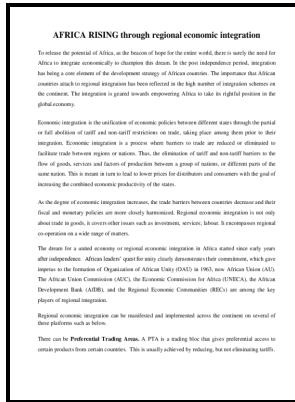


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This is because without some transfer of decision-making and intervening power to the regional level, member states in effect their governing elites could pursue their own national interests with few institutional constraints, often at the cost of obstructing the broader integration agenda Herbst, 2000: 102.

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