

Member States to enable them meet their development requirements;

CONCERNED about the persistent constraints encountered by Member States in mobilising resources to finance national electricity grid interconnection projects under bilateral arrangements

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the forty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers, held in Dakar from 15 to 17 December, 2001;

DECIDES

Article 1

A mechanism for financing the West African Power Pool (WAPP) priority projects is hereby established.

Article 2

The mechanism shall be the Ministers of Energy, Members of the WAPP zones A and B Steering Committee. They shall be assisted by a Project Group set up by the Electricity companies of the Member States covered by the projects.

Article 3

The Steering Committee shall determine the assignments and composition of the Project Group, whenever the need arises.

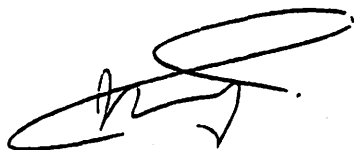
Article 4

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the current Chairman of Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 21ST DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2001**



**H. E. ALPHA OUMAR KONARE
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT DAKAR, 20 - 21 DECEMBER 2001

DECISION A/DEC.9/12/01 RELATING TO THE GRANT OF CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO THE PRI- VATE AIRLINE COMPANY, ECOAIR

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of state and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 32 of the Treaty relating to cooperation in transport, communications and tourism;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.20/5/80 of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government relating to the transport programme;

RECOGNIZING the relevance of the objective of the Yamoussoukro Declaration on a new African aeronautical policy adopted on 7th October 1988 and whose primary objective is to establish an environment conducive to the development of inter-African and international air services;

CONSIDERING the need for greater cooperation between African airlines in order to boost the development of inter-African air transport and the need to improve the air services available to the consumers;

MINDFUL of Decision AHG/OUA/DEC.1 of the Heads of State and Government of OAU on Transport and Communications relating to the liberalization of access to air transport markets in Africa;

MINDFUL of the Yamoussoukro Decision of 14 November 1999 and the Memorandum of Understanding signed by Ministers in charge of Civil Aviation in West and Central Africa on the implementation of the said Decision;

CONSCIOUS of the fact that the development of regional air transport can contribute effectively to the economic and physical integration of the region;

CONSCIOUS of the difficulty of travelling by air in the region and the high cost of air transport;

CONSIDERING the need to ensure fair competition in the air transport market in order to provide the users, reliable, efficient, safe and affordable air services in the sub-region;

TAKING NOTE of the establishment of an airline Company named ECOAIR by the private sector of the sub-region;

CONSCIOUS also of the fact that ECOAIR can contribute to the improvement of the route network and flight schedules in the sub-region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the meeting of the 48th Session of the Council of Ministers, held in Dakar from 15 to 17 December, 2002;

DECIDES

Article 1

Member States shall give every necessary support to ECOAIR. In this regard, ECOAIR shall, inter alia, have the same rights and privileges, without any exception whatsoever, as the national carrier in each of the Member States

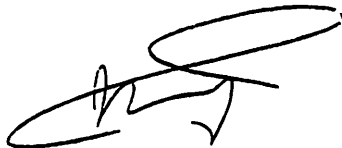
Article 2

ECOAIR may be designated in bilateral air service agreements to exploit traffic rights with States outside the ECOWAS region.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published by each Member States in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

**DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 21ST DAY OF
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**H. E. ALPHA OUMAR KONARE
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TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

DAKAR, 20 - 21 DECEMBER 2001

DECISION A/DEC.10/12/01 RELATING TO THE GRANT OF CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO THE PRI- VATE SHIPPING COMPANY, ECOMARINE

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 32 of the Treaty relating to co-operation in the areas of transport, communication and tourism;

MINDFUL of Decision A/Dec.20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS relating to the transport programme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/Dec.4/11/84 relating to maritime transportation and specifically on the creation of a regional shipping line service;

AWARE of the necessity to increase inter-regional trade and ensure free movement of goods and persons in the ECOWAS region;

MINDFUL of the needs to improve coastal shipping services in the West African region;

TAKING NOTE of the establishment of a shipping company called ECOMARINE by the private sector of the region;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the forty-Eighth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar from 15- 17 December 2001

DECIDES

Article 1

Member states shall give every necessary support to ECOMARINE. In this regard, it shall enjoy the same privileges and advantages as those of national carriers of Member States.

Article 2

Member States shall simplify relevant customs and immigration and port hearth procedures in order to encourage sea travels in the region.

Article 3

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