

## **DECISION A/DEC.5/7/92 ON THE MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (1992/1993) ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS**

### **THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Mindful of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of Articles 2, 3, 12 and 27 of the ECOWAS Treaty;

Mindful of Protocol A/P.1/5/79 dated 29 May, 1979 on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment,

Mindful of Convention A/P.4/5/82 relating to Inter-State Road Transit of Goods;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.1/5/83 relating to the adoption and implementation of a single trade liberalisation scheme for industrial products originating from Member States;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

Noting that the major problem hindering ECOWAS integration efforts is the non-implementation, by Member States, of approved policies and programmes;

Convinced that the implementation of a Minimum Agenda for Action in such key areas as free movement of persons and goods would re-vitalise and enhance the West African integration process;

Considering Resolution C/RES.4/7/92 of the Council of Ministers adopted at its Thirty-first Session held in Dakar from 23 to 25 July, 1992.

### **DECIDES**

#### **Article 1**

1. Member States shall create an enabling environment for Community citizens and economic operators to pursue their respective callings and vocations by removing all obstacles to free movement of persons and goods. To this end, each Member State shall implement the various policies and programmes stipulated in the attached Minimum Agenda for Action (1992/1993) on Free Movement of Persons and Goods.
2. Member States shall implement, by the relevant dates thereof, the various policies and programmes of the said Agenda.

#### **Article 2**

Each Member State shall submit a report, through the Executive Secretary, to the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Authority, indicating the action taken at national level to give effect to this Decision.

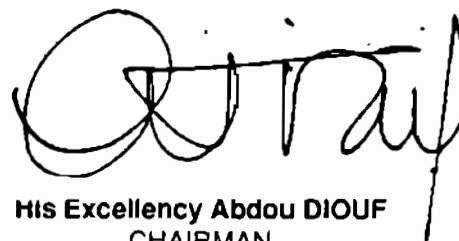
#### **Article 3**

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor the implementation of this Decision and shall, where necessary, assist Member States in the organisation of seminars to sensitise government officials on approved transit and customs procedures and on the provisions of the ECOWAS Protocol relating to Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment.

#### **Article 4**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 29TH DAY  
OF JULY, 1992



**His Excellency Abdou DIOUF**  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY

### **MINIMUM AGENDA FOR ACTION (1992/1993) ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS**

#### **A. FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS**

1. Member States shall immediately remove all administrative procedures impeding free movement of persons, goods and services,
2. Member States shall reduce security checkpoints to one combined checkpoint between the nearest city and official points of entry and exit at border posts.
3. The following transit procedures shall be respected and implemented by Member States: