

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
SESSION OF THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE OAU
MECHANISM FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION,
MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION
AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL**

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The Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution held its 74th ordinary session at ambassadorial level, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Tuesday March 20, 2001. The session was chaired by Ambassador Ohara Korga, Permanent representative of Togo to the OAU.

At the end of its deliberations, the Central Organ adopted the following decision on the Comoros.

The Central Organ:

1. **reaffirms** that the Framework Agreement for Reconciliation in the Comoros remains a viable and consensual basis for the attainment of genuine reconciliation among the people of the Comoros and a lasting solution to the crisis in the archipelago;
2. **expresses** concern over the fact the parties have not been able to reach a consensus on the modalities for putting in place the follow-up mechanism provided for in the Framework Agreement, and **urges** them to continue to demonstrate the similar spirit of dialogue and accommodation which enabled them to agree on the Framework Agreement, so as to ensure a timely and effective implementation of the Framework Agreement;
3. **appeals** to all OAU partners, in particular the United Nations, the League of Arab States, La Francophonie, the European Union, the Indian Ocean Commission and the Organization of Islamic Conference, to lend their strong support to the OAU in the implementation process and to use their good offices in facilitating the implementation of the Framework Agreement and, in particular, in encouraging the parties to strictly adhere to all the provisions of the Framework Agreement and comply with its implementation timetable;
4. **requests** the OAU Secretary-General to urgently mobilize the necessary financial and technical resources to facilitate the work of the organs provided for in the Framework Agreement and facilitate the implementation of its provisions;
5. **reiterates** OAU's commitment to continue to support the Comorian parties in their collective efforts towards national reconciliation as well as their efforts towards socio-economic reconstruction and development, in conformity with the Framework Agreement.