

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers, held in Niamey on 7 to 8 and 11 January 2006;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The Statutes of the Permanent Framework for Coordination and Monitoring of Integrated Water Resources Management In West Africa are hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 2

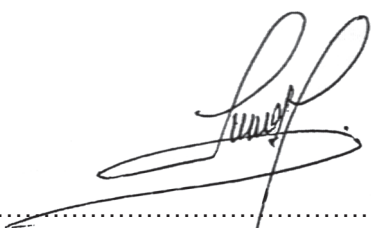
The Rules of Procedure of the following bodies are also hereby adopted:

- (i) Ministerial Monitoring Committee on integrated water resources management in West Africa;
- (ii) Technical Committee on integrated water resources management In West Africa;
- (iii) Sub-regional consultative council on integrated water resources management 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 Chairperson of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published by each Member State in its national Gazette within the same time frame.

**DONE AT NIAMEY,
THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006**



**H.E. MAMADOU TANDJA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

DECISION A/DEC.5/01/06 APPROVING MEASURES FOR THE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA (GIABA)

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT;

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

MINDFUL of Decision A/Dec.9/12/99 and Decision A/Dec.6/12/00 establishing the Intergovernmental Action against Money Laundering in West Africa and adopting its Statutes respectively;

CONSIDERING that GIABA was established to combat the laundering of the proceeds of criminal activity within the sub-region and protect financial and banking systems as well as the national economies of Member States from laundered money, amongst other objectives;

RECALLING the recent amendments made to the GIABA Statutes to include necessary measures that would facilitate a fight against the financing of terrorism in response to the growing threat of terrorism which is being financed by resources obtained as a result of money laundering;

MINDFUL of the need to enhance the capacity of GIABA so that it might gain recognition as a Financial Task Force (FATF) Regional Style Body (FRSB) and thus participate effectively in decisions concerning money laundering and the financing of terrorism taken at the global level;;

CONSIDERING that GIABA has been granted an Observer Status at the FATF forum;

DESIRING therefore to upgrade GIABA as a FATF Style Regional Body, ensure its efficient functioning and also ensure and strengthen Member States full involvement in the fight against money laundering which is now being used for the financing of terrorism;

ON the Recommendation of the fifty-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Niamey 7-8 January 2006.

DECIDES:

Article 1

Member States shall adopt for implementation, the underlisted measures as a means of strengthening the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism:

- a) Adopt a one year limit in order to put in place Anti-Money Laundering Law/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) legislation
- b) ECOWAS Francophone countries shall adopt the harmonized laws for money laundering of the UEMOA, as well as legislations against the financing of terrorism.
- c) Ensure the establishment of Financial Intelligence Units (FIU)
- d) Strengthen the capacities of National Correspondents to enable them perform their responsibilities effectively.


Article 2

- a) The revised mutual evaluation timetable as well as the money laundering and terrorist financing typologies established by GIABA are hereby adopted
- b) Member States shall adopt the mutual evaluation procedures established by GIABA which are based on the Revised FATF methodology on evaluation.

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 State in its Official Gazette within the same time frame.

**DONE AT NIAMEY,
THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006**



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**H.E. MAMADOU TANDJA
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION A/DEC.6/01/06 RELATING TO
MODALITIES FOR THE EFFECTIVE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6 OF PROTOCOL
A/P.2/8/94 RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY
PARLIAMENT**

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

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

MINDFUL of Article 13 of the said Treaty relating to the Community Parliament;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.2/8/94 relating to the Community Parliament which defines the composition, mode of election of Members, functions and powers of the Parliament;

CONSIDERING the need for the Community Parliament to participate effectively in the ECOWAS decision-making process;

NOTING that modalities for facilitating the implementation of Article 6 of the Protocol relating to the ECOWAS Parliament have not been defined;

DETERMINED to consolidate the achievements recorded by the Community, with a view to realising its set objectives and, to this end, to promote and facilitate the effective exercise by the Parliament of the powers granted to it in Article 6 of Protocol A/P.2/8/94;

DESIRING therefore to adopt modalities defining procedures to be followed in the process of consulting the Community Parliament, and fixing deadlines for the formulation and communication of recommendations made by the Parliament and the opinions sought by the other Institutions of the Community;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers held in Niamey on 7th, 8th and 11th January 2006;

DECIDES**Article 1: Competence**

1. In accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol relating to the Community Parliament, the Parliament may consider any matter concerning