



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

DAKAR, 20 - 21 DECEMBER 2001

**DECISION A/DEC.8/12/01 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A MECHANISM FOR FINANCING OF THE WEST AFRICAN
POWER POOL (WAPP)**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

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

MINDFUL of Article 26 of the Treaty;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/5/82 of 29 May, 1982 relating to the ECOWAS Energy Policy;

CONSIDERING that the West African energy sector is one of the least developed in the world, in spite of the abundant energy potential of the sub-region;

NOTING the uneven distribution of the energy potential among the Member States;

CONCERNED about the persistent energy crisis in the sub-region;

DESIROUS of pooling the energy resources of Member states to enable them meet their development requirements;

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CONCERNED about the persistent constraints encountered by Member States in mobilising resources to finance national electricity grid interconnection projects under bilateral arrangements;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the forty-eighth session of the Council of Ministers, held in Dakar from 15 to 17 December, 2001;

D E C I D E S

ARTICLE 1

A mechanism for financing the West African Power Pool (WAPP) priority projects is hereby established.

ARTICLE 2

The mechanism shall be supervised by the Ministers of Energy, members of the WAPP Zones A and B Steering Committee. They shall be assisted by a Project Group set up by the Electricity companies of the Member States covered by the projects.

ARTICLE 3

The Steering Committee shall determine the assignments and composition of the Project Group, wherever the need arises.

ARTICLE 4

The ECOWAS Executive Secretariat shall ensure the implementation of this Decision.

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ARTICLE 5

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

DONE AT DAKAR, THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001

**H.E. ALPHA OUMAR KONARE
CHAIRMAN**

FOR THE AUTHORITY