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Economic Community
Of West African States

**TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
Lomé, 9 - 10 December 1999**

**DECISION A/DEC.5/12/99 RELATING TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST AFRICAN
POWER POOL**

The Authority of Heads of State and Government,

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

Mindful of Article 26 of the Revised Treaty;

Mindful of Decision A/DEC.3/5/82 dated 29 May 1982 adopting the ECOWAS energy policy;

Considering that the energy sector in West Africa is one of the least developed in the world, despite the abundant energy potential in the sub-region;

Noting the unequal distribution of the energy potential between the various Member States;



Concerned about continuing energy crisis in the sub-region;

Desiring to develop jointly the energy resources of Member States in order to enable them satisfy their development needs;

On the recommendation of the forty-fifth session of the Council of Ministers held in Lome from 5 to 7 December 1999;

DECIDES

Article 1

There is hereby established a West African Power Pool system.

Article 2

The West African Power Pool shall be by a coordination body composed of the meeting of the Ministers in charge of Energy and the Committee of Directors-General of electricity companies in Member States.

Article 3

The coordination body referred to in Article 2 above shall :

- i) prepare and establish an appropriate framework for the development of the West African Power Pool;



ii) formulate recommendations on the financing and execution of projects selected within the framework of the West African Power Pool;

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iii) prepare a detailed financing plan and an implementation schedule for the master plan on the development of energy production facilities and the interconnection of electricity grids; and define to that end, the important phases and the modalities for the coordination of the different segments of the West African Power Pool;

iv) prepare a donors' meeting in collaboration with financial institutions.

Article 4

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

Done at Lome, this 10th day of December 1999



H. E. Gnassingbé EYADÉMA

Chairman

For the Authority