Decision 667
General framework for the negotiation of the Association Agreement
between the Andean Community and the European Union

THE ENLARGED MEETING OF THE ANDEAN COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
AND THE COMMISSION OF THE ANDEAN COMMUNITY,

HAVING SEEN: Articles 1, 3, 50, 51, 52 and 86 of the Cartagena Agreement
codified through Decisions 563 and 598 of the Enlarged Meeting of the Andean
Council of Foreign Ministers and the Commission of the Andean Community; and

WHEREAS: It is essential to bolster the unity of the Andean Community, bearing
in mind the proposals of all the Member Countries to undertake the successful
negotiation of the Association Agreement with the European Union;

The main objective of the Association Agreement between the Andean
Community and the European Union should be to improve the quality of life of the
citizens of both integration systems, in a search for comprehensive, fair, supportive
and complementary development that will reinforce the regional integration
processes;

Decision 598 regulates the general framework for Member Country negotiations
with third countries;

DECIDE:

Article 1.- The Andean Community recognizes the existence of different levels
of development and economic approaches among the Member Countries, which shall
be taken into account in the joint negotiation of an Association Agreement between
the Andean Community and the European Union and of the right to express the
differences and to negotiate different levels of coverage and depth, as the case may
be, of the subjects and commitments of that Agreement.

Article 2.- The existing asymmetries between the Andean Community and the
European Union and within the Andean Community shall be recognized and reflected
in the commitments assumed by the Parties, while ensuring Special and
Differentiated Treatment for Bolivia and Ecuador.

Article 3.- The commitments stemming from the Association Agreement shall
be implemented under the following guidelines:

i. When the subjects negotiated are binding on all Member Countries, the
commitments assumed may be implemented through Andean and/or
national regulations and legislation, as the case may be;

ii. When the subjects negotiated are not binding on all Member Countries, the
commitments assumed may be implemented using the procedures provided
for in the Cartagena Agreement, as applicable, while safeguarding the
Andean legal system in relations among CAN Member Countries
Signed in the city of Lima, Peru, on the eighth of June of two thousand and seven.