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**Economic Community  
of West African States**

**Communauté Economique des  
Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest**

**GENERAL CONVENTION A/C.1/1/03 ON THE RECOGNITION AND  
EQUIVALENCE OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, CERTIFICATES  
AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS IN ECOWAS  
MEMBER STATES**

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## **THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES**

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

**MINDFUL** of Article 60 of the Economic Community of West African States Revised Treaty on co-operation in human resources;

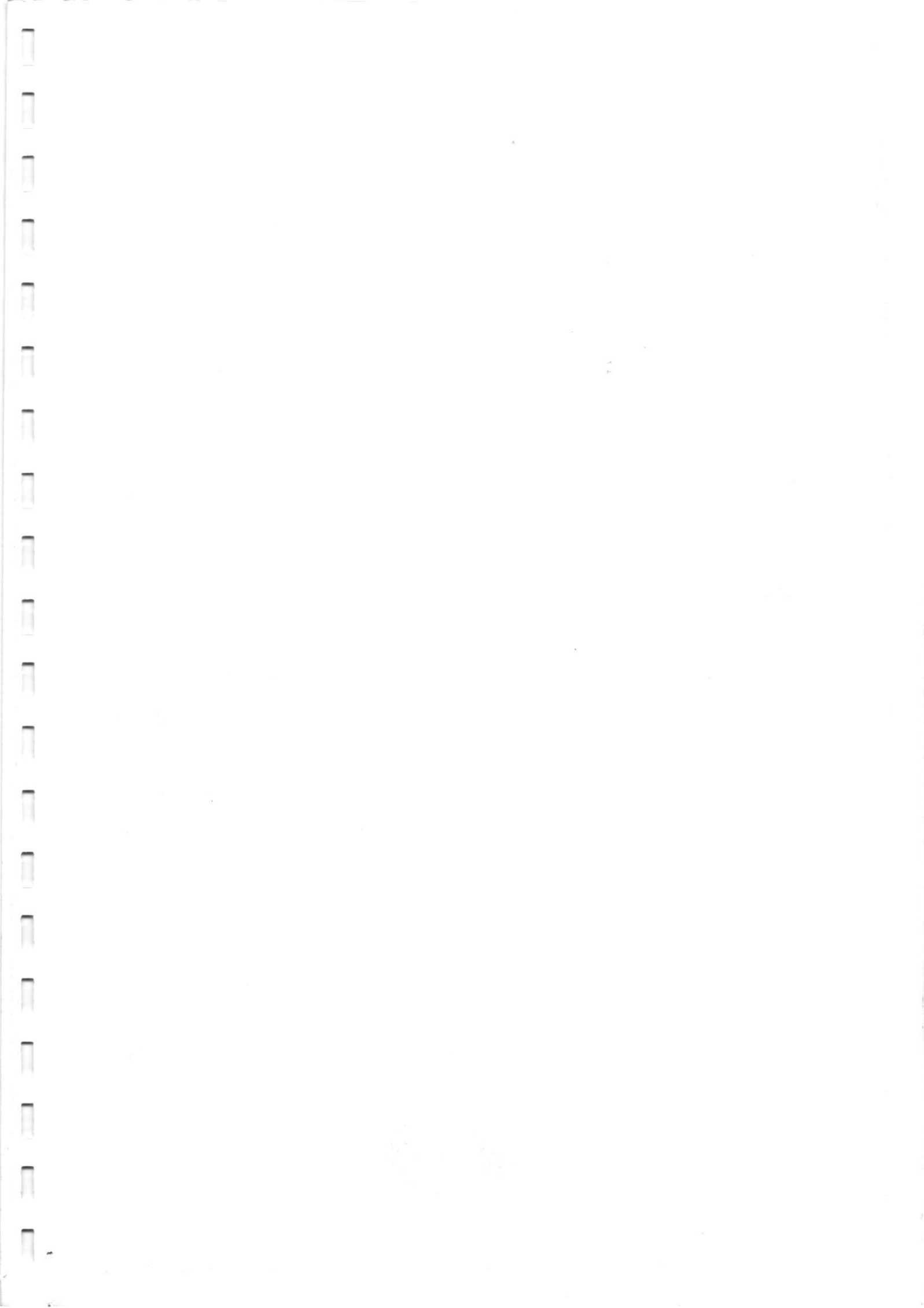
**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.11/5/82 on the establishment of an ad-hoc committee to determine the equivalence of certificates within ECOWAS;

**MINDFUL** of Protocol A/P1/7/87 on the cultural framework agreement for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

**MINDFUL** of the Protocol of free movement of persons, right of residence and establishment;

### **GUIDED BY:**

- The General Convention of the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education (CAMES) on the automatic validity and the equivalence of certificates of higher education.





- The Convention of the West African Examination Council (WAEC).
- The Regional Convention on the recognition of studies and certificates, diplomas, degrees and other higher educational qualifications in African States (UNESCO), Arusha Regional Convention);

**REAFFIRMING** their common wish to work towards strengthening comprehension and co-operation among the peoples of the sub-region as a means of realising their aspirations to solidarity and greater fraternity;

**CONVINCED** that harmonisation of educational and training policies is a key factor in the promotion of cultural and scientific exchanges within the framework of **SUCH CO-OPERATION**;

**RESOLVED** to promote continued education and improve the quality of teaching;

**CONVINCED** that recognition of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other qualifications and of their equivalence is a prerequisite for increased mobility of students, teachers and specialists and a means of accelerating development in the field of education and achieving sub-regional integration;

