



**SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS**

Abidjan, 30 November – 02 December 2012

**RECOMMENDATION C/REC. 2/12/12 RELATING TO THE
GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE COMORO
ISLANDS IN THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP
AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA (GIABA)**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Council of Ministers 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 Comoro 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 Comoro 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 Comoro Islands for Observer Status;

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

RECOMMENDS to the Authority of Heads of State and Government to adopt the attached Decision A/DEC../12/13 granting Observer Status to the Comoro Islands in the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA)

DONE AT ABIDJAN, THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2012

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H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY

CHAIRMAN

FOR COUNCIL