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CONTRE LA SÉCHERESSE DANS LE SAHEL



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1. INTRODUCTION

The thirty eighth (38th) Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Permanent Inter-States Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) took place on the 19th and 20th December 2003 in Nouakchott (Islamic Republic of Mauritania) under the Chairmanship of his Excellency Mr Seydou TRAORE, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Republic of Mali and at the same time the Minister Coordinator for CILSS.

Taking part in this session were the Ministerial delegations led by:

- His Excellency Mr David Houdeingar NGARIMADEN, Minister of State and Minister of Agriculture of Chad;
- His Excellency Mr Alphonse BONOU, Minister of Animal Resources of Burkina Faso;
- Her Excellency Madame Susan Waffa OGOU, Minister of Fisheries, Natural Resources and the Environment of the The Gambia;
- His Excellency Mr Ahmedou Ould AHMEDOU, Minister for Rural Development and the Environment of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;
- His Excellency Mr Abari Mai MOUSSA, Minister of Agricultural Development of Niger;
- His Excellency Mr Abibou SY, Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of Senegal.

11. OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony witnessed the participation of Representatives of the diplomatic Corps and bilateral and multilateral Cooperation Agencies, the members of the Regional Programming and Monitoring Committee (RPMC) and representatives of sister organisations as well as numerous guests (the list of participants is attached on annex).

Speeches were made by their Excellencies:

- Mr Seydou TRAORE, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Republic of Mali and at the same time the Minister Coordinator of CILSS;
- Mr Ahmedou Ould AHMEDOU, Minister for Rural Development and the Environment of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

- Mr Arba DIALLO, Executive Secretary of the International Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD);
- The Executive Secretary of the Observatory of the Sahara and the Sahel;
- And finally, Mr Christian OQUET, Representative of the Committee of CILSS Partners.

In his opening speech, his Excellency Mr Seydou TRAORE expressed his sincere gratitude and thanks to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (IRM) for the warm welcome accorded to him as well as to all the delegations of the member States and CILSS Partners. He emphasised that this session assumes a particularly different character. In fact, it was the preparatory stage to the 14th Conference of Heads of State and was being held at a time when CILSS was celebrating its 30th anniversary and reflecting on the perspectives of its future through a ten-year evaluation and an organisational audit.

Mr Seydou Traoré emphasised that CILSS was reinforcing its role as institution leader with satisfaction in the areas of food security and natural resource management. Thus it elaborated programmes among which are the small irrigation, induced rain, a study on genetically modified organisms, the role of cotton, the state of the environment, the question of rural land tenure and all these confirm its dynamism.

Before concluding his speech, the Minister Coordinator thanked the CILSS Executive Secretary and his collaborators for a job well done.

In his welcome speech, Mr Ahmedou Ould AHMEDOU, Minister for Rural Development and the Environment of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania had, in the name of His Excellency Mr Maaouya Ould SID'AHMED TAYA, welcomed the Ministers and their delegations as well as the partners on the Sahelian soil of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to participate in this important CILSS meeting.

He reaffirmed the attachment of Mauritania to CILSS, to sub-regional integration, to dialogue and the active solidarity between the peoples.

He then wished that subjects of major preoccupation for the organisation such as the ten-year evaluation and the organisational audit be tackled so as to give an impetus and a new dynamism to the Institution.

He concluded his speech by thanking the development partners for the constant support that they have been giving CILSS.

His Excellency Mr Arba DIALLO, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD recalled the strong links of fruitful cooperation which exist between his institution and CILSS as well as the achievements obtained:

- The entry into force of the Convention in December 1996;
- The creation of the Regional Inter-institutional Coordination Committee (RICC) in October 2001;
- The designation of the Fund for the world environment as a financial mechanism of the Convention in September 2003.

Furthermore he emphasised the new initiatives developed between the two institutions to the benefit of the sahelians: the sub-regional development project for the planting of dates and arabic gum.

Before ending his speech, Mr Arba DIALLO expressed his satisfaction for the good cooperation which exists between CILSS and the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD).

In his speech the Representative of the OSS congratulated and thanked the Mauritanian Authorities for the organisation of these meetings and then stressed on the links of cooperation which exist between CILSS and the OSS. This cooperation is manifested among other things by:

- The implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the National Action Programmes (NAP);
- The Ecological Network of Long Term Observatories (ROSELT) in which are the different programmes for the management of natural resources and the control of information useful to decision making.

Moreover, he emphasised the creation of an African research center for development that would make it possible for the scientific community of the sahelian region and the Union of Maghreb Arab to mobilise themselves within the framework of implementing the CCD.

Finally, in the name of the Executive Secretary of the OSS, he announced the holding of the General Assembly and the Council of this Institution in Tunis from the 13th to the 17th April 2004.

In his speech the fourth speaker, Mr Christian OQUET, President of the Group of CILSS Partners recalled the conclusions of the second meeting of the Group held on the 11th December 2003 in the course of which, France accepted to oversee the representation and coordination of the CILSS Partners for a year. He emphasised that his country intends making good use of the incoming year by reinforcing the links of confidence developped between CILSS and its partners.

Mr Christian OQUET recalled that the Food Security Strategic Framework, the progressive implementation of the approach programme, the current setting up of a reliable monitoring evaluation system and the collaboration with the other Inter-Governmental Organisations (IGOs) of the sub-region are some of the remarkable CILSS achievements.

He then said that particular attention should be accorded to the regulations of the ratio that limit the operations costs to 30% at the most and that the budgetary programming be realistic and be in correspondence to the available resources and the capacities for the implementation of CILSS.

As regards the organisational audit and the ten year evaluation, he indicated that the partners were taking good note of the propositions of the evaluation and were giving their support to an ambitious reform process making it possible to ensure the continuity and development of CILSS. The scenario called "integration" seems in fact the most adapted to the challenges that the Institution will have to undertake. The reforms will have to be carried out equally by the States.

He emphasised that the partners confirm their availability and their support to stand by the effective and rapid implementation of the reforms.

He ended his speech by emphasising the availability of France to support the reflections engaged on the cereal excesses and confirm the support of his country for the organisation of the regional consultative meeting on the theme previewed in January 2004.

III. WORK PROGRAMME

The Council adopted its agenda which includes the following points:

- The opening Ceremony;
- The presentation and examination of the report of the tenth meeting of the Programming and Monitoring Committee (RMC);

- The presentation and examination of the report of the Executive Secretary;
- The presentation and examination of the report of the Internal Controller;
- The presentation and examination of the following specific issues:
 - Water Control (advocacy, small irrigation programme, induced rain);
 - Reflection on the problems and challenges on the use of biotechnology (GMO) in the Sahel ;
 - Reflection on the problems and perspectives of the cotton sector in the Sahel ;
 - Conclusion of the “Praia + 9 Forum”;
 - Conclusion of the meeting of the Committee of CILSS Partners (CPC);
 - Conclusion of the Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Sahel ;
 - Report on the conclusions of the ten year evaluation and organisational Audit of CILSS;
- Issues relative to the :
 - Nomination of the CILSS Executive Secretary;
 - The opening of posts of the technical Advisers;
 - Nomination of the Statutory Auditor.

- The closing Ceremony.

The works took place in plenary session and in camera.

The agenda of the work programme is attached on annex.

3.1. Presentation and examination of the report on the RPMC/CRPS meeting

The presentation of the report of the tenth meeting of the RPMC or CRPS was mainly on the following points:

- Report of the Executive Secretary;
- State of execution of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the 37th ordinary session of the Council of Ministers;
- General report of the 2002 CILSS system and first half of 2003 (technical, administrative and financial reports);
- Report of the Statutory Auditor for the year 2002 on accounts closed as at 31st December 2002;
- 2004-2007 multi-annual programme, the 2004 operational plan and the corresponding budget;
- Other Issues---A.O.B.

Subsequent to the presentation, the Council concluded on the following:

- The necessity to have some precise informations on the proportion of the running costs in the global budget;
- The discussions in camera of four cases relative to the opening up of posts for technical advisers, choice for the Statutory Auditor and the nomination of the Executive Secretary, plus the date of the Summit of Heads of State.

3.2. Presentation and examination of the report of the Executive Secretary

In his report, the CILSS Executive Secretary made the following points:

- The Agricultural situation in the Sahel;
- Relations with the partners;
- Administrative and financial management;
- Institutional functioning;
- The situation of the INSAH deficit accounts.

3.3. Presentation and examination of the report of the CILSS Internal Controller

The presentation of the Internal Controller was made on the following points:

- Internal control on the accounting and administrative aspects;
- External control, assistance missions and 2004 programme activity.

In his presentation, the Internal Controller pointed out the following management shortcomings :

- the shortcomings in all of the sites regarding the application of the management rules and procedures;
- the existence of long duration outstandings;
- overspending on the budget;
- the absence of valuations of fixed assets;
- the non payment of Unique Income Tax and the contributions to the pensions fund and the National Social Security Fund;
- the shortcomings in the management of certain work contracts;
- shortcomings in the monitoring of advances;

He then went on to inform the Council of:

- the holding of a joint audit for the CILSS donors;
- the end of the mandate of the Statutory Auditor.

After the above presentations, the members of the Council asked some questions for more clarification on certain points of the presentation relative to :

- the institutional evolution of CILSS with regard to other IGOs, especially the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), the Union of Maghreb Arab (UMA), the Community of Saharo-Sahelian States (CENSAD);
- the ordinary CILSS missions (Food Security and Natural Resource Management) in the face of current problems;
- the role of the National CILSS Committees and their positions at the supervisory departments;
- the regular payment of subscriptions and the contribution to the Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Sahel ;
- the management aspects, especially the valuation of fixed assets;
- questions on rural land tenure ;

Some appropriate responses were given by the Executive Secretary, the Internal Controller and the Chairman of the CRPS/RPMC.

Subsequent to the debates, the Council adopted by acclamation the statutory documents presented.

Furthermore, the Council adopted four resolutions, two recommendations and two motions (the resolutions, recommendations and motions are attached on annex):

- Resolution N°1 / CM /38/2003, giving free discharge to the delegated Authorising Officers for the management of the financial year 2002;
- Resolution N°2/CM/38/2003, relative to the adoption of the CILSS budget programme for the year 2004;
- Resolution N°3/CM/38/2003, relative to the collaboration with the Secretariat of the CCD within the framework of the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;
- Resolution N°4/CM/38/2003, relative to the role, positioning and working conditions of the PS/CONACILSS;
- Recommendation N°1/38/CM/2003 relative to the role, positioning and working conditions of the PS/CONACILSS;
- Recommendation N°2/38/CM/2003 relative to the payment of annual contributions;
- Vote of thanks to His Excellency Mr Maaouya Ould SID'AHMED TAYA, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Government and Mauritanian people ;
- Vote of thanks to the Cooperation Ppartners.

3.4. Presentation and examination of specific issues

All of the elements in the specific issues were subject to a presentation. The Council dwelled on the organisational audit.

After the resourceful debates, the Council arrived at the following conclusions:

- The constitution of a file called “Nouakchott” to be submitted to the next Summit of Heads of State and Government. This file will be made of the following elements: water control (advocacy, small irrigation and induced rain), biotechnology (the question of GMO), “Praia + 9”; the Committee of CILSS Partners (CPC); the Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Sahel; the CILSS ten year evaluation and organisational Audit.
- Accord for scenario 3 fitted in with an implementation chronogramme (finalisation of the first quarter 2004 and implementation beginning the year 2005);
- Decision of the recruitment process of the new Advisers to take account of the current ten year evaluation and the organisational audit;
- Necessity to find a person to “manage” the Institution in collaboration with the Executive Secretary drawing the legitimacy of his attributions from the Council of Ministers;
- Necessity to well define the attributions of the different programmes and in particular avoid that the Department “Programming and Monitoring-evaluation” to which the “Task Forces” are attached do not overshadow the others;
- To take into account in the new outline the managerial, technical and financial liabilities of the Institution;
- Evaluation of the cost of scenario 3;
- Necessity to research the possible improvements of the present structure of the AGRHYMET Regional Center despite the successes recorded.

3.5. Questions treated in camera

The following questions were treated in camera. They are:

- The Nomination of the CILSS Executive Secretary;
- Date for the next Summit of CILSS Heads of State;
- Mandate of the Statutory Auditor.

Done in Nouakchott the 20th December 2003

The Council

RESOLUTION N° 1 / 38 / CM / 2003

Giving free discharge to the Authorising Officer and to the delegated Authorising Officers for the management of 2002

The Council of CILSS Ministers met on the 19th December 2003 in its 38th ordinary session in Nouakchott (Islamic Republic of Mauritania);

After examination and adoption of the report on the works of the Regional Programming and Monitoring Committee that met from the 15th to the 17th December 2003 in Nouakchott (Islamic Republic of Mauritania) and the certification report of the Statutory Auditor on the CILSS financial year 2002;

CONGRATULATES

The Statutory Auditor for the quality of his report;

COMMITTS

The Authorising Officer and the Delegated Authorising Officers to implement the recommendations emanating from the report of the Statutory Auditor.

GIVES

Free discharge (Quitus) to the Authorising Officer and the Delegated Authorising Officers for the management of the year 2002 .

Done in Nouakchott , the 20th December 2003.

The Council .

RESOLUTION N° 2 / 38 / CM / 2003
Relative to the adoption of the CILSS programme budget
Financial year 2004

The Council of CILSS Ministers that met on the 19th December 2003 in its 38th ordinary session in Nouakchott (Islamic Republic of Mauritania) ;

ADOPTS

The CILSS programme budget, financial year 2004, fixed in receipts and expenses at an amount of **Eight Billion Six Hundred and Three Million Two Hundred and Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty One Francs CFA (8 603 218 351 F CFA)**.

I. RECEIPTS

They come from :

- Budgetary allocations from Member States and Donors;
- Own and exceptional resources generated by the CILSS system .

A- Budgetary allocations

They figure an amount of **8 392 208 191 F CFA distributed as follows :**

- 21 020 340 FCFA for Cape Verde and The Gambia each ;
- 28 027 120 FCFA for Guinea Bissau;
- 35 033 901 FCFA for Mauritania and Chad each ;
- 52 550 852 FCFA for Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, and Senegal each.

8 041 869 181 FCFA from Donors

B- Resources generated by the CILSS system

They figure an amount of 211 010 160 FCFA distributed as follows :

- 118 010 160 FCFA earmarked for the Sahel Institute
- 58 000 000 FCFA earmarked for the AGRHYMET Regional Center
- 35 000 000 FCFA earmarked for the Noyau Central.

II. EXPENSES

These are expenses on the personnel, some general expenses, investment expenses and intervention expenses from the Noyau Central and Major Programmes.

A- Expenses from the Noyau Central :

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| 1. Expenses on the personnel : | 283 974 988 FCFA |
| 2. General Expenses : | 59 476 825 FCFA |

3. Investments	:	84 800 000 FCFA
4. Interventions	:	261 093 477 FCFA
Sub total Noyau Central		689 345 290 FCFA

B- Expenses on the Major Programmes

1. Expenses on the personnel :	1 494 751 294 FCFA
2. General expenses :	625 941 314 FCFA
3. Investments :	525 520 720 FCFA
4. Interventions :	5 267 659 733 FCFA
Sub-total Major Programmes :	7 913 873 061 FCFA

INSTRUCTS

The Executive Secretary to exert efforts to mobilise the funds necessary to the realisation of activities envisaged in the 2004 Operational Plan .

Done in Nouakchott the 20th December 2003

The Council

Draft Resolution N°3 CM /38 / 2003 relative to the collaboration with the Secretariat of the CCD within the framework of the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

The 38th session of the Council of Ministers of CILSS Member Countries which took place on the 19th December 2003 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania,

Considering the United Nations Convention to combat desertification (UNCCD);

Considering the resolutions N° 7/30/CM/95, 6/31/CM/96, 4/CM/35/2000, and 7/37/CM/2002;

Considering the importance of the implementation of the National Action Programmes and the Sub-Regional Action Programme to combat desertification for the realisation of sustainable food security in the Sahel and in West Africa,

TAKES NOTE

With satisfaction of the progress accomplished in the implementation of the Convention , notably the developments relative to the designation of land degradation (desertification and deforestation) as new areas of priority intervention of the Fund as well as the elaboration of a relative operational programme (PO N°15)

EQUALLY TAKES NOTE

Of the Cooperation between CILSS and the Secretariat of the CCD in the supports to be given to the national and regional levels so as to facilitate the process of implementing the Convention in West Africa and in Chad

IS PLEASED

With the decision of the sixth session of the Conference of Parties to designate the Fund for the World Environment as a Financing Mechanism of the Convention

ENCOURAGES

The Agencies for Execution of the Fund for the World Environment to collaborate closely with the Secretariat of the Convention to assist the countries in the formulation of projects to combat land degradation within the framework of the new operational programme n.15 of the Few(fund for the world environment)

URGES THE TWO INSTITUTIONS

To identify some concrete activities to reinforce their cooperation links, notably within the framework of the environmental initiative of NEPAD, the crossborder projects and other regional projects such as the planting of dates and arabic gum, considering their pertinence in combatting desertification and poverty reduction in the Sahel and in West Africa

INVITES

The Secretariat of the CCD, in collaboration with the CILSS Secretariat to continue the work on information, sensitisation and counselling for the Ministers and focal points in charge of the implementation of the National Action Programmes to combat desertification .

INSTRUCTS

The Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the CCD, to undertake all appropriate measures to implement the present resolution .

Done in Nouakchott , the 20th December 2003

The Council

RESOLUTION N° 4/ CM / 38 / 2003

Relative to the extension of the mandate of the Steering Committee of the Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Sahel

The Council of CILSS Ministers that met in its 38th Ordinary Session which took place on the 19th December 2003 in Nouakchott (Islamic Republic of Mauritania):

Considering the Declaration of the Heads of State and Government that met on the 21st and 22nd April 1994 in Praia (Republic of Cape Verde) giving mandate to the Minister Coordinator in relation with the Executive Secretary to study and implement a Special Fund in order to ensure the regular functioning of CILSS;

Considering resolution n°3/CM/32/97 relative to the creation of a Steering Committee for the implementation of the Special Fund;

Considering resolution n°7 /CM/35/2000 relative to the creation of a Foundation for Support to CILSS;

Considering resolution N°01 /CMEX/2001 relative to the adoption and implementation of the legal and financial procedures of the Foundation

Considering the recommendation of the extraordinary session of the Council of Supervisory Ministers extended to the Finance Ministers, held in Bamako, (Republic of Mali), on the 5th of July 2001, relative to an exceptional subscription designed to finance the urgent activities for setting up the Foundation

Considering resolution N°02/CMEX/2001 relative to the setting up of organs for the Foundation, mandating the Steering Committee to set up organs for the Foundation

Considering the provisional arrangements contained in the convention giving creation to the Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Sahel, giving mandate to the Steering Committee to conduct within a period not exceeding two years the process of setting up the organs of the Foundation

Considering the report of the fifth meeting of the Steering Committee of the Foundation which took place on the 13th December 2003 in Nouakchott (Islamic Republic of Mauritania)

CONGRATULATES

The Steering Committee for its availability and the quality of the work accomplished in the effective setting up of the Foundation

DECIDES

On the extension of the mandate of the Steering Committee up to the next ordinary session of the Council of CILSS Supervisory Ministers

URGES

The Steering Committee to pursue the efforts undertaken in the effective operationalisation of the Foundation , notably the setting up of organs

AUTHORISES

The Executive Secretary to search for the material and financial means to cover the charges relative to the setting up of the Foundation.

INVITES

The Member States to settle, as soon as they possibly can, the payment of the exceptional contribution.

Done in Nouakchott, the 20th December 2003

The Council

RECOMMENDATION N° 1/38/CM/2003

Relative to the role, positioning and working conditions of the CONACILSS (PS/CONACILSS)

The Council of Ministers met on the 19th December 2003 in Nouakchott (IRM)

Considering the important role that the PS/ CONACILSS must play in the implementation of CILSS activities in the countries

Considering that the PS/ CONACILSS are an important link in the monitoring, organisation and promotion of CILSS activities both at the national and regional levels

Considering the present situation of the PS/CONACILSS which is characterised by low human, financial and material means placed at their disposal

RECOMMENDS

To the States:

- To give to the PS/CONACILSS all the required political importance making it possible for them to fully play their role of animation , coordination and monitoring of the CILSS activities in the countries;
- To give them the necessary means (human, financial and material) so as to enable them accomplish their mission correctly

To CILSS :

- To involve them in all activities which take place in the States by empowering them on the technical and financial monitoring plan;
- To give them the training necessary to management and monitoring-evaluation so as to conveniently conduct the activities in the countries;
- To ask them to submit a programme and an annual report of activities to the CILSS Technical and Management Committees.

Done in Nouakchott, the 20th December 2003

The Council

RECOMMENDATION N°2/38/CM/2003

Relative to the payment of annual contributions by the CILSS Member States

The Council of Ministers met on the 19th December 2003 in Nouakchott (IRM)
Considering that CILSS is a Sub-Regional Organisation emanating from the will of the States and whose mandate is to invest in the research for Food Security and Natural Resource Management for a new ecological equilibrium ;

Considering the will of the States to make CILSS an Organisation of excellence in the sub-region in the areas of its activities;

Considering the important role of financial support accorded by the States for the proper functioning of CILSS;

Considering the vast arrears in State contributions and the late payments of annual contributions, everything detrimental to the functioning of CILSS;

Considering that the delay in payment of contributions of member States causes enormous difficulties in the general functioning of the CILSS system;

RECOMMENDS

- the regular payment of annual contributions within the first quarter of each year;
- the payment of all contribution arrears.

Done in Nouakchott, the 19th December 2003

The Council

VOTE OF THANKS

To His Excellency Mr Maaouya Ould SID'AHMED TAYA, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania , to the Government and People of Mauritania

-His Excellency Mr David Houdeingar NGARIMADEN , Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture of Chad ;

-His Excellency Mr Seydou TRAORE, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Republic of Mauritania and at the same time also Minister Coordinator of CILSS;

-His Excellency Mr Alphonse BONOU, Minister of Animal Resources of Burkina Faso;

-Her Excellency Madame Susan Waffa OGGOO, Secretary of State of Fisheries, Natural Resources and the Environment of the Republic of The Gambia;

-His Excellency Mr Ahmedou Ould AHMEDOU, Minister for Rural Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

-Mr Abary MAI MOUSSA, Minister of Agricultural Development of the Republic of Niger ;

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Met on the 19th and 20th December 2003 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on the occasion of the 38th Ordinary Session of the Council of CILSS Ministers, address their profound thanks to His Excellency Mr Maaouya Ould SID'AHMED TAYA, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, to the Government and People of Mauritania for the warm welcome accorded to them and all the facilities placed at their disposal during their stay in Nouakchott .

Done in Nouakchott, the 20th December 2003

The Council

**VOTE OF THANKS
TO THE COOPERATION PARTNERS**

-His Excellency Mr David Houdeingar NGARIMADEN, Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture of Chad;

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Meeting on the 19th and 20th December 2003 in Nouakchott , Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on the occasion of the 38th Ordinary Session of the Council of CILSS Ministers, address their profound thanks to the cooperation partners for their multiform support to CILSS and urges them to pursue continue this support .

Done in Nouakchott, the 20th December 2003

The Council

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DES MINISTRES**

Nouakchott, 19 décembre 2003

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