

REGULATION MSC/REG.1/01/08 ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ECOWAS CONFLICT PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL,

MINDFUL of article 58 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to regional security;

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Peacekeeping and Security as amended by the Protocol A/P1/12/00;

MINDFUL of article 3 (d) of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Peacekeeping and Security which prescribes enhancement of cooperation in the areas of conflict prevention, early warning, peacekeeping operations and control of cross-border criminality and international terrorism and the proliferation of small arms;

MINDFUL of the rules of procedure of the Mediation and Security Council;

CONSIDERING that according to the provisions of Article 10 paragraph 2 of the Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Peacekeeping and Security, the Mediation and Security Council decides and implements conflict prevention policies;

CONSIDERING that the West African sub-region has been afflicted by conflicts and socio-political crises whose causes are multiple and were not detected or identified at the appropriate time for prevention;

OBSERVING that these conflicts and crises that broke out in the region were managed after their manifestation by means of missions of good offices and mediation undertaken by ECOWAS;

REALISING that these missions have been successful as a result of effective involvement of decision-making bodies of ECOWAS;

CONSCIOUS of the need to identify and itemize the efforts and actions, activities and programs likely to enhance the effective prevention of conflicts in the region for judicious use;

DESIROUS to this end to adopt a prevention framework encompassing all initiatives to enhance safety of life in the sub-region;

ON THE PROPOSAL of the Committee of Experts on Political Affairs, Peace and Security meeting held in Ouagadougou on the 14th and 15th of January 2008;

ENACTS

Article 1

An ECOWAS Framework for Conflict Prevention attached as annex is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The Framework referred to in Article 1 of this Regulation complements the conflict prevention strategies established by the ECOWAS Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention; Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security of 1999.

Article 3

This Regulation shall be published by the Commission in the Official Gazette of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Mediation and Security Council. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal within the same deadline.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force upon its publication. Consequently, all ECOWAS Member States and Institutions shall commence the implementation of the conflict prevention framework upon the entry into force of the Regulation.

**DONE AT OUAGADOUGOU,
THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2008**

FOR MEDIATION AND SECURITY COUNCIL



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