RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTEE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Fiftieth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 17 to 22 July, 1989,

Having considered the report contained in Document CM/1543 (L) Part II,

<u>Recalling</u> the relevant OAU Resolutions on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte particularly Resolution CM/Res.1152 (XLVIII),

<u>Recalling further</u> the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States,

<u>Recalling</u> finally the programme of action recommended by the OAU <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee of 7, contained in DOC/CTTEE 7 (MAYOTTE) Rec. 1-9 (II) adopted in Moroni in November, 1989,

<u>Reiterating</u> the legitimacy of the claims of the Comorian Government relating to the reintegration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte into the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros,

<u>Aware</u> of the state of insecurity prevailing in the region resulting from the presence in and control of the Comorian Island of France:

- 1. TAKES NOTE of the Report contained in Doc. CM/1543 (L) Part II;
- 2. REAFFIRMS the sovereignty of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros over the Comorian Island of Mayotte;
- 3. EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN over the blatant intransigence of the French Government regarding the legitimate claims of the Comorian

Government and the relevant resolutions of the OAU, the UN, the Islamic Conference, the Non-Aligned Movement and the League of Arab States;

- 4. FURTHER REAFFIRMS its solidarity with the Comorian people in their determination to regain their political unity, as well as to defend their national sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- 5. INVITES all OAU Member States to do everything possible individually and collectively to inform and sensitize French and International public opinion to the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte so as to convince the French Government to end its illegal occupation of this Island;
- 6. APPEAL to all OAU Member States and the international community to categorically condemn and reject all forms of consultations to be held by France in the Comorian Territory of Mayotte, on the International Legal Status of Island, since the referendum on self-determination held on 22 December, 1974 remains the only valid framework of consultation applicable to the entire Archipelago;
- 7. ALSO APPEALS to all OAU Member States and the international community to condemn and reject any initiative which France may take to involve the Comorian Island of Mayotte in any demonstrations that would separate it from the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros;
- 8. MANDATES the OAU Ad Hoc Committee of Seven on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte, as well as the OAU General Secretariat to resume dialogue with the French authorities in order to pursue its efforts to restore the Comorian Island of Mayotte to the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros within the shortest possible time;
- 9. REQUESTS that the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte remains on the agenda of all meetings of the OAU, the UN, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States until

the Comorian Island of Mayotte is restored to the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros;

10. Further requests the OAU Secretary-General to submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Ministers.