



**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 YAMOUSSOUKRO, THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY  
2013

H.E Mr. ALASSANE OUATTARA

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY