

**DECISION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AFRICAN UNION  
COMMISSION AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECS)  
DOC. EX.CL/308 (X)**

**The Executive Council:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Declaration of the Second Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance held in Yaoundé, Cameroon in November 2006;
2. **REITERATES** that the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) are the key pillars in the implementation of the African Union programmes;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to continue working with the RECs in the spirit of cooperation and the principle of subsidiarity; and to formalize representation at each other's meetings;
4. **DECIDES** that the representatives of the Commission and RECs should participate under the same conditions in meetings convened by either party;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the necessary measures for the signature of the Protocol on the Relations between the Commission, the RECs, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank, pursuant to the decision adopted thereto in July 2006 in Banjul, The Gambia.

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