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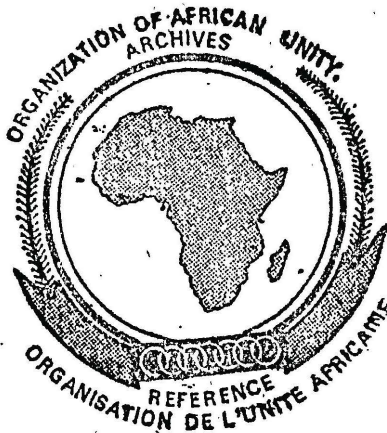
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The Council of Ministers will recall that in its Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 24th June to 3rd July, 1976, it decided that the issue of the Comorian Island of Mayotte should remain a permanent subject on the agenda of the meetings and conferences of the Council of Ministers of the OAU and the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa as long as France illegally continues to occupy the Comorian Island of Mayotte.

2. The Council further requested the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, the Secretary-General of the OAU and the African Group at the United Nations to do everything possible to include the question of Comoro in the agenda of the 31st Session of the UN General Assembly.

3. The Council also called on the Chairman of the 27th Session of the Council of Ministers and the Secretary-General of the OAU to request the inclusion of the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte in the agenda of the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries in Colombo.

4. In compliance with the decision of the Council of Ministers, the OAU General Secretariat wishes to inform the Council that the issue of Comorian Island of Mayotte was discussed by the Conference on Non-Aligned Countries held in Colombo - Sri Lanka from 11th August to 19th August 1976.

5. In a resolution in which it adopted on the Comorian Island of Mayotte, the Conference of Non-Aligned Countries condemned the self-styled referendum of 8 February and 11 April 1976 which France organised in Mayotte. It demanded that France

should respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Comoros and withdraw its military occupation troops from the Comorian Island of Mayotte. The Conference of Non-Aligned Countries made an urgent appeal to all the members of the Non-Aligned Group to approach the French Government individually or collectively to request her to abandon once and for all its plan to separate the Comorian Island of Mayotte from the Republic of the Comoros. The Conference further appealed to all its members to provide technical and material assistance to the state of Comoros to enable it to cope with its serious difficulties.

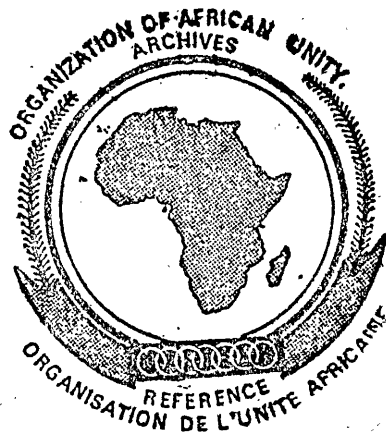
6. In the 31st Session of the UN General Assembly, the African Group at the UN was successful to include the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte in its Agenda. In a resolution on self-determination and independence, the General Assembly condemned any interference in the internal affairs of the Comoros and demanded the immediate withdrawal of French troops from the Comorian Island of Mayotte. The General Assembly reaffirmed its support for the independence and territorial integrity of the Comoros.

7. Despite the decisions of the United Nations, the OAU and the Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries, the French Government continued its illegal occupation of the Comorian Island of Mayotte in flagrant violation of the principle of the Charter. This demonstrates clearly that France does not respect the wishes of the people of Comoro who expressed by an overwhelming majority, in a referendum on 22 December 1974, their will to accede to independence in political unity and territorial integrity. Neither does France respect the wishes of the OAU Member States which called upon France time and again to respect the national independence of the Republic of Comoro.

8. On the contrary the French Government persists in its diabolical policy towards the Republic of the Comoros through the dismemberment of the territorial integrity of the young Republic and the establishment of military bases in the Comoro Island of Mayotte.
9. The decision of the French Government on 14 December 1976 to retain the Comorian Island of Mayotte as an overseas territory is an eloquent testimony of France's nefarious colonialist policy towards Mayotte. On 14 December 1976 the French Parliament enacted the so-called law to legalise France's aggression against the Comorian Island of Mayotte. The OAU General Secretariat strongly condemned this act in a press release it issued on 15 December 1976 against the decision of the French Government to retain Mayotte as an overseas territory.
10. The Council may recall that in its 27th Ordinary Session in Mauritius it established an Ad Hoc Committee comprising, Algeria, Cameroon, Comoro, Gabon, Madagascar, Mozambique and Senegal to study and formulate under the auspices of the OAU Secretary-General all strategies capable of promoting a rapid solution to the problem of the Comorian Island of Mayotte. On this occasion the Council could direct for a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the situation in the Comoros. The Council further called on all the OAU Member States to give effective aid to the Republic of Comoro to enable her cope its serious financial situation and safeguard its national independence and territorial integrity.
11. The General Secretariat requests the Council of Ministers in view of the serious economic difficulties in the

Comoros and France's continued aggression against the independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Comoro to redouble its efforts to find urgent solution for the problem of the sister Republic of Comoro. The Secretariat would like that the OAU Member States put pressure to bear on the French Government to respect the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Comoro and withdraw immediately her troops of occupation from the Comorian Island of Mayotte.

12. The General Secretariat further appeals to all OAU Member States to provide effective and concrete financial and material assistance to the Republic of Comoro.



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