

**3 RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY OF
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**RESOLUTION A/RES.17/86 RELATING TO SU-
PPORT FOR THE WEST AFRICAN RICE DEVE-
LOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**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;

BEARING IN MIND the top priority the Community cooperation programme accords increased food production so as to achieve the sub-regional objectives of food self-sufficiency and food security;

CONSCIOUS of the vital role that agricultural research can play in increasing food production and productivity;

RECALLING the deep concern about the deteriorating food situation in West Africa that led to the establishment in September 1970 of the West African Rice Development Association (WARDA) as a collective self-reliance effort to address common problems in rice production.

CONSIDERING the serious financial crisis the Association has been facing as a result of the non-payment or delay in the payment of contributions by member countries;

CONSIDERING the need for the Association to fully and effectively implement its integrated Research Development and Training Programme so

it can help its Member States achieve sustainable increases in rice production.

CONCERNED about the debilitating effects which uncertainties in Member States' funding of the Association can have on its management and operations;

CONVINCED that the Association has the potential and the capability to carry out meaningful and productive rice research development and training activities;

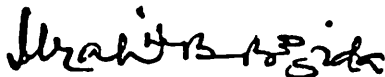
RECOGNISING the positive and constructive role that the donor community continues to play in the implementation of the Association's programmes of activities;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO:

- RENEW its commitment to the continuation of the regional collaborative effort in rice research and to maintain WARDA as a regional cooperation institution.
- URGE all WARDA member countries to pay their out-standing and current contributions as a matter of priority, to ensure the survival of the Association.
- EXPRESS its sincere gratitude to all WARDA donors and APPEAL to them to maintain their support of the Association.
- CALL UPON the Governing Council of the Association to reflect urgently on the current situation of the Association and to adopt any measures it considers necessary to enhance the operational efficiency of the Association.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY 1986

FOR THE AUTHORITY



H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM
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CHAIRMAN