

RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE
COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirtieth Ordinary Session in Tunis, Tunisia, from 13 to 15 June, 1993,

Bearing in mind Resolution CM/Res.496 (XXVII) setting up the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Recalling the relevant OAU resolutions on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte, particularly Resolution AHG/Res.193 (XXVI),

Recalling further the relevant resolutions and recommendations of the United

Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States, concerning the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

Considering the fundamental principles of the OAU Charter regarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States,

Reiterating the legitimacy of the Comorian Government's demand for the Comorian Island of Mayotte to be integrated into the Islamic Federal

Republic of the Comoros,

Recalling the Programme of Action recommended by the OAU Ad Hoc Committee contained in Document CTTEE.7/Mayotte/Rec.1-9 (II) adopted in Moroni in November 1981,

Considering the activities undertaken by the Indian Ocean Commission (COI) to promote regional cooperation among its Member States:

1. TAKES NOTE of the report of the Chairman of the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte;

2. REAFFIRMS the sovereignty of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros over the Comorian Island of Mayotte;

3. REAFFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY with the people of The Comoros in their

determination to regain their political integrity, defend their sovereignty and

their territorial integrity;

4. APPEALS to the French Government to satisfy the legitimate claims of the Comorian Government in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the OAU, the UN, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States;

5. **INVITES** Member States of the OAU to take the necessary steps, individually and collectively, to inform and sensitize the French and the international public opinion of the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte with a view to bringing the French Government to end its occupation of Mayotte;
6. **REAFFIRMS** that the referendum on self-determination held on 22 December 1974 remains the only valid consultation applicable to the entire Archipelago;
7. **APPEALS** to all Member States of the OAU and the international community to condemn and reject any initiative which may be taken by France to make the Comorian Island of Mayotte participate in activities as a separate entity from the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros;
8. **CONDEMNS** the European Union's consideration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte as a French territory and the assistance it is in, the process of giving the Island as an extension of the French Republic;
9. **REQUESTS** ACP countries particularly OAU Member States to oppose and condemn such initiatives which violate the territorial integrity of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros;
10. **DIRECTS** the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte as well as the OAU Secretary-General to re-open dialogue with the French Government, bearing in

mind the declaration made in Moroni in June 1990, in a bid to rapidly resolve the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte;

- 11. URGES the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte and the General Secretariat to convene a meeting in Moroni before the 31st August of Heads of State and Government, in order to explore ways and means of facilitating the holding of a tripartite conference;**
- 12. REQUESTS that the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte remain of the Agenda of all meetings of the OAU, the UN, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States, until the restitution of the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros;**
- 13. FURTHER REQUESTS the OAU Secretary-General to monitor the developments on the Question and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.**

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