REGULATION C/REG.8/05/08 RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (IWEE) AS A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE OF THE COMMUNITY FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH

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 functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.12/12/00 of 16 December 2000 adopting a Regional Action Plan for Integrated Water Resources Management in West Africa (RAP/IWRM/WA);

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.5/12/01 of 21 December 2001 establishing the Permanent Coordination and Follow-up Framework for Integrated Water Resources Management in West Africa.

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/12/2001 of 21 December 2001 amending Decision A/DEC.12/12/00 of 16 December 2000 adopting the Regional Action Plan for Integrated Water Resources Management in West Africa;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.4/01/06 of 12 January 2006 adopting the Statutes of the Permanent Coordination and Follow-up Framework for Integrated Water Resources Management in West Africa and the rules and regulations governing its constituent organs;

CONSIDERING the crucial importance of building the capacities of the stakeholders in the regional approach to integrated water resources management;

CONSIDERING the recognised competence of the *Institut International de l'Eau et de l'Environnement* (International institute for Water and Environmental Engineering) as regards training and research in the water and environmental sectors in Africa;

CONSIDERING the request addressed to ECOWAS by the International institute for Water and Environmental Engineering;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 2nd Session of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of IWRM in West Africa held in Ouagadougou, on 15 November 2007:

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Article 1

The International institute for Water and Environmental Engineering, in abbreviated form, "2iE" is recognised as a centre of excellence of the Community as regards training and research in the water and environmental sectors.

Article 2

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

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY 2008.

H.E MRS. MINATA SAMATE CESSOUMA CHAIRPERSON FOR COUNCIL