REGULATION C/REG.26/12/07 APPOINTING DR. JEANETTA KOYA JOHNSON AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO).

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.2/7/87 as amended, establishing the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) as a specialised institution of ECOWAS and as the single health organisation for the subregion;

MINDFUL of Article IX of the aforementioned Protocol on the appointment of a Director-General and a Deputy Director-General to steer the affairs of WAHO;

MINDFUL of Article 18 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended by Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/06/06 of 14 June 2006 and relating to the appointment of Statutory Appointees of Community Institutions;

RECALLING that the tenure of the current Deputy Director-General of WAHO expires on the 1st March 2008 and that a new Deputy Director-General would have to be appointed in order to avoid a vacuum in that position and thus ensure continuity in the management of the affairs of WAHO;

RECALLING also the Supplementary Act A/SA.2/ 06/07 Allocating the Post of the Director General of WAHO to the Republic of Guinea Bissau;

ALSO RECALLING Decision A/Dec.3/7/91 relating to the selection and evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees of the Community undertaken by the Ad-hec Ministerial Committee set up for that purpose;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Eleventh Meeting of the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on the Selection and Evaluation of the Performance of Statutory Appointees held in Ouagadougou from 10-12 December 2007;

ENACTS

Article 1

Dr. Jeanetta Koya JOHNSON is hereby appointed as the Deputy Director-General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) for a non-reriewable term of four (4) years with effect from the date of assumption of duty.

Article 2

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

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 15[™] DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.

H.E. MME MINATA SAMATE CESSOUMA CHAIRPERSON, FOR THE COUNCIL

REGULATION C/REG.27/12/07 ON THE COMPOSITION, ORGANISATION, FUNCTIONS AND OPERATION OF THE ECOWAS REGIONAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ERERA)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of Article 3 of the ECOWAS Treaty stating the orientations of Community actions for the achievement of its aims and objectives;

MINDFUL of Articles 26, 28, and 55 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the promotion, cooperation, integration and development of energy projects and sectors of the Member States of the Community;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/7/91 of 6 July 1991 relating to the Community Court of Justice;

- The Council of Ministers shall, not later than twelve (12) months after the appointment of the Chairman, appoint two other Members of the Regulatory Council.
- The Council of Ministers may appoint the fourth and fifth Members of the Council three (3) years after the assumption of duty of the Chairman.
- Following his appointment, the Chairman of the Regulatory Council shall take all necessary measures and carry out all necessary administrative formalities to establish ERERA at its physical headquarters.
- He shall authorize expenditures, organize the recruitment of technical and administrative staff and supervise the creation of the rules of procedure.

Article 40: Amendment and revision

- 1. Any Member State thay submit proposals for the amendment or revision of this Regulation.
- Any such proposals for amendment or revision shall be submitted to the ECOWAS Commission, which shall notify other Member States thereof not later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of such proposals.
- The amendments and revisions shall be adopted by the ECOWAS Council of Ministers after due consideration by the Meeting of Energy Ministers.

Article 41: Publication

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

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 15[™] DAY OF DECEMBER 2007

H.E. Mrs. Minata SAMATÉ CESSOUMA CHAIRPERSON, FOR COUNCIL REGULATION C/REG.28/12/07 RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE ECOWAS PLAN OF ACTION ON THE FIGHT AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (2008 – 2011)

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

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

MINDFUL of the Protocol A/P1/12/99 relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Peacekeeping and Security which relates to the maintenance of security and control of trans-border crime within the Community;

RECALLING the Declaration A/DCL.2/12/01 on the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons which was issued at the twenty-fifth Summit of the Authority in Dakar, December 2001, unequivocally condemning the offence of trafficking in persons and asserting the unacceptability of trade in human beings;

ALSO RECALLING the Initial Plan of Action on the fight against trafficking adopted for the sub region for the period 2002 – 2003 containing measures that addresss the deplorable phenomenon of trafficking in persons;

DEEPLY CONCERNED over the continued rise in the incidence of trafficking in persons within West African Sub-region and from our Member States to other parts of the World;

MINDFUL of the global fight against trafficking in persons and the United Nations Conventions on Transnational Organized Crime and the Supplementary Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, and wishing to ensure that the West African sub-region remains a part of this global initiative:

RECOGNISING the ECOWAS Initial Plan of Action adopted in 2002 but extended up till 2007, as an effective tool for sub-regional cooperation and for the enhancement of Member States' individual and collective capacities to fight the offence of trafficking in human beings and establish protective measures against that offence;

DESIRING to extend the life of the aforesaid plan of Action on the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons from 2008-2011;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Mediation and Security Council held in Ouagadougou on 13th November, 2007

ENACTS

Article 1

- The ECOWAS Plan of Action on the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons initially adopted in 2002 is hereby extended for continued implementation from 2008 – 2011.
- ii. The Plan of Action referred to in paragraph 'i' of this Article is attached to this Regulation.

Article 2

Member States shall give priority to enacting laws criminalizing trafficking in human beings in line with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children.

Article 3

- Member States yet to establish National Task Forces on Trafficking in Persons should urgently through the appropriate legal means, establish National Task Forces on Trafficking in Persons that will be responsible for the development of national action plans against Trafficking in Persons.
- ii. Member States that have established National Task Force should put in place, appropriate measures to ensure that the National Task Force is strengthened in order to respond to emerging and evolving issues of Trafficking in Persons.

Article 4

Member States shallensure the protection of victims of trafficking in persons through the development of a framework for the protection and rehabilitation of victims/witnesses of human trafficking.

Article 5

The ECOWAS Commission shall intensify its efforts in sensitizing Member States on related implementation measures, in resource mebilization and also ensure that it plays effective supervisory role within the framework of its task as Coordinator.

Article 6

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

DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2007

H.E. Mrs. Minata SAMATE CESSOUMA CHAIRPERSON, FOR COUNCIL