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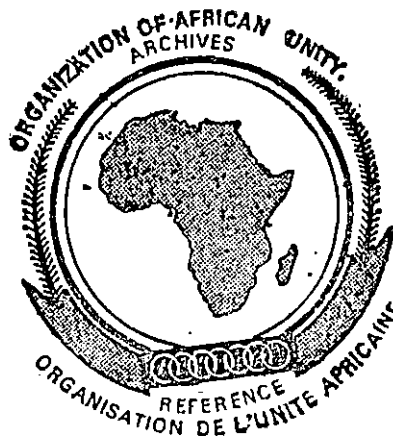
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Development in the Situation of the
Comorian Island of Mayotte

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Foreign Trade of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and, with reference to its telegramme No. SG4657 of 11-12-1987, has the honour to forward herewith the report relating to developments in the situation of the Comoro Island of Mayotte as well as a draft resolution to be included in the Agenda of the Forty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity.

Since the Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU, no progress has been made for lack of information.

It should be noted that the situation has nearly remained the same, since the initiations taken by the French Prime Minister, which I should like to recall:

- First : Meeting between the Prime Minister, Mr. Jacques Chirac and the OAU delegation in June 1986.
- Second : Withdrawal from the French Parliament of the bill aimed at organizing elections on Mayotte;
- Third : Calling off the referendum on Mayotte as contained in a statement by the representative of France at the United Nations;
- Fourth : Visit to the Comoros by the French Prime Minister in October 1986.

In spite of these initiatives, the situation has hardly changed. However, the Government of Comoros, conscious of and fortified by its legitimate rights, has continued to make efforts to constantly promote its just cause both in international organizations and at the bilateral level.

It is for this reason that the Head of State of the Comoros, His Excellency Ahmed Abdallah Abderemane, avails himself of every opportunity to raise the problem with top French officials during their meetings in Paris in international forums.

Similarly, the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros is continuing to campaign actively in international organizations to sensitize public opinion on this question which is of vital importance to her.

- First : The Ministry recalls that at the Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Harare, the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte was debated and appears in the final declaration of the Summit.
- Second : The Summit of the Islamic Conference Organization held in Kuwait passed a resolution reaffirming the just cause of the Comorean people.
- Third : The Twenty-third Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU held in Addis Ababa in July 1987 also adopted a resolution on this matter.
- Fourth : The 42nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly held special discussions on the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte and massively adopted a resolution urgently calling on the French Government to speed up the negotiation process with the Comorian Government with a view to arising an early and actual return of the Island of Mayotte to the Comorian archipelago.
- Fifth : During the 14th Summit of the Heads of State of France and Africa, the President of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros, His Excellency Ahmed Abdallah Abderemane drew the attention of the distinguished Heads of State present at that Conference to the grave implications of the persistence of this problem for the harmonious economic development of the Comoros and the maintenance of peace and security in the region.

The Comorian Government would be grateful if the General Secretariat would be kind enough to bring the French side to comply with the relevant resolutions adopted by the international community and ensure that a just and satisfactory solution is found to this problem, consonant with law and justice and which will contribute to the maintenance of peace and tranquility on the region.

The Comorian Government and people for their part, intend pursuing, with determination but in a spirit of dialogue and consultations in accordance with the principles of the UN and OAU Charters their legitimate efforts until the Island of Mayotte is returned to its natural entity.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and External Trade of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity the assurances of its highest esteem.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION
OF THE COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Forty-seventh Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22 to 27 February 1988,

Having considered the reports contained in Doc. CM/1427 (XLVI) Part II,

Recalling the relevant OAU resolutions on the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte, particularly resolution CM/Res. 1100 (XLVI),

Recalling further the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Organization, the Non-aligned Movement, the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States,

Recalling finally the programme of action recommended by the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven, contained in Doc. Cttee,7/Mayotte/Rec. 1 - 9,

Reiterating the legitimate claims of the Government of Comoros concerning the re-integration of the Comorian island of Mayotte in the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros,

Aware of the prevailing insecurity in the region, due to the presence and control of the Comorian Island of Mayotte by France,

Expressing its concern over the intransigence of the French Government with regard to the legitimate claims of the Comorian Government and the relevant resolutions of the OAU, the UN , the Islamic Conference Organization and the League of Arab States,

Convinced that a just and lasting solution to the question of Mayotte lies in the respect of the sovereignty, the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros archipelagos,

Taking note of the repeated will of the Comorian Government to start as soon as possible frank and serious talks with the French Government with a view to speeding up the return of the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros:

1. REAFFIRMS the sovereignty of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros over the Comorian island of Mayotte;
2. REAFFIRMS its solidarity with the Comorian people in their determination to recover their political unity and to defend their national sovereignty and territorial integrity;
3. TAKES NOTE of the report contained in Doc. CM/
4. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to do everything possible, individually and collectively, especially in conducting a press campaign of pressure aimed at alerting the French public as well as the international public opinion to this question of the Comorian island of Mayotte;
5. CALLS UPON all Member States to establish individually and collectively contacts with France, so as to make it end its illegal occupation of the Comorian island of Mayotte;
6. APPEALS to all OAU Member States and the International Community to condemn and reject categorically any form of consultation which could be organized by France in the Comorian island of Mayotte on the international legal status of the Island, because the referendum for self-determination held on 22 December 1974 is the only valid consultation applicable to the entire archipelagos;
7. APPEALS to all Member States of the OAU and the International Community to condemn and reject any initiative which could be taken by France to ensure the participation of the Comorian island of Mayotte in manifestations where the latter would be distinguished from the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros;

8. REQUESTS the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Seven on the question of the Comorian island of Mayotte as well as the General Secretariat to continue with the efforts already undertaken and to maintain the momentum gathered after the meeting with the French authorities aimed at ensuring an early return of the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros;

9. REQUESTS that the question of the Comorian island of Mayotte continue to be included on the agendas of all the meetings of the OAU, Non-aligned countries, the League of Arab States and the Islamic Conference, until such time that the Comorian Island of Mayotte is returned to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros.



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