*A/DEC20/5/80* DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO THE TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

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

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Governmetn and defining its composition and functions;

DECIDES

**Article 1**

The Executive Secretary is directed to carry out the following Transport Programme:

A. SHORT-TERM PROGKAMME

a.

Road Transport

1.

Study and adoption of TIE and TRIE Convention by the Community

2.

Harmonisation of Road Transport Legislations in ECOWAS Member States

3.

Harmonisation of road-control systems within the Community

4.

Study of cost of road transport and road taxationin the Community (Inter-State axes)

5.

Study of the realisation of the TransSahelian DAKAR -N' DJAMENA Road

6.

Study of the realisation of the LAGOS - NOUAKCHOTT TransCostal Road

7.

Realisation of an ECOWAS Automobile Insurance System.

b.

Rail Transport

1.

Economic Feasibility Study on an Upper Volta - Niger - Togo and Upper Volta - Mali rail link,

2.

Study of the Guinea - Mali rail link: Variants: Kankan - Bamako/ Kouroussa - Bamako.

3.

Study of the Trans - Sahelian railway.

4.

Technical and Economic feasibilty studies of a Lagos - Cotonou - LomeAccra coastal rail link.

c.

Maritime Transport

1.

Creation of free - zones at sea ports for ine use of land - locked countries.

2.

Study of the establishment of an ECOWAS Multinational Maritime Transport Company.

3.

Study of harbour operations, formalities and customs documents.

4.

Study of harbour stocking and warehousing.

B. LONG-TERM PROGRAMME

a.

Road Transport

1.

Realisation of the Trans-West African NOUAKCHOTT - DAKARN'DJAMENA and LAGOSNOUAKCHOTT road network

b.

Rail Transport

1.

Realisation of the Upper VoltaNiger-Togo and Upper Volta-Mali rail link.

2.

Realisation of the Kankan-Bamako or Kouroussa-Bamako rail link.

3.

Realisation of the Trans-Sahelian Railway.

4.

Realisation of the Lagos-CotonouLome-Accra Coastal rail link.

c.

Air Transport

Study of the market potential of ECOWAS exports by air.

d.

Maritime Transport

Study of a regional scheme for port shipment.

**Article 2**

The Executive Secretary is authorised to take all necessary measures for the execution of the Transport Programme mentioned in Article 1.

**Article 3**

This Decision shall enter into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of the respective Member States.

Done at

Lome

this 28th day of May, 1980

in single original in the English and French Languages both texts being equally authentic.

For the AuthorityThe

Chairman