

RESOLUTION ON THE COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 February to 4 March 1986,

Having heard the report of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on Mayotte, submitted by the representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Gabon, Chairman of the **Ad Hoc** Committee,

Having also heard the statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of the Comoros on developments in the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Having considered the Report contained in Document CM/1359 (XLIII),

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Organization of African Unity on the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Recalling further the Programme of Action proposed by the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven, contained in Document Cttee. 7/Mayotte Res.1- 9 (II),

Reiterating the legitimacy of the claim by the Comorian Government on the reintegration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte into the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros,

Aware of the insecurity prevailing in the region as a result of the presence in and the control of the Comorian Island of Mayotte by France, an extra-African foreign power,

Deploring the intransigence of the French Government in respect of the legitimate claims of the Comorian Government and the relevant resolutions of the OAU, the

United Nations, the Islamic Conference Organization and the League of Arab States,

Deploring further the indifference of the French Authorities to the representations made to them by the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven with a view to finding a peaceful and just solution to the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the reports contained in Document CM/1359 (XLIII) and the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on Mayotte;**
- 2. REAFFIRMS the sovereignty of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros over the Comorian Island of Mayotte;**
- 3. FURTHER REAFFIRMS its solidarity with the people of Comoros in their determination to regain their political unity and defend their national sovereignty and territorial integrity;**
- 4. REQUESTS the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte and the OAU General Secretariat to send a mission to the French Authorities with a view to defining the practical modalities for the return of the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Islamic Federal Republic of Comoros as soon as possible;**
- 5. URGES, to this end, the Current Chairman to make the necessary contacts with the French Authorities so that the mission can be received as soon as possible;**
- 6. REQUESTS all OAU Member States to do their utmost, individually, and collectively, to make France return the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros as soon as possible;**
- 7. INVITES, to this end, all Member States to make representation individually and collectively, to the various pressure groups in France with a view to**

- informing and alerting French and international public opinion to the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte with a view to bringing the French Government to renounce its illegal occupation of the Island;
8. **REQUESTS the group of African Ambassadors in Paris to monitor developments on this issue and make collective representations to the competent authorities whenever necessary;**
 9. **APPEALS to all Member States and the international community to condemn and categorically reject any new form of consultation which may be organized in the Comorian territory of Mayotte by France on the international legal status of the Island, since the referendum on self-determination held on 22 December 1974 remains the only valid consultation applicable to the entire archipelago;**
 10. **FURTHER REQUESTS that the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte be kept on the Agenda of the meetings of the OAU, UN, Non-Aligned Countries, League of Arab States and the Islamic Conference until Mayotte is finally returned to the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros;**
 11. **APPEALS to all Member States to keep alive the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte and to participate more actively on the discussions on this question in all international fora;**
 12. **REQUESTS the Ad Hoc Committee of Seven to meet before the next session of the OAU Council of Ministers to assess the situation and report to the Council.**