

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

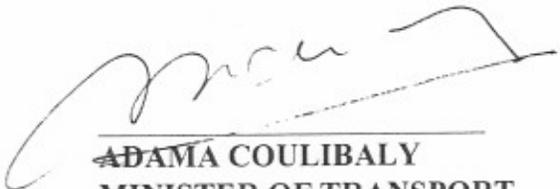
JOINT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

AT A MEETING OF AFRICAN TRANSPORTATION MINISTERS AND U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION RODNEY SLATER, HOSTED BY THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORTATION OF SENEGAL, VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST IN THE WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION. AMONG THE TOPICS ADDRESSED WERE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SAFE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICIES WHICH FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PASSENGERS IN A MANNER WHICH SUPPORTS THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE REGION. THE MEETING WAS HELD AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S AFRICA INITIATIVE, AND SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS THE "SAFE SKIES FOR AFRICA" PORTION OF THAT INITIATIVE.

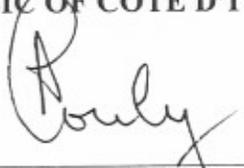
THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF EACH ECONOMY IN THE REGION. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENT STAGES OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS; AND THE INDIVIDUAL VIEWS HELD BY VARIOUS DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS; THE MINISTERS FAVORED:

- * IMPROVING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS THROUGH STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS INCLUDING TRAINING AND HUMAN RESOURCES;
- * MOBILIZING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AND
- * INCREASING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR THROUGHOUT THE REGION, INCLUDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES.

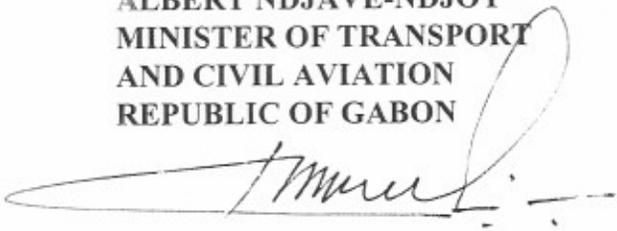
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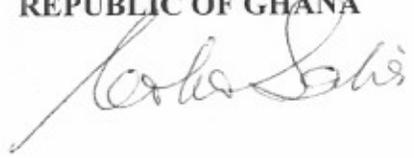
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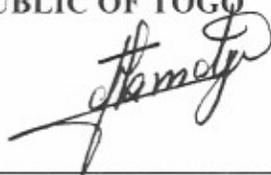
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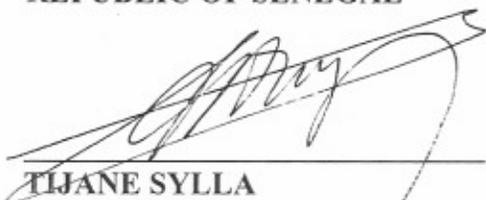
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