

CHAPTER XX: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY,
THIRD COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 83

Cooperation Agreements

1. The Community may conclude cooperation agreements with third countries.
2. In pursuit of its objective, the community shall also cooperate with the organization of African Unity, the United Nations system, and any other international organization.
3. Cooperation agreements to be concluded in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be subject to prior approval by the Council upon the proposal of the Executive Secretary.

CHAPTER XXI: RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES,
NON-MEMBER STATES, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 84

Agreements Concluded by Member States

1. Member States may conclude agreements among themselves and with non-Member States, regional organizations or any other international organization, provided that economic agreements are not incompatible with the provisions of this Treaty. They shall, at the request of the Executive Secretary, transmit copies of such economic agreements to the Executive Secretary who shall inform Council thereof.
2. In the event that agreements concluded before the entry into force of this Treaty between Member States or between Member States and non-Member States, regional organizations or any other international organizations are incompatible with the provisions of this Treaty, the Member State or Member States concerned shall take appropriate measures to eliminate such incompatibility.

Member States shall, where necessary, assist each other to this end and adopt a common position.

Article 85

International Negotiations

1. Member States undertake to formulate and adopt common positions within the Community on issues relating to international negotiations with third parties in order to promote and safeguard the interests of the region.
2. To this end, the Community shall prepare studies and reports designed to help Member States to harmonize better their positions on the said issues.

2. Any such proposals shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary who shall notify other Member States thereof not later thirty (30) days after the receipt of such proposals. Amendments or revisions shall not be considered by the Authority unless Member States shall have been given at least three months notice thereof.

3. Amendments or revisions shall be adopted by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Treaty and shall be submitted for ratification by all Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. They shall enter into force in accordance with Article 89 of this Treaty.

Article 91

Withdrawal

1. Any Member State wishing to withdraw from the Community shall give to the Executive Secretary one year's notice in writing who shall inform Member States thereof. At the expiration of this period, if such notice is not withdrawn, such a State shall cease to be a member of the Community.

2. During the period of one year referred to in the preceding paragraph, such a Member State shall continue to comply with the provisions of this Treaty and shall remain bound to discharge its obligations under this Treaty.

Article 92

Transitional and Savings Provisions

1. Upon the entry into force of this revised Treaty in accordance with the provisions of Article 89, the provisions of the United Nations, Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties adopted on 23 May 1969 shall apply to the determination of the rights and obligations of Member States under the 1975 ECOWAS Treaty and this revised Treaty.

2. The ECOWAS Treaty of 1975 shall be deemed terminated when the Executive Secretariat has received instruments of ratification of this revised Treaty from all Member States. The Executive Secretary shall notify the Member States in writing thereof.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article, all Community Conventions,