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,

<u>Taking note</u> 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,

<u>Further taking note</u> 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,

<u>Considering</u> 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,

- 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.