

**DECISION ON THE DRAFT PROTOCOL ON RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE AU AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES**
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The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the draft Protocol;
2. **RECOGNIZES** that the said Protocol was considered and adopted by the Commission and the RECs at their 2nd Coordination Committee meeting held in Addis Ababa in June 2004;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the Protocol to the PRC and legal experts from Member States for consideration;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to submit the Protocol to the 7th Ordinary Session of Council in July 2005;
5. **REQUESTS ALSO** the Chairperson of the Commission to carry out a study on the categorization of African Regional Institutions with the view to rationalize the institutional framework of the Union.