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**BURKINA FASO, BENIN, IVORY COAST,  
MALI, MAURITANIA,  
NIGER and SENEGAL**

**Treaty of accession of the People's Republic of Benin to the  
West African Economic Community (CEAO). Signed  
at Ouagadougou on 24 May 1985**

*Authentic text: French.*

*Registered by Burkina Faso on 3 December 1985.*

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**BURKINA FASO, BÉNIN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE,  
MALI, MAURITANIE,  
NIGER et SÉNÉGAL**

**Traité d'adhésion de la République populaire du Bénin à la  
Communauté économique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest  
(CEAO). Signé à Ouagadougou le 24 mai 1985**

*Texte authentique : français.*

*Enregistré par le Burkina Faso le 3 décembre 1985.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF ACCESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN  
TO THE CEAO<sup>2</sup>

The President of the People's Republic of Benin,  
The President of Burkina Faso,  
The President of the Republic of Ivory Coast,  
The President of the Republic of Mali,  
The President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,  
The President of the Republic of the Niger,  
The President of the Republic of Senegal,

Seeking to promote the concerted economic development of their States with a view to improving the standard of living of their peoples;

Convinced that CEAO provides an excellent framework for attaining this objective;

Considering that CEAO is open to any West African State under article 2 of the Treaty instituting the Community;

Considering the desire expressed by the People's Republic of Benin to become a member of the Community;

Considering the decision of the Heads of State of CEAO to admit Benin, a decision recorded in the Final Communiqué of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State;

Seeking to regulate questions arising as a result of the admission of the People's Republic of Benin to membership in the West African Economic Community;

Having decided to make the amendments and changes to the basic Treaty of the Community, signed at Abidjan on 17 April 1973, required by the admission of the People's Republic of Benin;

Having examined Act No. 8/85/CE of 4 March 1985 concerning the admission of the People's Republic of Benin to the Community;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* By this Treaty the High Contracting Parties confirm the accession of the People's Republic of Benin to the West African Economic Community (CEAO) under the conditions laid down in article 6 below.

*Article 2.* The acts, decisions and other instruments previously accepted, agreed upon and adopted by the various bodies of the Community shall be applicable in the People's Republic of Benin, from the date of the entry into force of this Treaty, under the same conditions as in the original member States.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 May 1985 provisionally by signature, in accordance with article 6.

<sup>2</sup> Nations Unies, *Recueil des Traités*, vol. 1257, p. 311.

*Article 3.* The constituent Agreements of the specialized agencies of the Community and all the relevant financing Conventions concluded by the Community with third States, international bodies or financial institutions shall be applicable and enforceable in the People's Republic of Benin, under the same conditions as in the original member States, from the date of the entry into force of this Treaty.

*Article 4.* The starting dates for the time limits referred to in articles 15, 16 and 17 of the constituent Treaty and in article 2 of Protocol G, and the starting date for the implementation of the special system referred to in articles 10 and 11 of the Treaty, shall be, in the case of the People's Republic of Benin, the date of the entry into force of this Treaty.

*Article 5.* The distribution key for contributions to the operating budget of the Secretariat, referred to in article 4 of Protocol I annexed to the constituent Treaty, shall be modified by an Act of the Conference of Heads of State.

*Article 6.* This Treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties, in accordance with the rules and procedures applicable in each State.

It shall enter into force after the deposit of all the instruments of ratification with the Government of the host State of the Community.

The High Contracting Parties agree, however, to apply this Treaty provisionally from the date of its signature, pending its final entry into force in accordance with the provisions of this article.

*Article 7.* This Treaty, drawn up in French in a single original version, shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the host State, which shall issue certified copies of it to all the High Contracting Parties.

This Treaty shall be published in the Official Journal (*Journal officiel*) of the Community and shall be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

DONE at Ouagadougou, on 24 May 1985.

For the People's Republic  
of Benin:

*[Signed]*

H.E. General MATHIEU KERKOU  
President of the Republic

For Burkina Faso:

*[Signed]*

H.E. Captain THOMAS SANKARA  
President of the National Council  
of the Revolution  
President of Faso

For the Republic of Ivory Coast:

*[Signed]*

H.E. FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY  
President of the Republic

For the Republic of Mali:

*[Signed]*

H.E. General MOUSSA TRAORE  
President of the Republic

For the Islamic Republic  
of Mauritania:

*[Signed]*

H.E. Colonel  
MAAOUIYA SID'AHMED OULD TAYA  
President of the Military Committee  
for National Salvation  
Head of State

For the Republic of the Niger:

*[Signed]*

H.E. Brigadier General  
SEYNI KOUNTCHE  
President of the Supreme  
Military Council  
Head of State

For the Republic of Senegal:

*[Signed]*

H.E. ABDOU DIOUF  
President of the Republic

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