## 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;

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

- 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.