



WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL
SYSTEME D'ECHANGES D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN
General Secretariat / Secrétariat Général

**ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL ORGANISATION**

**DECISION WAPP/73/DEC.11/11/16 RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND
CONDITIONS OF OBSERVER MEMBER OF THE WEST AFRICAN
POWER POOL**

The General Assembly

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority of the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10th, 1999, relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 18/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the adoption of Articles of Agreement for the establishment and functioning of the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 20/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the establishment of the WAPP General Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS;

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the WAPP Secretariat;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the WAPP dated July 6th, 2006, in particular Articles 1,3,4, 5, 6, 24 and 26;

CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/15/DEC.26/10/07 of the second meeting of the General Assembly of WAPP held in Abuja on October 26th, 2007, relating to amendment of the WAPP membership criteria;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/16/RES.27/04/07 of the third Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on April 27th, 2007, relating to the participation of the Société Béninoise d'Énergie Electrique (SBEE) in the meetings of the Executive Board as Observer ;

CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/26/DEC.26/10/09 of the fourth meeting of the General Assembly of WAPP held in Accra on October 26th, 2009, relating to amendment of

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the WAPP Articles of Agreement to increase number of members of WAPP Executive Board and have permanent membership ;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/205/RES.12/04/16 of the 31st Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on April 12th, 2016, defining the quality of Observer of the WAPP;

MINDFUL of the increase number of utilities that aim to enrol in the WAPP, and the need to better define the quality of Observer;

NOTING the Final Report of the eleventh meeting of the Human Resources and Governance Committee (HRGC) held in Cotonou from 19th to 21st of September, 2016.

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/210/RES.24/10/16 of the thirty-second meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on October 24th, 2016, relating to the definition and conditions of observer member of the West African Power Pool.

DECIDE:

Article 1: The WAPP Articles of Agreement shall be amended in its Article 5.2 (“Composition of the Executive Board”) to include the definition and conditions of WAPP Observer Member.

Article 2: The WAPP Articles of Agreement shall be amended as follows:

Article 5.2: Composition of the Executive Board

New Article

5.2.3 Observer Member

5.2.3.1: Qualifications

The quality of WAPP Observer member is obtained after an effective membership.

The membership in WAPP Organization is voluntary and is open to any entity, public or private which has an interest in the electricity sector in Africa.

5.2.3.2: Membership Procedures

Membership shall be obtained upon meeting the following requirements:

- (a) meet the membership qualification ;
- (b) provide an application for membership to the Secretary General ; and
- (c) execute the WAPP Articles of Agreement.

The Secretary General shall review applications and recommend those meeting membership qualification to the Board for recommendation to the General Assembly.

In conducting the review of applications, the Secretary General takes into account the following points:

- (a) the verification of the legal status of the applicant company under the laws of the country of residence or establishment ;
- (b) the verification of the assets base and presence of employees of the applicant company;
- (c) the verification of the operational and technical capacity of the applicant company ;
- (d) the formal commitment of the applicant company to pay its contributions in a timely and regular basis ;
- (e) the opinion or recommendation possibly of a Member from the same country as the applicant company ;
- (f) the conduct , if need be, of a mission of the General Secretariat in the country of the applicant company to form an opinion on its candidacy.

The Executive Board shall review any dispute arising as to the qualifications or the membership procedures relating to the applicant company.

Membership shall commence at the beginning of the next calendar month following completion of these requirements.

5.2.3.3: Rights and Obligations

Regarding rights and obligations, the Observer Member participates in the General Assembly activities, but without voting rights. He is a member of the Engineering and Operating Committee (EOC), and is required to contribute a minimum of 50% of the amount of the least paying Member.

Article 3: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Article 4: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Done in Ouagadougou, this day of November 11th, 2016



**Chairperson
Dr. Abubakar T. ATIKU**