

DECISION PROPOSED BY THE UNION OF THE COMOROS
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The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** its Decision EX.CL/Dec.488(XIV) on the Comorian Island of Mayotte;
2. **RECALLS ALSO** that all the consultations or referendum organized by France in Comorian territory of the Island of Mayotte, particularly those of February and April 1976 and that of 29 March 2009 are null and void, and that the self-determination referendum of 22 December 1974 is the only referendum relevant in this matter;
3. **CONDEMNS** the entire process aimed at transforming the Comorian Island of Mayotte into the 101st French Overseas Department and declares the said process null and void, and with no effect whatsoever on the Union of the Comoros and all Member States of the African Union;
4. **REAFFIRMS ONCE AGAIN** that the Comorian Island of Mayotte belongs to the Union of the Comoros;
5. **REQUESTS** that a frank and constructive dialogue be established under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary General to determine together the modalities for the effective return of the Island of Mayotte to its Comorian entity;
6. **DECIDES** to reactivate the Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Comorian Island of Mayotte and **CALLS ON** the unflinching support and backing of international fora, of African Union Heads of State and Government for the request of the Union of the Comoros;
7. **DEMANDS** that France abrogates the BALLADUR visa which has resulted in thousands of deaths and disappearances.

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