



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

Yamoussoukro, 27 - 28 February 2013

**DECISION A/DEC.2/02/13 GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO
THE COMOROS ISLANDS IN THE 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 as amended establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 58 of the Treaty on regional security;

MINDFUL of the ECOWAS Protocol relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Peacekeeping, and Security signed in 1999;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.9;/12/99 establishing the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA);

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.6/12/00 adopting the GIABA Statutes;

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the Revised GIABA Statutes;

CONSIDERING that the Comoros Islands has applied for Observer Status in GIABA;



CONSIDERING that by virtue of the provisions of Article 5 paragraph (c) of the Revised GIABA Statutes, the States of the Africa region that have applied for Observer Status in the GIABA may be granted such status;

RECALLING that the application of the Comoros Islands was considered at the 18th Plenary meeting of the GIABA Technical Commission held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 19 to 22 November 2012,

UPON the Recommendation of the GIABA Ministerial Committee which endorsed the application of Comoros Islands for Observer Status;

DESIROUS of granting observer status in GIABA to the Comoros Islands;

ON THE RECOMMEDATION of the Sixty-Ninth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held from 30 November to 2 December 2012 in Abidjan (Republic of Cote d'Ivoire);

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

Observer Status in the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) is hereby granted to the Comoros Islands.



ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the ECOWAS Commission within thirty (30) after its signature by the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same timeframe after notification thereof by the Commission.

**DONE AT YAMOOUSSOUKRO, THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY
2013**

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H.E Mr. ALASSANE OUATTARA

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY