



**FORTY SECOND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF  
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Yamoussoukro, 27 – 28 February 2013

**DECISION A/DEC.4/02/13 EXPANDING THE MANAGEMENT CADRE OF  
THE ECOWAS COMMISSION AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF  
COMMISSIONER POSITIONS TO FIFTEEN (15)**

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

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

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.16/01/06 transforming the Executive Secretariat into a Commission which shall be under the Authority of a President assisted by a Vice-President and Seven (7) Commissioners;

**MINDFUL** of Regulation C/REG.7/06/07 approving the Organizational Structure of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States with the structure comprising departments, offices and units to be overseen by the President, Vice President and the Commissioners;

**RECALLING** that the transformation of the Executive Secretariat into a Commission was informed by the need to adapt that institution to the international environment and make it more effective in the performance of its sub-regional integration mission.





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**CONSIDERING** the multifaceted goals of the Commission, its new vision 2020, the attainment of the NEPAD objectives as well as the Millennium Development Goals;

**RECOGNIZING** therefore the need to restructure the ECOWAS Commission with a view to ensuring that it has the necessary capacities, technical and human resources to successfully deliver on the ECOWAS mission;

**RECALLING** our decision at an Extraordinary Session of the Authority that was held in Abuja on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to expand the Commission in order to facilitate closer supervision over important ECOWAS development sectors;

**ALSO RECALLING** the Authority Decision adopted on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 which subsequently expanded the management cadre of the Commission and increased the number of Commissioners from nine (9) to twelve (12);

**DESIROUS** of effecting a further expansion to the management cadre of the Commission and creating a total of fifteen Commissioner positions therein.

## **DECIDES**

### **Article 1**

1. The management cadre of the ECOWAS Commission is hereby expanded with the creation of a total of fifteen (15) Commissioner positions.
2. In line with paragraph 1 of this Article, six (6) new Commissioner positions shall be established to add to the existing nine (9) positions within the Commission.





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**Article 2**

1. The President of the ECOWAS Commission shall, with the assistance of relevant organizational restructuring and management Experts develop proposals to define the programme portfolios and Departments to be supervised by the Commissioners.
2. The proposals by the President of the ECOWAS Commission shall be considered for adoption at the earliest opportunity in a meeting of the Authority of Heads of State and Government.

**Article 3:**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall be published by the President of the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days after signature. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission.

**DONE IN YAMOUSSOUKRO, THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013**

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**H. E. ALASSANE OUATTARA**

THE CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY