

ARTICLE 4

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

**DONE IN ACCRA, THIS 18TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2003**



HON. (DR) KOFI KONADU APRAKU
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL

**FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS**

Accra, 15th - 18th December 2003

**REGULATION C/REG.20/12/03 RELATING TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MISSION
PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT CELL WITHIN
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF ECOWAS**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the Treaty on the maintenance of Regional security;

CONSIDERING the increasingly greater role of ECOWAS in conflict prevention and management brought about by the growing number, intensity and duration of conflicts in West Africa, resulting in the death and displacement of peoples, in addition to the deleterious effect on development, political and economic stability;

MINDFUL of the Protocol on the Mechanism relating to Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security of 10 December 1999, which provides mechanisms for attaining collective security and the maintenance and consolidation of peace and security within the sub-region;

MINDFUL of the establishment of an office for Political Affairs, Defence and Security in the Executive Secretariat that is charged with undertaking the activities relating to the implementation of the ECOWAS Mechanism on Conflict Prevention and noting that such activities often involve the planning and deployment of humanitarian and peacekeeping missions in conflict areas within the region;

RECALLING the decisions of the meetings of the ECOWAS Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Dakar on 28th and 30th January 2003, the Mediation and Security Council and its Defence and security

Commission on the need for the setting up of a Mission Planning Cell within the office for Political Affairs, Defence and Security, to enhance the capabilities of the Executive Secretariat in planning and managing ECOWAS peace missions;

DESIRING to establish an operational structure within the office for Political Affairs, Defence and Security that will accomplish this objective;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the thirtieth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Accra from 8th to 15th December 2003;

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Article 1

A Mission Planning and Management Cell is hereby established within the office for Political Affairs, Defence and Security of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS;

Article 2

The Mission Planning and Management Cell shall perform crisis assessments and also plan, coordinate and manage all missions in accordance with the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security.

Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall make periodic adjustments modifying the size and structure of the planning cell where missions within the sub-region are either reduced or completed.

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