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RESOLUTION ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AFRICA AND THE SURROUNDING ISLANDS

1. **Reservations:** Cape Verde, Chard, Central African Empire, Cameroon,

Djibouti, Egypt, Ivory Coast. Liberia. Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia, Upper Volta, Zaire

1. **Non Participating:** Niger

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,

**Recalling** declaration 1514 (XV) of the UN General Assembly,

**Drawing inspiration** from Article I (2) of the Charted of the Organization of African

Unity,

**Recalling** the decision of the 5th Summit of the OAU Algiers, Algeria 1968, affirming the African character of the Canary Island,

**Considering** that the islands surrounding Africa are part and parcel of the African Continent and that any foreign occupation of these island constitutes a permanent threat to its security and an obstacle to the development of its sea resources:

* 1. **REAFFIRMS** that the islands surrounding Africa, especially the Glorious Islands, Juan de Nova, Europa, Bassasda India, Reunion and Canary Islands are part and parcel of the African continent;
  2. **DENOUNCES** colonial powers which not only insist on occupying the islands but also pass legislations on the territorial waters surrounding these very islands;
  3. **REJECTS** the official texts adopted recently by Spain and France on territorial water and exclusive economic Zone relating to Mozambique channel, the Island of Reunion, Canary Island s as illegal and contrary to the principles contained in Declaration 1514 (XV) of the UN General Assembly.