

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE AFRICAN UNION/REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES/ UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Seventh Meeting of the African Union (AU) Commission/Regional Economic Communities (RECs)/United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and African Development Bank (AfDB) Coordination Committee and the recommendations contained therein;
2. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to continue to coordinate and harmonise the activities of the RECs to make greater impact on the integration process in Africa;
3. **WELCOMES** the efforts by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) to create a single Free Trade Area (FTA) within the tripartite arrangement and **ENCOURAGES** all other RECs to draw experiences from the COMESA-EAC and SADC cooperation framework as well as to engage in dialogue towards harmonizing their approach on matters of regional and continental integration with the aim of accelerating continental integration;
4. **SUPPORTS** the appeal made by RECs requesting Member States to consider additional funding mechanisms, like in ECOWAS, as means of providing the AU and RECs with adequate and sustainable funds for the implementation of regional and continental integration.

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