

RECOMMENDATION C/REC.2/06/13 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT BORDER POSTS WITHIN MEMBER STATES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

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

MINDFUL of Article 32 of the said Treaty which provides for the adoption of common transport and communication policies laws and Regulations as a means of ensuring harmonious integration of the physical infrastructure of Member States and the promotion and facilitation of movement of persons, goods and services within the Community;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.1/5/79 of 29th May 1979 as amended relating to Free Movement of Persons, Residence and Establishment;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Decision A/DEC 20/5/80 of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of May 18th, 1980 relating to the Community Transport Program;

MINDFUL of Convention A/P4/5/82 on inter-State Road Transit of Goods;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Convention No A/P2/5/82 of 29 May 1982 regulating inter-State Road Transportation between ECOWAS Member States;

MINDFUL of Convention A/P5/5/82 of May 29th, 1982 for mutual administrative assistance on customs matters;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.8/12/88 of the Council of Ministers on the second phase of ECOWAS road projects relating to interconnecting roads for the opening up of the landlocked countries;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/SP1/5/90 of May 30th, 1990 establishing within the Community, a guarantee mechanism for inter-State road transit of goods operations;

MINDFUL of Convention A/P.1/7/92 of 29 July 1992 relating to mutual assistance in criminal matters;

MINDFUL of Convention A/P.1/8/94 of 06 August 1994 on extradition;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Decision A/DEC. 13/01/03 of January 31st, 2003 relating to the implementation of the Regional Road Transits Facilitation Program;

MINDFUL of the Yamoussoukro Resolution n°2 of September 4th, 2008 of Ministers of Transport on the implementation of the Joint Border Posts Program in ECOWAS and UEMOA member States;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Act/SA.17/02/12 relating to the harmonization of standards and procedures for the control of dimensions, weight and axle load of goods vehicle within Member States of the Economic Community of West Africa.

CONSIDERING provisions of the United Nations Convention relating to rights of transit trade for landlocked countries signed in New York on July 8th, 1985;

NOTING THAT the current organization and management of border posts pose obstacles to the flow of transport and transit within and between the Community Member States;

NOTING ALSO that the trade and free movement of persons and goods within the Community can be achieved by establishing joint border posts

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to reinforce cooperation between ECOWAS Member States with the view to speeding up the economic integration of West Africa;

DETERMINED to provide a legal framework for Joint Border Posts within the Community in order to enhance trade and transit facilitation at national borders of the Member States.

ON PROPOSAL of the Experts meeting of Member states held in Grand- Bassam (Cote d'Ivoire) from 22 to 23 October 2012;

RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of States and Government to adopt the attached Draft Supplementary Act establishing the Joint Border Posts within Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

**DONE AT ABIDJAN,
THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2013**


**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY
CHAIRMAN
FOR COUNCIL**