RESOLUTION ON THE GLORIOUS, JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA AND BASSES-DA-INDIA ISLANDS *

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of Africa Unity meeting in its Thirty Fifth Ordinary Session in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 – 28 June 1980,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of The Glorious, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas-da-India Islands contained in document CM/1040 (XXXV) Part III,

Recalling the resolutions adopted on the question at its Thirty First and Thirty Third Ordinary Sessions,

Further taking note of the part of the political declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of the Heads of State and Government of Non-Aligned Countries (Havana, 3 to 9 September 1979) on the Malagasy Islands of the Indian Ocean,

Considering that no step so far was taken by the French Government to give effect to the resolutions of the Organization of African Unity and of other international organs,

1. RE-AFFIRMS that The Glorious, Juan de Nova, Europa and Basses-da-India constitute an integral part of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar;

2. URGES the French Government to begin negotiations as soon as possible with the Malagasy Government for the re-integration of the above mentioned islands into the Democratic Republic of Madagascar;

* (Reservations expressed by Cameroon, Central African Republic, The Comoros, Djibouti, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia and Zaire.)
3. CALLS UPON the French Government to revoke measures which might hinder meaningful negotiations between the two parties and to refrain from taking other measures which might have the same effect;

4. CALLS UPON the African Group at the United Nations to follow the development of the matter at the Thirty-fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly;

5. DECIDES to follow-up the matter.