

**CM/DEC. 405 (LXVIII) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE
SITUATION IN THE FEDERAL ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF THE COMOROS -
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Council:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Report of the Secretary-General;
2. REITERATES ITS UNFLINCHING ATTACHMENT to the unity sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Comoros and its determination to do everything possible to ensure the respect of that principle;
3. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN over the unrelenting crisis and the negative attitude of the Anjouan Separatists who have deliberately blocked all attempts at finding peaceful and negotiated solution based on the legitimate aspirations of the population and the cardinal principle of the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros;
4. REAFFIRMS the fact that the action of the separatists represents a serious threat to peace, security and stability in the Comoros and the countries of the Indian Ocean Region in general, and constitutes a very dangerous precedent;
5. ENDORSES the recommendations made by the Ministerial Delegation as contained in its report following their visit to the Comoros from 18 to 20 March 1998, proposing particularly that other options be considered in order to find a solution to the crisis;
6. URGES the leaders of the countries of the region in close consultation with the OAU and the Government of the Comoros to take all necessary measures so as to ensure that the recommendations of the Ministerial Delegation are implemented as quickly as possible; and that the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Comoros would be safeguarded. In this connection, it proposes that the Assembly of Heads of State and Government designate a coordinator in the region;
7. STRESSES the need for the Anjouanese party to commit itself to comply with the provisions of the Addis Ababa Agreement and the Communiqué of Moheli in order to establish the necessary conditions for the resumption of dialogue and the convening of the Inter-Island Comorian Conference aimed at defining a new institutional framework

on the basis of the respect for the principle of the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros, taking into consideration the legitimate aspiration of the peoples of the Comorian Islands;

8. URGES all Member States and the International Community to immediately take all the necessary measures to isolate fully the separatist leaders and to this end REQUESTS the Secretary-General to seize the United Nations, the League of Arab States, Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union of this matter;

9. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION the close cooperation between the OAU Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States on the question;

10. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to continue his consultations for the convening, at the appropriate time, of the Donors Round Table for the socio-economic recovery of the Comoros, as provided for in the Addis Ababa Agreement, with the participation of the Comoros, the concerned countries and the relevant regional organizations;

11. COMMENDS the OAU military observers for the excellent work done in the Grande Comore and Moheli and REQUESTS that the necessary steps are taken to enhance their capacity and increase the resources at their disposal in order to speed up the process of return to normality;

12. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to closely monitor the implementation of all aspects of this decision and to report thereon to the Central Organ at its next Session.