CM/Res. 642 (XXXI)

RESOLUTION ON THE GLORIOUS, JUAN DE NOVA BASSAS DA INDIA AND EUROPA ISLANDS

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-First Ordinary Session in Khartoum, Democratic Republic of the Sudan, from 7 to 18 July 1978,

**Considering** that the Glorious Islands, Juan de Nova, Bassas da India and Europa geographically and historically belong to Africa;

**Considering** that the former colonial power, by an official decree published in February, 1978, intends to preserve a so-called economic zone in the area;

**Having heard** the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar in which he asserted that those islands belong to Madagascar;

1. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to make a study of the problem and submit a detailed report to the next and submit a detailed report to the session of the Council of Ministers;
2. **DEMANDS** the withdrawal from these islands of all foreign presence.