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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF  
WEST AFRICA

ARTICLE 2 (Cont.)

1. (c) within the Community, establish among themselves consultation on a continuous basis, carry out studies and, in their light, determine the areas and lines of economic development to be undertaken in common;
- (d) eliminate progressively customs and other barriers to the expansion of trade between them as well as restrictions on current payment transactions and on capital movements,
- (e) take measures which render their products relatively competitive with goods imported from outside the Community and seek to obtain more favourable conditions for their products in the world market,
- (f) endeavour to formulate and adopt common policies, and negotiate and conclude agreements between themselves or through the medium of the Community, designed to serve the achievement of its aims, including the joint development of specific branches of industry and agriculture, the joint operation of specific transport and communications services, the development and the joint use of energy, joint research, training of manpower and the joint implementation of all other projects designed to promote the objectives of the Community, as well as joint trade and payments arrangements, and
- (g) ensure, within the Community and without, that the common policies that have been adopted and the agreements that have been concluded for the achievement of the aims of the Community are carried out.

2. Member States shall take all steps, particularly by the provision of budgetary and other resources, required for the implementation of the Decisions and Recommendations of the Community, duly adopted.

### ARTICLE 3

#### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND WITH OTHER BODIES

1. Nothing in these Articles of Association shall impair the right of individual Member States to take, within the Community or without, measures of economic co-operation without the agreement of other Member States, provided that such measures do not prejudice the aims of the Community.
2. Member States which belong to or join other systems of economic co-operation shall inform the Community of their membership and of those provisions in their constituent instruments that have a bearing on these Articles of Association.

### ARTICLE 4

#### STRUCTURE

1. The Community, when established shall have such principal organs and subsidiary bodies as may be required for the attainment of its objectives.

### ARTICLE 5

#### INTERIM COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - COMPOSITION, POWERS AND PROCEDURES

1. Pending the conclusion and entry into force of the Treaty an Interim Council of Ministers is hereby established.
2. Membership of the Interim Council of Ministers of the Economic Community of West Africa shall be open to all such Members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa as fall within the area known as the West African sub-region, comprising Dahomey, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, and the Upper Volta.
3. The Interim Council shall have as its principal task the drafting of the Treaty governing the Economic Community of West Africa, the submission of the Treaty to Member States and the initiation of action as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to facilitate the entry into force of the Treaty.
4. The Interim Council shall have power to establish a Secretariat, an Interim Economic Committee and its subsidiary bodies.