

In March 1982, after over five years of preparatory work, the Convention establishing the West African Examinations Council was signed at an impressive ceremony coinciding with the Council's 30th Anniversary celebrations and the Annual Council Meeting in Monrovia. The Convention, subsequently ratified by the member governments, came into force on August 24, 1984, with the depositing of the instruments of ratification of all member governments with the government of Ghana. The Convention provides uniform legal backing to the operations of the Council in all the member countries and gives the Council legal personality as an international body. The Convention was subsequently revised to take care of recent developments in the member countries. The revised Convention was signed in June

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