

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES. 7/7/91 dated 3rd July, 1991 of the council of Ministers urging Member States to take into account ECOWAS decisions during negotiations for the financing of transport projects;

CONSCIOUS of safety considerations, given that heavy duty vehicles occupy up to 2.8 metres of the roadway;

MINDFUL of the fact that pavements less than 7 metres wide wear out more rapidly than those that exceed 7 metres, and therefore need more frequent maintenance;

AWARE of the higher maintenance cost of roads less than 7 metres wide;

MINDFUL of the increasingly heavy volume of traffic;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers held in Abuja, from 22nd to 25th July, 1996;

DECIDES

Article 1

The design standards below are hereby established for the construction of Community roads;

- a) the design speed for construction of interstate roads shall be 100 km/h;
- b) The maximum axle load for design shall be 13 tons and the permissible axle load for operation shall be 11.5 tons;
- c) The road width shall be at least 7 metres;
- d) The shoulders shall be at least 1.5 metres wide on both sides.

Article 2

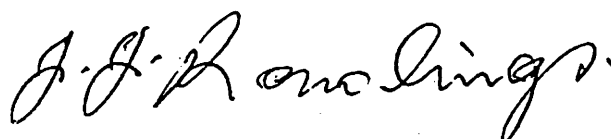
The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the implementation of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community thirty (30) days after its signature by the Chairman of the 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 ABUJA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996**



**H.E. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

DECISION A/DEC. 7/7/96 ON THE CONCLUSION OF A MULTILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBER STATES

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of the provisions of Article 32 of the Revised Treaty relating to cooperation in transport and communication;

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

AWARE of the need to develop air Transport services within ECOWAS;

CONSIDERING the report of the thirty-ninth session of the Council of Ministers, held in Abuja from 22nd to 25th July, 1996;

DECIDES

Article 1

ECOWAS Member States shall conclude among themselves a multilateral air transport agreement establishing a single air space within the Community.

Article 2


The Executive Secretariat shall monitor and also ensure the implementation of this decision in collaboration with the Member States coordinating the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration in West Africa.

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 within the same time-frame in the National Gazette of each Member State.

**DONE AT ABUJA,
THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1996**



**H.E. JERRY J. RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

DECISION A/DEC. 8/7/96 RELATING TO THE CREATION BY EACH MEMBER STATE OF AN AUTONOMOUS FUND FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

MINDFUL of Article 7 of the Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC. 20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government dated 28th May, 1980 relating to the transport programme;

MINDFUL of Resolution C/RES. 7/7/91 of the Council of Ministers dated 3rd July, 1991 urging Member States to take into account ECOWAS decisions during negotiations for the financing of transport projects;

AWARE of the accelerated deterioration of roads in Member States; and the high costs of rehabilitating such roads;

AWARE of the difficulties encountered by ECOWAS Member States in funding the rehabilitation and maintenance of existing roads;

On the RECOMMENDATION of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Council of Ministers, held in Abuja from 22nd to 25th July, 1996;

DECIDES

Article 1

Each Member State shall establish an autonomous fund for road maintenance. The fund shall be operated independently from the public treasury, and shall be called "*the Autonomous Fund for Road Maintenance*". The fund shall be financed from charges collected from road users.

Article 2

Each Member State shall establish a Board of Directors comprising road users and relevant