

- 3.2 The Directorate should however not lose sight of the fact that South Africa is not facilitating the process in the Comoros, but coordinating. It is Mission's belief that it is always helpful to let the facilitator (OAU Special Envoy) and other countries of the region take their places.
4. Mission observed the submission to the Minister with concerns. It maybe helpful in future to consult on controversial issues before top management and the Minister are brought in.
- 4.1 In the first instance, while it is true that I was part of the meeting where recommendations were discussed, I however fail to recognise my input.
- 4.2 Your proposal to share the RECOMMENDATIONS with the OAU General Secretariat is most appropriate, but in this regard, our view is that the submission appear to paint a negative picture about the General Secretariat on the Comoros crisis. Refer to your comments on the report submitted by the OAU General Secretariat to countries of the region Ministers during the NAM Conference with insinuations that the Ministers were misinformed.
- 4.3 It is true that all the views of the Separatists were not included in the final report, which is not our fault, but due to the fact that,
- 4.3.1 they didn't submit their position document together with answers put to them as agreed, and
- 4.3.2 it was not "agreed" that the report will be circulated to them before presentation to Ministers in Durban.
- 4.4 It should be accepted that the OAU General Secretariat is more informed on the Comoros crisis than many other people and they work on principles. The official document on record with the OAU from the separatists indicates a non-shift from their initial well known position.

## 5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. It is suggested that the Directorate make additional recommendations including issues raised in
- i) our message no. 98vadhk0913ra dated 19980930
  - ii) our message no. 98vadhk095pa dated 19981008
  - ii) the report that will be forwarded after the meeting of the Ambassadors of the countries of the region scheduled for next week in Addis Ababa.

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1. Your message no. 98bhkad0824pa dated 19981006 refers.
2. Mission is thankful for the detailed information contained in the document. Keeping each other informed helps much in keeping track of events as well as placing one in a better position to make informed decisions.
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- 3.1 Your response regarding our proposal for the OAU Liaison Officer in the Comoros to consult with the OAU Directorate is noted and well taken. The visit is called off for now.

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