



**SEVENTIETH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Abidjan, 20 - 21 June, 2013

**RECOMMENDATION C/REG.1/06/13 RELATING TO THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTEGRATION COMMUNITY LEVY**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** to articles 10, 11, and 12 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty creating the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** to article 72 of the said Treaty establishing the Community levy to generate resources for the financing of Community activities;

**MINDFUL** to articles 35, 36, and 37 of the Treaty relative to trade liberalization, customs duties, and the common external tariff concerning all imported products from third countries into member states with the view to establishing a customs union in the community;

**MINDFUL** to Protocol A/P1/7/96 relating to conditions for the application of the community levy;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC/10/01/03 relating to the postponement of the entry into force of the regime of full right of the community levy;

**MINDFUL** of Regulation C/REG.1/9/03 on the adoption of measures to facilitate, accelerate, and render effective the application of the community levy;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.17/01/06 adopting the ECOWAS Common External Tariff, notably article 9 which authorizes the Council of Ministers through regulation to determine the list of products, tax base, rate, and the duration of the application of the import safeguard tax;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.14/01/06 on the creation, organization, and functioning of the joint ECOWAS-UEMOA committee for the management of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET);

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SA.1/06/09 on the amendment to the Decision A/DEC.17/01/06 on the adoption of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET);

**MINDFUL** of Regulation C/REG.1/5/09 on the adoption of the 2007 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS);

**CONVINCED** that the application of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff will facilitate the establishment of an effective community mechanism that will strengthen and sustain the financing of integration efforts in West Africa;

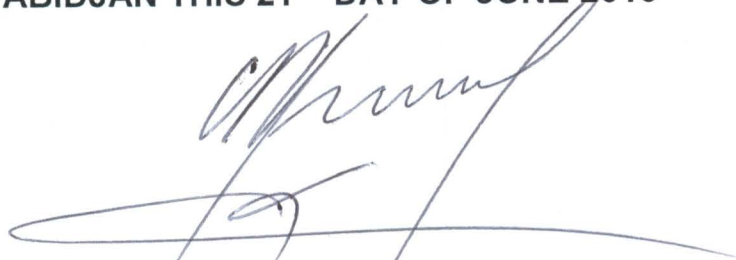
**DESIROUS** to find the most effective and less costly means of generating resources to finance integration efforts of West Africa and establish the appropriate mechanism for this purpose;

**ON THE PROPOSAL** of the 12th meeting of the joint ECOWAS-UEMOA committee for the management of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff held in Abidjan from 11 to 14 December 2012;

**UPON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the fifty-first meeting of the Technical Committee on Trade, Customs, and Free Movement held in Praia on 18-19 March 2013;

**RECOMMEND** to the Authority of Heads of State and Government the adoption of the attached Draft Supplementary Act establishing the integration Community Level.

**DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2013**



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**H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY**

**CHAIRMAN  
FOR COUNCIL**