

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

Accra, 15-18 December, 2003

**REGULATION C/REG.28/12/03 ADOPTING THE
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STUDIES
ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE POWERS OF
THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT AND THE
ELECTION OF ITS MEMBERS BY DIRECT
UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE**

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 the provisions of paragraph 50 of the Final Communique, issued by the twenty-fifth session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government directing the Executive Secretary to commission a study on the ECOWAS Parliament with a view to the enhancement of its powers;

Mindful of the directives of the first meeting of the ad hoc Ministerial Committee on the harmonisation of ECOWAS texts endorsed by the 50th session of the Council of Ministers, and mandating the Executive Secretariat and the Community Parliament to prepare the terms of reference for the study on the enhancement of the powers of the ECOWAS Parliament and submit a report thereon to the end of year budget session;

Considering the need to conduct a study on the election of the members of the ECOWAS Parliament by direct universal suffrage;

Desirous of adopting, for the aforementioned purposes, terms of reference for the studies to be prepared by consultants on the enhancement of the powers of the ECOWAS Parliament and the election of its members by direct universal suffrage;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Executive Secretariat and the ECOWAS Parliament;

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Article 1

The attached terms of reference for the studies on the enhancement of the powers of the ECOWAS Parliament and the election of its members by direct universal suffrage are hereby adopted.

Article 2

- i) The studies shall be undertaken by an inter-institutional team composed of Officers of the Executive Secretariat and the Community Parliament;
- ii) The team shall carry out necessary information gathering missions in parliamentary institutions of similar regional integration organizations, national parliaments of Member States and in other relevant institutions or competence;
- iii) The Executive Secretariat and the Parliament shall bear all costs arising from the conduct of the studies.

Article 3

The Executive Secretary in compliance with the directives of the Twenty-fifth Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government shall oversee conduct of the studies and on their completion, present the findings thereof to the Council of Ministers.

Article 4

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

DONE AT ACCRA THIS 18TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2003



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CHAIRMAN
FOR THE COUNCIL