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**SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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**REGULATION C/REG.15/12/12 ON THE EXTENSION OF THE
REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE,
ILLCIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ORGANIZED CRIME AND
ADOPTION OF ITS PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES**

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 the Protocol of December 1999 relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peace-Keeping and Security;

MINDFUL of the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matter of 1992;

MINDFUL of the Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their ammunitions and related materials of June 2006;

MINDFUL of the Political Declaration and Regional Action Plan on the Prevention of Drug Abuse, illicit Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime in West Africa adopted in Abuja by the Thirty-Fifth Ordinary Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

RECALLING the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drug Resolution 51/18 and Resolution 5/B1 which supports efforts by West African States and ECOWAS to combat drug trafficking and also United Nations Members States respectively;

CONSIDERING that the ECOWAS Commission on the directive of the Authority translated the Political Declaration and Regional Action Plan into concrete programmes; developed Implementation strategies outlining concrete activities with estimated costs and timeframes and also developed an evaluation mechanism for assessing the level of Implementation;

CONSIDERING the achievements made so far by the Commission and Member States in the Implementation of the Political Declaration and Regional Action Plan on the Prevention of Drug Abuse, illicit Drug Trafficking and organized crimes in West Africa (2008-2012);

CONSIDERING the need to maintain the momentum and ensure the strengthening of structures put in place by the Regional Action Plan.

ENACTS

Article 1

1. This Regulation hereby extends the duration of the ECOWAS Regional Action Plan for a period of two (2) years;
2. The two year Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Political Declaration and Regional Action Plan on the prevention of Drug Abuse, illicit Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime attached as an annex is hereby adopted;

Article 2

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the ECOWAS Commission within Thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette Thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission



DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2012



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H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY

CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL