATIONS OF THE  
INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

MINDFUL of the Staff Rules of the Economic Community of West African States adopted by Decision C/DEC5/7/91 dated 3rd July, 1991;

NOTING the many inadequacies in the aforementioned Staff Rules which have undermine proper administration and effective personnel management;

DESIRING to endow the Community institutions with Staff Rules and Staff Regulations that are modern and reflect the rules of the international public service;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fourth meeting of Ministers of Justice held in Abuja on 25th and 26th October, 1999;

**ENACTS**

**Article 1**

The Staff Rules and the Staff Regulations of the Institutions of the Economic Community of West African States are hereby adopted as attached in annex to this Regulation.

**Article 2**

This Regulation shall supersede all previous contrary provisions.

**Article 3**

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