

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

ACCRA, 15 - 18 DECEMBER, 2003

**REGULATION C/REG. 25/12/03 RELATING TO
THE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE ECOWAS
OFFICE IN BRUSSELS**

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 Decision A/DEC. 12/01/03 establishing An ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels;

Considering the nature and importance of the work to be undertaken by the ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels which includes preparation and participation in ECOWAS/EU negotiations for the Economic Partnership Agreements, the promotion of greater cooperation between institutions and organs of ECOWAS and the European Union;

Recognising that the ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels operates on the same level as foreign diplomatic missions involved in diplomacy and the forging of bilateral and multilateral relations;

Desiring to ensure that the Liaison office is maned by officials with the requisite standing with which to promote the international stature of the office and ensure the efficient discharge of the mandate of that office;

On the Recommendation of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Accra from 8-15 December, 2003.

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Article 1

The conditions of service, remuneration and status of the Head of the ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels shall be enhanced and aligned to match

those of Heads of diplomatic missions or similar representation offices.

Article 2

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

DONE AT ACCRA THIS 18TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2003



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