

ARTICLE 3

A Regional Committee on energy and environment statistics is hereby established to monitor the development of energy and environment statistics.

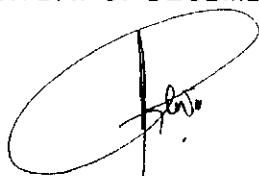
ARTICLE 4

The Commission shall take appropriate measures to implement the framework, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

ARTICLE 5

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Commission 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 OUAGADOUGOU,
THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006**



**HON. AÏCHATOU MINDAOUDOU,
CHAIRPERSON,
FOR THE COUNCIL.**

**REGULATION C/REG.25/12/06 ESTABLISHING A
REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON POVERTY
STATISTICS AND MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT
GOALS INDICATORS OF THE ECOWAS REGION**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006 establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONVINCED of the importance of statistical information in the development and integration of the West African region;

AWARE of the inadequacies of the national statistical systems with regard to the production of accurate and up-to-date poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals Indicators in Member States;

DESIROUS of putting in place a regional mechanism for the harmonious development of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals Indicators in the region which would ensure the efficient collection, analysis, compilation and dissemination of data at national and regional levels;

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the experts group meeting on ECOWAS Poverty Profile held in Abuja on 10 and 11 August 2006;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the Commission on Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments, held in Abuja on 13 and 14 November 2006

ENACTS**ARTICLE 1**

A Regional Committee is hereby established to monitor the development of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals indicators.

ARTICLE 2

The objective of the Committee is to strengthen the capacity to develop and institutionalize the production of poverty statistics and Millennium Development Goals indicators at the regional level and in the national statistical systems of the Member States, within the context of the National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), in order to build a sound base of poverty statistics.

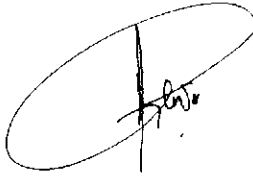
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The Commission shall take appropriate measures to ensure the effective functioning of the Committee, in close collaboration with Member States and the other sub-regional organisations.

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**HON. AÏCHATOU MINDAOU DOU,
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FOR THE COUNCIL.**

**REGULATION C/REG.26/12/06 RELATING TO THE
RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT
FUNCTION IN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION/
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR OF
THE COMMUNITY**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended in June 2006, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the Decision A/DEC.2/11/91 on the adoption of the Scheme of service of Staff of the Institutions of the Community establishing the position of Internal Auditor for all Institutions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.15/01/06 relating to the establishment of an Audit Committee for ECOWAS to assist the Council of Ministers discharge its function of maintaining good financial control principles in the Community;

MINDFUL of the need to assist ECOWAS Institutions improve on budget management, funds control and institutional management thereby promoting transparency, accountability and probity in the overall management of the resources of the Community;

ALSO CONSIDERING the need to separate the control functions from those of Internal Audit to ensure the independence and objectivity of Internal Auditors;

DESIRING therefore to achieve the above stated objectives by restructuring the Internal Audit function within Community Institutions, strengthen the Internal Audit function and ensure compliance of internal control with ECOWAS Protocols, Supplementary Acts, Regulations, Decisions and Directives of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Sixth Meeting of the Audit Committee which was held in Dakar from 16-17 October 2006;

ENACTS**ARTICLE 1**

The position of Chief Internal Auditor is hereby established at a D1 Professional Category to manage the Internal Audit functions of all Community Institutions.

ARTICLE 2

The Chief Internal Auditor shall be located within the ECOWAS Commission and will report to the Council of Ministers through the ECOWAS Audit Committee.

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The President of the Commission shall appoint staff of the Office of the Chief Internal Auditor in accordance with the ECOWAS Staff Regulations. This staff shall subsequently be appropriately deployed by the Chief Internal Auditor. The Chief Internal Auditor shall manage the budget of his/her office. The Internal Auditor shall report to the Chief Internal Auditor.