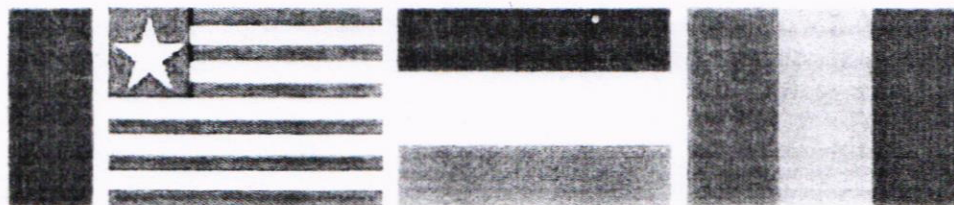


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**TREATY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE CLSG INTERCONNECTION LINE**

(COTE D'IVOIRE - LIBERIA - SIERRA LEONE - GUINEA)

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The Heads of State of:

The Republic of the Cote d'Ivoire,

The Republic of Liberia,

The Republic of Sierra Leone,

The Republic of Guinea,

Mindful of Articles 3, 26, 28, 31 and 55 of the revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States re-affirming the ECOWAS Treaty signed in Lagos on the 28th May 1975,

Mindful of the decision A/DEC.3/5/82 of the Heads of State of the ECOWAS on the energy policy of the ECOWAS,

Reaffirming the decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the Heads of State of the ECOWAS setting up the regional electricity market, the "West African Power Pool" (WAPP),

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the Ministers for Energy in 2000, defining the terms and conditions for the setting-up of a Master Plan as revised by the decision A/DEC.7/01/05 dated the 19th January 2005,

Mindful of the ECOWAS Energy Protocol A/P4/1/03 dated the 31st January 2003,

Mindful of the Agreement on the Organisation and Operation of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) signed on the 12th January 2006,

Mindful of the Supplementary Act A/SA.4/01/08 adopting the Emergency Power Supply Security Plan (EPSSP) signed in Ouagadougou on the 18th January 2008.





PREAMBLE

1. Considering that in order to promote a regional energy market with a view to optimising resources and their distribution in West Africa, the Heads of the Member States of the ECOWAS agreed in 1982 to put into place a regional energy policy.
2. Reiterating that the provision of electrical energy at competitive prices is an essential vector in the reduction of poverty and in enhancing social and economic development in the region, hence the creation in 1999 of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) among the ECOWAS Member States.
3. Reiterating that several memoranda between various Member States of ECOWAS have been signed including the WAPP Memorandum in particular specifying the terms and conditions for the putting into place of the Master Plan (2000) and the Memorandum relating to the financing of the putting into place of priority projects for the WAPP (2001).
4. Reiterating that, in order to endow this new regional energy market with an appropriate institutional framework, the Member States of the ECOWAS agreed on the guiding principles for the operation of such a market in the Energy Protocol of the 31st January 2003 and put into place a specialized institution for this purpose, the WAPP Secretariat in 2006.
5. Considering the urgent nature of the need for the supply of power in the region of West Africa and more specifically the need to accelerate several regional interconnection line projects including a transmission line to interconnect the four Member States which is the subject of this Treaty.
6. Reiterating that for this purpose the WAPP has prepared the ground for an Emergency Plan for the supply of power in its Supplementary Act of the 18th January 2008.
7. Convinced that the project for the construction and operation of an inter-connection Line linking the Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea (CLSG) based on the feasibility study approved by the Member States, will permit a better supply of power, reduce its costs and contribute to economic and social development.



