



**Twenty-eighth session of the Authority  
of Heads of State and Government**

Accra, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2005

**DECISION A/DEC. 7/01/05 RELATING TO THE ECOWAS REVISED  
MASTER PLAN FOR THE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION  
OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY**

**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 the objectives of ECOWAS towards promoting economic cooperation and integration in West Africa in accordance with Article 26 of the ECOWAS Treaty, which stresses the importance of regional cooperation in industrial, scientific and technological fields in general, and cooperation in the energy sector, in particular;

**Mindful** of Decision A/DEC.3/5/82 relating to the Energy Policy of ECOWAS, adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government in 1982;

**Mindful** that the Heads of State and Government, taking into account the ECOWAS Generation and Transmission Master Plan, adopted in Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 establishing a regional electricity market – the West Africa Power Pool (WAPP) project as a means of reducing the collective vulnerability of the member states to such power shortages;

**Recalling** that the Steering Committee of WAPP adopted in September 2000 in Lome, Togo, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the WAPP Project for the implementation of the Community energy program, creating also technical and institutional Working Groups of experts to coordinate the program;

**Also Recalling** that in March 2001, in Dakar, Senegal, the Chief Executives of the National Power Utilities signed an inter-Utilities MOU in which they agreed to co-operate fully with the ECOWAS Secretariat towards achieving a common understanding of regional economies and optimal resource utilization strategies from both national and regional perspectives;

**Considering** that in November 2002, the "Meeting of WAPP Donors" requested the ECOWAS Secretariat to update the original ECOWAS Generation and Transmission Master Plan;

**Mindful** that the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government by decision A/DEC.17/01/03, adopted the ECOWAS Energy Protocol in order to ensure free trade of energy and energy equipments and products between the Member States, to attract and protect private investment, and to ensure the protection of the environment and energy efficiency;



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**Mindful** that the WAPP Project is classified as a NEPAD "flagship project";

**Considering** that in response to the request of the ECOWAS Secretariat, the USAID funded consultants to perform a multi-faceted study of the ECOWAS Member States in order to: (i) re-assess the generation and transmission investment requirements over the period 2004-2020; (ii) analyse the operational stability of existing and proposed interconnected national power systems; and (iii) update the implementation strategy for WAPP priority interconnection line projects;

**Noting** that the WAPP Technical and Institutional working group has validated a Revised ECOWAS Generation and Transmission Master Plan on the basis of studies performed by the consultant;

**Desirous** therefore of adopting a Revised ECOWAS Generation and Transmission Master Plan;

**On the recommendation** of the fifty-third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held in Accra, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005;

## DECIDES

### ARTICLE 1

A revised ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy as well as, the attached implementation and Expenditure plan strategy are hereby adopted.

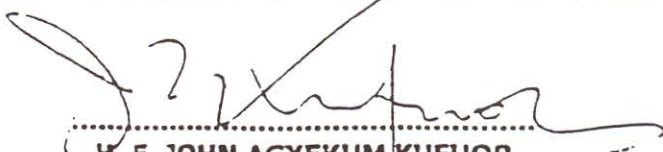
### ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat shall adopt all necessary measures for the implementation of the Revised ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy.

### ARTICLE 3

This Decision 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 the Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same time frame.

**DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2005**

  
H. E. JOHN AGYEKUM KUFUOR  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY