

**RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE COMORIAN
ISLAND OF MAYOTTE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 17 July, 1985,

Having heard the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the Republic of Gabon, Chairman of the OAU **Ad Hoc** Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte, on the report of the steps taken by the Government of Gabon to insure the recommendation adopted on that occasion,

Having heard the statement made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros on the development of the situation in the Comorian of Mayotte since the meeting of the OAU **Ad Hoc** Committee of Seven held in Moroni from 9 to 11 November, 1981,

Recalling its previous resolution on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Reaffirming that the Island of Mayotte is part and parcel of the Comoros and that the French Government has to comply with the relevant OAU and UN recommendations calling upon it to hold discussions with the Comorian Government in order to find a solution to this problem, (in conformity with the resolutions adopted by the Organization of Africa Unity and the United Nations),

Having noted the initiatives taken by the Government of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros to create a favorable atmosphere for dialogue and the opening of negotiations between the parties involved in this issue,

Having further noted the will of the Government of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros to see the OAU Committee of Seven pursue the mission assigned to it by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government to study and formulate, in co-

operation with the OAU Secretary-General, all strategies and measures likely to lead to a speedy solution to the problem of the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Deploring the stand of the French Government which has so far not taken measures or initiatives likely to help solve satisfactorily the problem of the Comorian Island of Mayotte despite its repeated promises;

1. APPROVES the report of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte, adopted at the meeting held at Moroni from 9 to 11 November 1981, as well as the recommendation attached hereto;
2. REAFFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY with the Comorian people in their determination to safeguard their political unity, national sovereignty and territorial integrity;
3. REQUESTS the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven to convene before the Forty-third Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers, so as to consider, in co-operation with the Comorian Government, ways and means of implementing the recommendation of Moroni and of accelerating the negotiation process between the French and Comorian Governments, with a view to reaching a peaceful solution to this problem;
4. REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to follow-up the development of events in the Comoros and to keep informed the OAU Current Chairman so as to enable him to take necessary measures dictated by any evolution of the situation until the final settlement of this issue, in the interest of the Comorian people's;
5. URGES the French government to take effective steps to ensure that the necessary legal and institutional provisions are made to satisfy the rightful claims of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros, in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and OAU;

6. **REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to report on this Question to the next session of the Council of Ministers.**