

A/DIR 1/5/79 DIRECTIVE OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND THE RIGHT OF RESIDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT

WHEREAS Article 27 of the ECOWAS Treaty stipulates that Member States shall take measures to ensure the free movement of Community citizens and the right of residence and establishment; and

WHEREAS the Authority of Heads of State and Government has adopted and duly signed the Protocol relating to the free movement of Persons and the Right of Residence and Establishment.

NOW THEREFORE THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT DIRECTS:

1. All Member States should take all possible measures to expedite the ratification and implementation of the Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons and the Right of Residence and Establishment.
2. The Executive Secretary should convene a group of legal experts to examine and propose a more acceptable definition of the concept of Community citizen and report within one year.
3. Special counters should be created by all Member States at each official Entry Point for the purpose of handling the necessary entry formalities of Nationals and citizens of other Member States together.
4. The competent authorities of all Member States should endeavour to co-operate among themselves in matters involving citizens of other Member States residing in their respective territories.
5. Each Diplomatic Mission of all Member States within the Community should register its nationals residing in its country of accreditation.
6. This Directive comes into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of the respective Member States.

Done at Dakar on 29th May 1979 in single original in the English and French Languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Authority
Leopold Sedar Senghor
The Chairman