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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 102ND MEETING OF THE PEACE
AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 102nd meeting held on 26 November 2007, adopted the following decision on the situation in the Comorian Island of Anjouan:

Council,

1. **Takes note** of the Report of the Chairperson of the Commission on the follow-up of the communiqué of the 95th meeting of Council on the situation in the Comoros [PSC/PR/2(CII)] of 10 October 2007;
2. **Expresses appreciation** for the steps taken by the Commission as part of the implementation of the sanctions imposed against the illegal authorities of Anjouan, as well as for the support provided by the Indian Ocean Commission, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, the League of Arab States, the European Union and its Member States, and the United States of America, to these sanctions and the efforts of the AU;
3. **Notes with regret** that the illegal authorities of Anjouan have, to date, not taken the steps expected from them, in conformity with the demands of the countries of the region and the Council. Council **strongly condemns** the measures announced by the illegal authorities of Anjouan to prevent a number of Anjouanese personalities to leave or to travel to Anjouan, including the President of the Union of the Comoros and members of his Government;
4. **Decides** to extend the measures contained in paragraph 5 of its communiqué PSC/PR/Comm(XCV) of 10 October 2007 for an additional period of 60 days, and **urges** the AU partners to continue to support the implementation of the sanctions. Council, in particular, **requests** the United Nations Security Council to give support to the sanctions imposed against the illegal authorities of Anjouan;
5. **Requests** the Commission to intensify the efforts that it has initiated to ensure an effective follow-up of the sanctions imposed against the illegal authorities of Anjouan, including through regular visits to the countries of the region, the organization of a meeting of security experts of the countries of the region in Moroni, the strengthening of the Follow-up Mechanism and the AU Liaison Office in the Comoros, and any other step it would deem appropriate;
6. **Further requests** the Member States to provide the Commission with the necessary logistical and other form of support required to facilitate a more effective follow-up of the implementation of the sanctions imposed against the illegal authorities of Anjouan. Council **reiterates** the need to strengthen the African Union Electoral and Security Assistance Mission to the Comoros (MAES) and, in this respect, **encourages** the Troop Contributing Countries to deploy additional troops and to provide all the support required to that effect. Council **decides** to extend the mandate of MEAS, due to expire on 31 December 2007, for it to coincide with the sanctions imposed against the illegal authorities of Anjouan, as stipulated in paragraph 4 of this decision;

7. **Appeals** to all AU partners to continue to support the implementation of the sanctions and the efforts deployed by the AU to achieve a speedy resolution of the crisis in Anjouan;
8. **Reaffirms** the commitment of the AU to explore all avenues towards achieving a peaceful and negotiated solution to the crisis, on the basis of the Cape Town and Pretoria framework, as articulated by the Ministerial Committee of the countries of the region. Council **requests** the countries of the region to meet and to submit to it any recommendation they would deem appropriate for the way forward;
9. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.