

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

Accra, 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2003

**REGULATION C/REG.21/12/03 RELATING TO  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACE FUND  
FOR ECOWAS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 58 of the ECOWAS Treaty which provides that Member States shall undertake to cooperate with the Community in establishing appropriate mechanisms for the timely prevention and resolution of intra-state and inter-state conflicts;

**MINDFUL** of the Protocol on the Mechanism relating to Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security of 10 December 1999 providing the legal framework for ECOWAS operations in the area of peace and security;

**CONSIDERING** the enormous resources required by the Community in order to implement the activities prescribed within the Protocol, in particular, the deployment of ECOWAS Peace missions in identified conflict areas;

**MINDFUL** of Article 36 of the aforementioned Protocol that requires the Executive Secretariat to make provision in its annual budget for financing the activities of the Mechanism and prescribing also the allocation of a percentage of the ECOWAS Community Levy for these activities;

**AWARE** of the ad hoc approaches often adopted by the ECOWAS Authority and the Executive Secretariat in an attempt to mobilize resources from within and outside the sub-region to support ECOWAS peacekeeping initiatives and missions in countries in the sub-region;

**RECOGNISING** that this ad hoc approach for the obtainance of funds is inimical to the development of a strategic and long term plan for ECOWAS activities in the area of peace and security;

**MINDFUL** of the recommendations of the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Dakar from 28 - 30 January 2003 for the activation of the Fund provided for under the terms of Article 36;

**DESIRING** to put in place the necessary financial framework that will assure the efficient operationalisation of all ECOWAS peace and security initiatives;

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

**ENACTS**

**Article 1**

The Peace Fund provided for under Article 36 of the Protocol on the Mechanism relating to Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security of 10<sup>th</sup> December 1999 is hereby established.

**Article 2**

- i. The Executive Secretary is responsible for the management of the Peace Fund.
- ii. The Executive Secretary and the Financial Controller shall ensure that the management of the Peace Fund conforms with all ECOWAS financial regulatory provisions. They shall ensure that the principles of transparency and probity are observed in the management system of the Fund.

**Article 3**

Contributions to the Peace Fund shall be made up of a percentage of the Community Levy and contributions obtained from ECOWAS development partners and the Donor Community.

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

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



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

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**REGULATION C/REG.22/12/03 RELATING TO  
THE REVISION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL  
STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARIAT OF ECOWAS**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 10 (3) (f) of the Treaty which empowers the Council of Ministers to approve the organizational structure of the Institutions of the Community;

**RECALLING** Regulation C/REG.9/12/99 approving the restructuring of the Secretariat and adopting a new organigram with a view to establishing a more efficient and result oriented Secretariat that will pursue the integration objectives of the Community;

**MINDFUL** of Dec. A/Dec. 4/12/01 restoring the post of the Financial Controller of the institutions of the Community who shall be assisted by Internal Auditors in discharging the responsibility of pre-auditing all financial and budgetary transactions of all the Institutions of the Community;

**CONSIDERING** the need to create a Sectoral Database Coordination Division within the Community Computer Centre (CCC) of the Secretariat to enhance the work of the CCC;

**DESIRING** to revise the approved organizational structure of the ECOWAS Secretariat to reflect the newly restored position of the Financial Controller, and his/her supervisory role over the office of the Internal Audit, to reflect the position of the sectoral Database Coordination Division within the CCC; as well as the ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Thirtieth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Accra, 8-15 December, 2003

### ENACTS

#### Article 1

The Organizational Structure of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS is hereby revised to reflect the position of the office of the Financial Controller, the altered position of the office of the Internal Audit, the position of the Sectoral Database Coordination Division within the Community Computer Centre (CCC) as well as the ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels.

#### Article 2

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

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#### REGULATION C/REG.23/03 ADOPTING VERSION 2002 OF THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM OF DESIGNATION AND CODIFICATION OF GOODS (HS)

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 37 of the Treaty relating to the common external tariff and to the common customs and statistical nomenclature;

**MINDFUL** of Decision C/DEC.3/7/93 adopting the common customs and statistical nomenclature based on the Harmonised System of Designation and Codification of Goods (HS.)

**CONSIDERING** that it is important to update the Harmonised System in relation to the International Convention on the Harmonised System of Designation and Codification of Goods, and also taking into account the new amendments to the nomenclature of Harmonised System approved on the recommendation of the Customs Cooperation Council made on 25 June, 1999 and which entered into force on 1 January, 2002.

**RECALLING** the meeting held by ECOWAS and UEMOA with a view to integrating these amendments contained in Version 2002 into their nomenclature and the validation of the meeting report by the World Customs Organisation;

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the 46th meeting of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments held in Accra from 4 to 6 December, 2003;