



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Accra, 19 December 2003

**DECISION A/DEC.1/12/03 ON THE ADOPTION OF PRIORITY PROJECTS
FOR ZONE B OF THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL (WAPP)**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

Mindful of articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Mindful of decision A/DEC. 3/5/82 on the ECOWAS energy policy;

Mindful of decision A/DEC.5/12/99 setting up a coordinating body comprising the meeting of Ministers responsible for Energy and the Committee of Directors-General of national electricity companies, and defining its functions;

Recalling regulation C/REG.7/12/99 on the adoption of a master plan for the development of energy production facilities and the interconnection of the electricity grids of the ECOWAS Member States;

Also recalling the framework agreement on the West African Power Pool (WAPP) concluded in Lomé on 29 September 2000, committing its signatory Governments;

Mindful of decision A/DEC.8/12/01 on the financing mechanisms for the WAPP projects adopted by the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government;

Bearing in mind the aims and objectives of ECOWAS which are the promotion of economic cooperation and integration for the purpose of establishing an economic union to improve the welfare of its peoples, maintaining and increasing economic stability, cementing relations between the Member States and contributing to the progress and development of the African continent;

Aware of the need to coordinate the efforts of Member States to implement ECOWAS priority action plans in relation to the interconnection of infrastructures;

Desirous of reducing the inequalities between the countries in zone A and those in zone B;

On the recommendation of the fifty-first session of the Council of Ministers held at Accra on from 15 to 18 December 2003;



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DECIDES

Article 1

The Sambagalou-Kaleta project and the transport system developed by the Gambia River Development Authority is hereby adopted as a priority WAPP project.

Article 2

The project shall be included in the WAPP investment programme currently being prepared in collaboration with donors

Article 3

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall take all necessary measures in collaboration with the Gambia River Development Authority:

- I. To ensure implementation of the project;
- II. To support the State in mobilising funds for the commissioning and preparation of the identified preliminary project studies and documents (detailed feasibility studies; environmental impact studies and tender documents)

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the current Chairman of the Authority. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT ACCRA THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2003.



H.E. JOHN AGYEKUM KUFUOR
CHAIRMAN
FOR THE AUTHORITY