

**49<sup>th</sup> LCBC SESSION IN YAOUNDE**  
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R E S O L U T I O N S

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A. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES

**Resolution N° 1 on the Ad-hoc Committee on Review of Staff Rules and Financial Regulations:**

- Considering the recommendation submitted by the Executive Secretary in his report to the Commission;
- Considering the pertinent reservations expressed by National Experts on the new organigramme of the Executive Secretariat and the salary structures submitted for their scrutiny;
- Conscious of the formal ascension of Sudan to the Commission;
- Conscious of the need for efficient and smooth operation of the Executive Secretariat;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- a) A restructuring of LCBC be carried out to:
  - i. avoid the creation of arbitrary employments and to identify redundant posts;
  - ii. review the Commission' missions, basic documents and the regulations by taking into account the evolutions occurred in the region and decisions and resolutions taken by the governing bodies since the Commission was created.
- b) A committee of experts comprising two members from each country should meet at a date to be determined in N'Djamena to review the entire staff rules and financial regulations. One of the experts should be a specialist in organizational management. Nomination of members should be conducted by the end of February 2002.
- c) Member countries should make sure that competent and relevant officers are always seconded to the Executive Secretariat to fill their zoned statutory posts.
- d) The Executive Secretariat should speed up the process of employment to fill all the approved vacant posts, especially the post of stores accountant.

**Resolution N° 2 on the payment of arrears of contributions:**

- Considering the large amount of arrears still not paid by some Member States;
- Considering the fact that these same Member States pay regularly their contributions to other similar organizations;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- a) Member States take all necessary steps to clear their arrears of contribution before the end of the year 2002;
- b) The Executive Secretariat pay particular attention to collecting arrears of contributions from Member States;
- c) The Executive Secretariat makes sure that a minimum of 20% of arrears of contribution are collected together with the 2002 contributions.

**Resolution N° 3 on 2002 budget**

- Considering the activity programmes and the related budgets proposed for the year 2002 by the Departments of the Executive Secretariat;
- Considering that the proposed 2002 budget amounts to **923 905 448 CFAF** and that arrears of contributions for the year 2001 are still relevant;

- Conscious to alleviate the financial burden of Member States;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- The year 2002 budget amounting to **903 979 207 FCFA**, for both receipts and expenditures of which **503 855 156 CFAF** for the recurrent budget and **400 124 051 CFAF** for the development budget stands approved.
- Member States are to contribute **653 979 207 CFAF** in the year 2002 according to the contribution formula in force and the balance of **250 000 000 CFAF** should come from 2001 arrears to be recovered;
- The Executive Secretariat make extra effort to manage carefully the so approved budget of the year 2002;
- The amended budget for the utilization of arrears up to 31/10/2000 stands approved.

**Resolution N° 4 on the Social Security Funds**

- Considering resolution N° 6 of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session held in Niamey, 15/1/1992 on the creation of the LCBC's Social Security Funds;
- Considering the recent creation of the said funds;
- Anxious to ensure a smooth retirement of the Commission's staff;
- Considering the report made by the Board of External Auditors on the functioning of the said funds;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- The management committee mentioned under item 6 of the resolution N° 6 of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session creating the Social Security Funds must be set up as quickly as possible and that the guidelines for its operation be clearly spelt out.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PROJECT EXECUTION**

**Resolution N° 5 on Ngala School**

- Considering the report of the School's Standing Committee;
- Considering that all the Member States have similar schools delivering the similar training;
- Anxious to make that school a testimony of regional cooperation;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- . The standing committee of the School scrutinize the relevance of the training given by Ngala School to each member state and suggests additional courses including water resources management that will make the School attractive to indigenes of each member state.

**Resolution N° 6 on the livestock sector**

- Considering the very favourable acceptance received by the first volume of "The Livestock Atlas of Lake Chad Basin";
- Considering that after the publication of this first Atlas, the Conventional Basin was extended to the Central African Republic and very soon to the Republic of Sudan;
- Considering the importance of the livestock sector in the economy of the sub-region;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- . The second phase of the Lake Chad Basin's Livestock Atlas be prepared by taking into account the environmental aspects of all the member countries including the new members.

**Resolution N° 7 on the funding and execution of projects**

- Considering the support of UNEP in the execution of the Commission's numerous programmes;

- Considering the firm willingness of CEN-SAD to be a reliable partner in the execution of the Commission programmes;
- Considering the extensive overlapping of programmes of the three international/regional organizations;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- a) The Executive Secretariat take advantage of the expertise and support of UNEP and CEN-SAD in the harmonization and the execution of its programmes;
- b) The Executive Secretariat in collaboration with UNEP ensures that the Mega-Chad project is extended to the entire basin covering all member states.

**C. DEPARTMENT OF DOCUMENTATION, INFORMATION, REMOTE SENSING AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES**

**Resolution N° 8 on the Donors' Conference**

- Considering the memorandum presented to this effect by the Department;
- Considering that the programme of the LCBC/GEF project equally intends to organize a donors' conference;
- Anxious to harmonize the Executive Secretariat's actions in order to avoid some duplications with GEF fund programmes;
- Considering the increasing usefulness of the remote sensing in the assessment of the natural resources in the Lake Chad Basin;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- a) The Executive Secretariat should enter into some arrangements with GEF in order to attract donors to fund not only its pilot projects but also other projects retained in the Master Plan and the Strategic Action Programme (SAP).
- b) The Executive Secretariat establish contacts with some relevant institutions and experts from Member States in order to make the remote sensing unit more active and efficient.

**D. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Resolution N° 9 on the Standing Committee on Water Resources**

- Considering the recommendations of experts on the draft Agreement on the management of the water resources in the Lake Chad Basin presented by the Department of Water Resources and Environment;
- Considering the gaps noted by the experts with regards to the form and content of the memorandum on the draft Agreement;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- a) The Executive Secretariat improves the quality of the memorandum and to take into account the remarks made by experts and to include all the annexes which were cited;
- b) The Executive Secretariat organize a meeting of Standing Committee on Water Resources in N'Djamena before the next session in order to examine the updated memorandum for final decision by the Committee of National Experts.

**Resolution N° 10 on the hydrological monitoring of the Lake Chad Basin**

- Considering the continuous shrinking of the Lake Chad;
- Considering the gaps noted in the basin hydrological evolution;
- Considering the willingness of some specialized organizations to support LCBC in the collection of hydrological data;

- Considering the successful completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of underground water study in the Chari-Logone basin;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- A Hydro-Chad network similar to Hydro-Niger be set up to enhance the collection and dissemination of hydrological data;
- A second phase of the study on the underground water resources to continue and to include all other sub-basins of the Commission.

**Resolution N° 11 on the Inter-basin Water Transfer Project**

- Considering the establishment of Technical Committee on Inter-basin Water Transfert;
- Considering the decision N° 5 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit related to the release of 1 million US\$ by the Member States for the said project;
- Considering steps already undertaken by the Executive Secretariat in the implementation of the Inter-basin Water Transfer and the gaps identified in the process;
- Considering the necessity of the non-objection of the two Congos for the execution of this project;

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- The contribution of 1 million US\$ by the Member States be strictly used for the implementation of the feasibility study of the project;
- A team composed of Ministers of Cameroon, Niger and CAR assist the Current Chairman and the President of the CAR to obtain the non-objection of the two Congos necessary for the implementation of this project;
- A meeting between the two Congos and LCBC members be organized in Bangui as soon as possible in order to harmonize and update the already tendered **Term of Reference** which was prepared by LCBC and approved by the Technical Committee on the Inter-basin Water Transfer;
- The Executive Secretariat should take all necessary steps to bridge the identified gaps in the tender process.

**Resolutions N° 12 on the declaration of Lake Chad as Ramsar Site**

- Considering the decision N° 8 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit on the ratification of the Ramsar Convention and declaring the Lake Chad "Ramsar Site";
- Considering that Republic of Niger and Republic of Chad have designed their portion of Lake Chad as wet land of international importance (Ramsar site);

**The Commissioners resolved that:**

- Cameroon and Nigeria be urged to finalize the declaration process of their respective portion of Lake Chad as Ramsar Site before the 11<sup>th</sup> Summit scheduled for this 2002 year in Niamey - Niger;
- The CAR finalize the declaration process of its new wet land.