

**DECISION A/DEC.3/8/90 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND FOR ECOWAS OPERATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

**THE COMMUNITY STANDING MEDIATION COMMITTEE**

MINDFUL of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government, and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.9/5/90 of the Authority of 30 May. 1990 relating to the creation of a Community Standing Mediation Committee;

GRAVELY CONCERNED about the destructive armed conflict going on in Liberia and the profound disruptive effect that civil war is having on normal life in Liberia;

CONVINCED that by establishing and ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia the Community will be able to play an active and positive role in the process of achieving a cessation of hostilities and the re-establishment of law and order through the formation of a democratically elected government;

RECOGNISING the non-existence of an Community financial provision for the funding of the operations of an ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group;

**DECIDES**

**ARTICLE 1**

a. There is hereby established a Special Emergency Fund for the ECOWAS operations in Liberia.

b. The Special Emergency Fund shall be endowed with an initial amount of fifty million United States dollars (US \$50 million).

**ARTICLE 2**

The resources of the Special Emergency Fund shall be derived from contributions of Member States of the Community and donor governments and institutions outside the subregion.

**ARTICLE 3**

Contributions from Member States shall be on a voluntary basis. Each Member State is urged to make a special effort to contribute to the resources of the Special Emergency Fund.

**ARTICLE 4**

The Special Emergency Fund shall be managed in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures of the Community.

**ARTICLE 5**

An urgent appeal is made to other African Governments and to donor governments and institutions outside Africa to assist the ECOWAS effort at restoring peace and security in Liberia by making generous contributions to the Special Emergency Fund specifically established for that purpose.

**ARTICLE 6**

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT BANJUL THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1990

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CHAIRMAN

ECOWAS STANDING MEDIATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE AUTHORITY