

AHG/OAU/AEC/Dec.1 (III)

DECISION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Considering the Charter of the Organisation of African Unity,

Considering the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community, especially Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 thereof,

Considering further the Protocol on the Relations between the African Economic Communities and the Regional Economic Communities,

Having considered the report of the Council of Ministers and the recommendations of the Third Ordinary Session of the Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) held in Addis Ababa on 17 June 1999,

Expressing satisfaction at the positive developments regarding the revitalisation of ECCAS,

DECIDES:

1. REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Regulations CM/AEC/Regl.1 (IV), CM/OAU/AEC/Regl. 1 (V) and CM/OAU/AEC/Regl. 2 (V) of the Council of Ministers are hereby approved.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AEC TREATY

- a) Note is taken of the end of the first stage of implementation of the AEC as provided for under the Abuja Treaty and Member States should intensify their efforts towards strengthening the existing RECs to which they belong;**

- b) Each REC is to submit to its policy organs an assessment of the progress made during the first stage, and inform ECOSOC of any additional requirements to be met for complying with the conditions needed to complete the first phase;
- c) The RECs should submit to the Fourth Session of ECOSOC their respective programmes for implementing the second phase and a progress report thereon, as well as prospects and constraints;
- d) The RECs, within the framework of the Specialised Technical Committees, should establish benchmarks for each sector to enhance assessment of the progress of integration, and regularly provide the OAU/AEC Secretariat with their sectoral work programmes in order to facilitate programme co-ordination and harmonisation;
- e) The Chairman of each REC is to submit a report to the Assembly on the progress made in the implementation of the AEC Treaty;
- f) To reaffirm their commitment under the AEC Treaty, especially those regarding the implementation of the legally binding Decisions of the AEC Summit, all Member States are to set up the requisite national modalities and machinery to facilitate the incorporation of AEC decisions in their national legislation.

3. RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY

All Member States concerned are to take appropriate measures to ratify or accede to the AEC Treaty;

4. BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY

The Committee on Co-ordination, under Article 6 of the Protocol on Relations between the AEC and the RECs, should give priority to the preparation of the AEC budget, and the Secretariat is to intensify its efforts at mobilising extra-budgetary resources;

5. OAU-EU SUMMIT

Support is reiterated for the holding of the proposed Summit with the EU and while requesting the OAU Preparatory Committee to continue to overview the contacts with the EU, mandate is given to a Core Group of that Committee to undertake consultations with the relevant EU Group with a view to clearing all obstacles and determining the best ways and means for the convening of the Summit.

Done in Algiers, Algeria on 14 July, 1999

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President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Chairman of the Assembly