

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

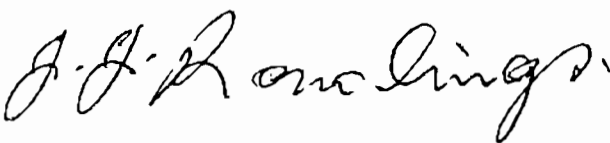
The Executive Secretariat shall monitor and also ensure the implementation of this decision in collaboration with the Member States coordinating the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration in West Africa.

#### 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

government representatives to administer the Fund.

### Article 3

The Executive Secretariat shall monitor and shall also ensure the implementation by Member States of this Decision.

### Article 4

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. 9/7/96 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR STAFF OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA.**

### **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 Decision of the Council of Ministers taken at its 28th session in Abuja on 13th December, 1990 reaffirming its earlier decision that the Community should construct residential quarters in Abuja for the staff of the Executive Secretariat;

AWARE that a large number of Member States are owing arrears of payment to the operational budget of the Executive Secretariat and are also yet to complete payment of their assessed contributions to the construction of the Headquarters of Community Institutions and to the capital of the FUND;

CONVINCED of the inability of most Member States to directly undertake the financing of the construction of staff quarters in Abuja because of the aforementioned outstanding financial obligations of the Community;

CONSIDERING that the Federal Republic of Nigeria had agreed to grant to the ECOWAS Secretariat an interest free loan;

ANXIOUS for the speedy relocation of the Executive Secretariat to Abuja in consonance of Decision C/DEC. 4/12/94 transferring the Executive Secretariat to Abuja;

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