CM/Dec.452 (LXX) Decision on the Report of the Secretary-General on the Conflict Situation in the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros (Doc. CM/2099 (LXX)-c

Council:

TAKES NOTE of the Report;

REAFFIRMS its commitment to the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros;

EXPRESSES ITS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER the continued crisis in the Comoros and all its attendant consequences for the Archipelago and the countries of the region;

CONDEMNS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS the coup d'Etat of 30 April 1999, which seriously undermined the implementation of the Antananarivo Agreement of 2 April 1999, and DEMANDS the immediate restoration of the constitutional order;

EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT for the Antananarivo Agreement which constitutes a viable basis for a lasting solution to the crisis within the framework of the principle of the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros, and the legitimate aspirations of the islands and their inhabitants. In that regard, Council STRONGLY AFFIRMS that the Agreement which was the product of serious negotiations cannot be amended unilaterally;

FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN over the delay by the Anjouanese Party in signing the Antananarivo Agreement, which constitutes a violation of the commitment it made in Antananarivo;

URGES the Anjouanese Party to sign the Agreement without any delay and to strictly comply with its letter and spirit;

REQUESTS the countries of the region and the OAU Troika to immediately dispatch a high level delegation to initiate dialogue with the Authorities and all the Parties concerned, including the Anjouanese Party, with a view to attaining as early as possible the objectives set by the OAU;

FURTHER REQUESTS the countries of the region to submit to the Secretary-General the mission report of their delegation for consideration by the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, which will take the necessary appropriate measures bearing in mind the evolution of the situation in the Comoros.