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**Economic Community of West African States** 

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#### The Council of Ministers,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.21/5/80of the Authority of Heads of State and Government establishing the Special Fund for Telecommunications;

RECOGNISING that the Special Fund for Telecommunications was established to accelerate the development of telecommunications infrastructures in the sub-region, as well as to ensure their maintenance;

DESIRING to ensure that the Special Fund for Telecommunications is fully utilised and that it fulfils its assigned roles;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the third Meeting of ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Telecommunications held in Bamako on 10th September 1999.

#### **ENACTS**

#### Article 1

- 1. The Special Fund for Telecommunications as well as its operational mechanisms shall be restructured to enable it effectively perform its responsibility as a catalyst for the modernisation and overall development of telecommunications within the sub-region.
- 2. In this regard ECOWAS Institutions and Member States shall strengthen it by redefining its role, its objectives and administration as well as ensure the inflow of necessary financial resources.

### Article 2

Each Member State shall establish a telecommunications fund within its domain.

#### Article 3

- 1. Member States shall adopt sub-regional perspectives in their activities within the legal and regulatory aspects of the telecommunications sector.
- 2. ECOWAS shall harmonise all legal and regulatory telecommunications frameworks of Member States.

#### Article 4

This Regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Council. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National *Gazette* within the same time-frame.

Dome at Lomé, this 7th Day of December 1999 Abdoul Hamid S.B. Tidjani-Dourodjaye Chairman for Council