

**5. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICA**

*Accra, 4 May 1967*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 4 May 1967, in accordance with article 7(2).  
**REGISTRATION:** 4 May 1967, No. 8623.  
**STATUS:** Parties: 12.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series* , vol. 595, p. 287.

*Note:* Adopted by the West African Sub-regional Conference on Economic Co-operation, held at Accra from 27 April to 4 May 1967. )

The Articles of Association for the Establishment of an Economic Community of West Africa done at Accra on 4 May 1967 were concluded "pending the formal establishment of the Community" (preamble). Thereafter, two additional agreements were concluded: (1) the Treaty establishing the Community of West Africa, concluded at Abidjan on 17 April 1973 between the Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta (came into force on 1 January 1974 and deposited with the Government of Upper Volta); and (2) the Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), concluded at Lagos on 28 May 1975 between Benin, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Upper Volta (came into force on 20 June 1975 and deposited with the Government of Nigeria.

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<i>Participant</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s)</i>
Benin.....	4 May 1967 s	Mauritania.....	4 May 1967 s
Burkina Faso.....	4 May 1967 s	Niger.....	4 May 1967 s
Gambia.....	21 Nov 1967 s	Nigeria.....	4 May 1967 s
Ghana.....	4 May 1967 s	Senegal.....	4 May 1967 s
Liberia.....	4 May 1967 s	Sierra Leone.....	4 May 1967 s
Mali.....	4 May 1967 s	Togo.....	4 May 1967 s