

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

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 8 to 10 July, 1996,

**Considering** the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the OAU Charter relating to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States,

**Recalling** the relevant resolutions of the OAU on the Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte, particularly, Resolution AHG/Res.193 (XXVI),

**Reiterating** the legitimate claims of the Comorian Government regarding the reintegration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte within the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros,

**Bearing in mind**, Resolution CM/Res.496 (XXVII) establishing the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee of Seven on the Comorian Island of Mayotte,

**Aware** of the fact that only dialogue and consultation in an atmosphere of mutual trust can lead to a just and definitive settlement of the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte:

1. **REAFFIRMS** that the referendum of self-determination of 22 December 1974 remains the only valid consultation applicable to the entire Archipelago;
2. **REAFFIRMS ALSO** the sovereignty of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros over the Comorian Island of Mayotte;
3. **FURTHER REAFFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY** with the Comorian people in their determination to recover their territorial integrity;

4. **TAKES NOTE** of the new measures taken by the Comorian Government to improve relations with France and to find ways and means of reaching a just and definitive solution to the conflict;
5. **CALLS ON** Member States to support individually and collectively, the approach accepted by the Comorian authorities, based on mutual understanding relations between the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros and the Republic of France;
6. **MANDATES** the OAU *Ad Hoc* Committee of Seven on the Comorian Island of Mayotte and the OAU Secretary-General to remain in contact with the Comorian Authorities in order to monitor the developments in the situation and submit a report thereon to the Thirty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;
7. **REITERATES ITS DECISION** to place on the agenda of all Sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU the question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte until the Island is returned to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros.