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The Chairman

**34th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN CENTRAL BANKS (AACB)**

(Dakar, Senegal, 20 August 2010)

LIST OF DECISIONS

The Assembly of Governors of the Association of African Central Banks (AACB) held its 34th ordinary meeting on 20 August, 2010 at the headquarters of the Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BCEAO) in Dakar, Senegal. The meeting brought together thirty one (31) member central banks, the African Union Commission (AUC) and African Institutions for economic and monetary cooperation.

As usual, the day before the meeting of the Assembly of Governors, a symposium was held on 19 August 2010 on «The role of African Central Banks in the regulation and stability of the financial system». The symposium was opened officially by Honourable Souleymane Ndéné Ndiaye, Prime Minister of Senegal.

Mr. Jean-Claude Masangu Mulongo, Chairman of the AACB and Governor of the Banque Centrale du Congo, presided over the meeting which commenced with three opening addresses. Mr. Philippe-Henri Dacoury-Tabley, Governor of the BCEAO and Vice-Chairman of the AACB, welcomed the participants. Dr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, representing the President of the AUC, also welcomed and thanked the participants. Lastly, the Chairman of the AACB declared the meeting officially open.

After considering the items on the agenda, the Assembly of Governors:

1. Adopted the report on the AACB symposium that took place on 20 August, 2009 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.
2. Adopted the report on the 33rd ordinary meeting of the AACB Assembly of Governors, held on 21 August, 2009 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.
3. Considered the progress report on the activities of the joint AUC – AACB committee for the creation of the African Central Bank (ACB), and particularly the efforts to form a team of

experts who will conduct the study on the strategy for the creation of the ACB. After deliberating on this issue, the Governors decided as follows:

- the strategy will be elaborated by a Task Force composed of representatives of the AUC and those of the AACB's sub-regional committees;
 - the terms of reference will be the same as those proposed to the European Central Bank;
 - Sub-regional committees will appoint their representatives to the Task Force as soon as possible, and no later than 30 September, 2010;
 - the Central Bank of Nigeria will provide funding for the salary costs of the experts until December 2010. The Sub-regions that so wish can cover the salary costs of their experts until December 2010. After December 2010, the AUC shall take care of the costs of the experts;
 - the AACB experts can decide not to reside permanently in Abuja. The experts shall draw up a work plan once they have been appointed;
 - the study will be submitted to the various Sub-regions, the Assembly of Governors and the AUC, for validation;
 - The Steering Committee established by the AUC in Abuja shall submit to the AUC-AACB Joint Committee for consideration and endorsement, the report on its preliminary works regarding the creation of the ACB.
4. Noted the adverse effects of the global economic environment on the macroeconomic performances of Member States, as well as on the convergence criteria of the African Monetary Cooperation Programme (AMCP). Applauding the resilience of most economies, the Governors urged Member States to forge ahead with the necessary efforts aimed at economic recovery, consolidating the fundamentals of African economies, and ensuring steady progress towards convergence against the AMCP criteria. The Assembly also invited the Sub-regions to ensure that the Executive Secretary receives their contributions to the AMCP progress report no later than the 31st of May each year. These contributions should be based on the framework adopted by the Assembly of Governors and include projections on the two years following the period under review, so that remedial action can be taken where substantial variances with the initial objectives occur.
5. Took note of the conclusions and recommendations of the continental seminar for year 2010 and accepted the organization, in collaboration with the African Development Bank and the donor partners of Making Finance Work For Africa, of a workshop on «The African approach to the implementation of international standards for banking supervision and the Basel Capital Framework», on the condition that Making Finance Work for Africa covers the organizational costs.

6. Took note of the status of the contributions to the AACB budget for year 2010, the payment of arrears and accession to the revised Statutes of the AACB. The Assembly praised the steps taken by the AACB Chairman towards Bank of Eritrea (BOE) for them to become a member of the AACB. It encouraged the Chairman to, on the one hand, continue to sensitize the BOE and, on the other hand, motivate the central banks that have not been doing so to participate more actively in AACB's activities. Governors also urged the Executive Secretariat to continue its ongoing efforts towards the settlement of arrears especially those owed by the Banque Centrale of Djibouti. The Central Bank of Kenya and the Central Bank of Egypt volunteered to assist the Chairman and the Executive Secretariat.
7. Praised the BCEAO for its careful stewardship of the Association's resources and decided to continue entrusting this institution with the responsibility of securing higher returns on the said resources.
8. Chose for the Symposium in 2011 the theme: "Impact of the international financial crisis on monetary unions: the challenge of coordinating budgetary and monetary policies in Africa.
9. Agreed that the theme for the 2011 Continental seminar shall be "Financing development in Africa: what role for central banks?". The National Bank of Rwanda will host this seminar.
10. Approved the transfer of the Bank of Tanzania from the Sub-regional Committee for Southern Africa to the East Africa Sub-region. The Assembly also agreed that the Statutes be amended in order to include provisions regarding the transfer of a Central Bank from a Sub-region to another.
11. Approved the external auditors' report on the accounts of the AACB for the fiscal year that ended on 31 December 2009, and instructed the Executive Secretariat to take the appropriate measures to implement the recommendations made. The Assembly also agreed on amending the Statutes to allow for the consideration of auditors' reports by the AACB's Technical Committee.
12. Approved the work plan of the Executive Secretariat for year 2011 and the attendant budget. The contribution due by each central bank amounts to US\$ 5 258. The Assembly recalled that contributions to the AACB budget should be disbursed in US dollars and at net value to cover all costs.
13. Commended, on the one hand, the AACB Chairman for his donation aimed at improving the Executive Secretariat's accounting software, and, on the other hand, BCEAO's unwavering financial and material support to the AACB.
14. Decided that in compliance with the principle of rotation adopted by the Assembly of Governors of the Association of African Central Banks, the 35th ordinary meeting of the Assembly of Governors and the attendant symposium, scheduled for August 2011, be hosted by a central bank in the Southern Africa sub-region, namely the Reserve Bank of Malawi.

15. Mandated the new Chairman to propose a more favorable period for the Assembly's annual meetings.
16. Elected Mr. Philippe-Henri Dacoury-Tabley, Governor of the Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, as the Chairman of the AACB for the period 2010-2011. The composition of the new Bureau is as follows:
- Governor of the BCEAO, Chairperson of the AACB;
 - Governor of the Reserve Bank of Malawi, Vice-Chairperson of the AACB;
 - Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Chairperson of the Sub-regional Committee for West Africa;
 - Governor of the Central Bank of Libya, Chairperson of the Sub-regional Committee for North Africa;
 - Governor of the Banco Central de São Tome e Principe, Chairperson of the Sub-regional Committee for Central Africa;
 - Governor of the Bank of Uganda, Chairperson of the Sub-regional Committee for East Africa;
 - A Governor to be designated by the Sub-regional Committee for Southern Africa, after consultation.
17. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Lucas Abaga NCHAMA, Governor of the Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (BEAC), expressed, on behalf of Governors their gratitude to His Excellency Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, to the Governor of the BCEAO, to the civil and military authorities, as well as all those who worked to make the 34th Ordinary Meeting of the AACB Assembly of Governors a success.

Done in Dakar, on August 20, 2010



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Chairman of the AACB