

**RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE  
COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE**

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Forty-eighth Ordinary Session, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19 to 23 May 1988,

Having considered the report contained in Document CM/1493 (XLCIII),

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the OAU on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte in particular Resolution CM/Res.1100 (XLVI),

Further recalling the relevant resolutions and decisions of the UNO, Non-Aligned Movement, Organization of the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States,

Finally recalling the programme of action recommended by the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Seven, contained in Document Committee 7/Mayotte/Rec. 1 – 9 (11) adopted at Moroni in November 1981,

Reiterating the legitimacy of the claims of the Comorian Government with regard to the reintegration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte into the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros,

Aware of the insecurity prevailing in the region owing to the presence in and control of the Comorian Island of Mayotte by France:

1. EXPRESSES its concern about the intransigence of the French Government with respect to the legitimate claims of the Comorian Government and the relevant resolutions of the OAU, UNO, Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the League of Arab States;

2. **REAFFIRMS** the sovereignty of the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros over the Comorian Island of Mayotte;
3. **Further REAFFIRMS** its solidarity with the Comorian people in their determination to regain their political unity and defend their national sovereignty and territorial integrity;
4. **TAKEN NOTE** of the report contained in Document CM/1493 (XLXIII);
5. **CALLS UPON** all Member States of the OAU to take all possible steps individually and collectively to inform France and international public opinion about the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte in order to induce the French Government to put an end to its illegal occupation of this island;
6. **APPEALS** to all the Member States of the OAU and the international community to condemn and reject outright any form of consultation which might be organized by France in the Comorian Island of Mayotte on the legal international status of the Island since the referendum for self-determination held on 22 December 1974 remains the only valid consultation applicable to the Archipelago as a whole;
7. **FURTHER APPEALS** to all the Member States of the OAU and the international community to condemn and reject any steps which could be taken by France to make the Comorian Island of Mayotte take part in activities which could distinguish it from the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros;
8. **ENTRUSTS** the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte and the OAU General Secretariat to resume the dialogue with the French authorities to pursue efforts to return the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Federal and Islamic Republic of the Comoros as soon as possible;
9. **REQUESTS** that the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte remains on the agenda of all meetings of the OAU, UNO, Movement of

**Non-Aligned Countries, Organization of the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States until the Comorian Island of Mayotte is returned to the Federal and Islamic Republic of Comoros.**