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**Final co-operation agreement between: the Conference of European
Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) and the Conference of
European regions with legislative power (REGLEG)**

The Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)

and

The Conference of European regions with legislative power (REGLEG)

Wishing to support the reinforcement of regional democracy, self-governance and devolution in

Europe with a view to promoting democracy, the rule of law and human rights;

Conscious of the need to strengthen the institutional role of the regions in Europe;

Wishing to ensure the respect of regional competences by national and European authorities;

Wishing to combine their forces for more effective initiatives in favour of

regional authorities in Europe.

A. Have decided to:

- ❖ Establish co-operation on a regular basis and develop their contacts on issues of shared interest;
- ❖ Take into account their respective activities when carrying out their own activities;
- ❖ Identify measures likely to increase complementarity between their activities.

B. With a view to achieving these objectives:

- ❖ The Presidents of CALRE and REGLEG shall meet whenever necessary and at least once a year;

- ❖ The CALRE working groups and the REGLEG bodies will be encouraged to:
 - Identify issues which might serve as a basis for joint activities;
 - Exchange information concerning their work programme and other documents of shared interest so that account of these can be taken in their respective documents and activities;
 - Co-operate more closely so as to co-ordinate their activities;
 - Promote the participation of the European regions to the legislative process in the framework of national Parliaments and European Institutions.
- ❖ The Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies and the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power shall invite one another to send representatives to conferences, seminars and other events of shared interest, and in particular, to their annual Conferences. Nevertheless, the Co-ordination Committee of REGLEG and the CALRE Standing Committee will continue to be held behind closed doors;
- ❖ High-level meetings between the secretariats shall be held whenever necessary.

The present agreement has no financial implications other than those that could be taken individually by the undersigned organisations, according to their respective internal rules.

Brussels, 23rd February 2011.

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