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| **Country/entity** | Comoros<br>Anjouan |
| **Region** | Africa (excl MENA) |
| **Agreement name** | Agreement on the Transitional Arrangements in the Comoros (Maroni Agreement) |
| **Date** | 20 Dec 2003 |
| **Agreement status** | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| **Interim arrangement** | Yes |
| **Agreement/conflict level** | Intrastate/intrastate conflict |

**Anjouan Crisis (1997 - 2008)**

The two islands of Anjouan and Mohéli seceded from the Comoros in 1997, with Anjouan unilaterally declaring independence. In the aftermath of this declaration, political infighting emerged and several coup attempts in Anjouan took place. In 2001, a junta led my Mohamed Bacar was able to consolidate power and he began negotiations with the Comoros. These negotiations resulted in the establishment of a renewed Union of the Comoros with a peace agreement constitution. After the end of his formal term, Bacar launched another coup against his successor, declaring independence again in July 2007. In February 2008, the Comoros army, supported by France and members of the African Union, invaded the island and forced Bacar to leave and the declaration of independence to be withdrawn.
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Anjouan Crisis (1997 - 2008)

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| **Stage** | Framework/substantive - partial |
| **Conflict nature** | Government/territory |
| **Peace process** | Comoros-Anjouan islands peace process |
| **Parties** | FOR THE COMORIAN PARTIES:<br>- AZALI ASSOUMANI, President of the Union of the Comoros<br>- MOHAMED BACAR, President of the Autonomous Island of Anjouan<br>- MZE ABDOU SOULE EL BAK, President of the Autonomous Island of Ngazidja<br>- MOHAMED SAID FAZUL, President of the Autonomous Island of Mwali |

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| **Third parties** | - Under the auspices of President Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa and Coordinator of the efforts of the Countries of the Region and the Troika of the African Union (AU) on the Comorian crisis,<br><br>IN THE PRESENCE OF:<br>- THABO MBEKI, President of the Republic of South Africa, and Coordinator of the efforts of the Countries of the Region and the Troika of the African Union on the Comoros<br>- PAUL BERENGER, Prime Minister of Mauritius<br>- JACQUES SYLLA, Prime Minister of The Madagascar Republic<br>- ABDULKADER SHAREEF, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Tanzanian Republic<br>- ABDOU DIOUF, Secretary-General, International Organization of the Francophonie<br>- PIERRE ANDRE WILTZER, Minister delegate for Cooperation and Francophonie of the French Republic Representative of the European Union<br>- MAMADOU KANE, Representative of the United Nations<br>- WILFRID BERTILE, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission |
| **Description** | In this agreement, the parties reaffirm their commitment made in the Framework Agreement for the national reconciliation in the Comoros. The agreement specifically provides for customs, budget, security arrangements, legislative elections dispositions for the transitional period. |

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| **Agreement document** | KM_031220_Agreement on Tranisitional Arangements in the Comoros (Maroni Agreement).pdf (opens in new tab) \| Download PDF |

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| **Groups** | |
| **Children/youth** | No specific mention. |
| **Disabled persons** | No specific mention. |
| **Elderly/age** | No specific mention. |
| **Migrant workers** | No specific mention. |
| **Racial/ethnic/ national group** | No specific mention. |
| **Religious groups** | No specific mention. |
| **Indigenous people** | No specific mention. |
| **Other groups** | No specific mention. |

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| **Refugees/displaced persons** | No specific mention. |
| **Social class** | No specific mention. |

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**Gender**

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| **Women, girls and gender** | No specific mention. |
| **Men and boys** | No specific mention. |
| **LGBTI** | No specific mention. |
| **Family** | No specific mention. |

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**State definition**

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| **Nature of state (general)** | No specific mention. |
| **State configuration** | No specific mention. |
| **Self determination** | No specific mention. |
| **Referendum** | No specific mention. |
| **State symbols** | No specific mention. |
| **Independence/ secession** | No specific mention. |
| **Accession/ unification** | No specific mention. |
| **Border delimitation** | No specific mention. |
| **Cross-border provision** | No specific mention. |

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**Governance**

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| **Political institutions (new or reformed)** | Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references<br>Page 1, Article I. Principles:<br>...<br>- agree to complete speedily the establishment of the institutions of the Union of the Comoros in order to put an end to the suffering of the Comorian people and encourage the international community to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance for the socio-economic development of the country<br>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→Temporary new institutions<br>Page 2, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:<br>The Comorian Parties agree on the need for a transitional period spanning from the signing of this Agreement to the full establishment of the Parliament of the Union, which shall adopt organic laws pertaining to the distribution of powers, and that of the Parliaments of the Islands.<br>During the transitional period, the following shall apply: [the remainder of the agreement sets out a list of institutional solutions for the interim] |

**Elections**

Page 1, Article I. Principles:
...
pledge to work towards the organisation of free, fair and democratic elections over the entire Comorian territory;
commit themselves to establish conditions conducive to elections to be held with the necessary equity and transparency and giving all the necessary guarantees in this regard, including the need for an all inclusive process involving monitoring by the international community;

Page 5, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:
...
- the national command and control of the gendarmerie shall be the responsibility of the Union. However, during the transitional period, and for the purpose of the elections, this force, which shall be adequately resourced, shall be placed, for use, in its usual mission, at the disposal of the Presidents of the Islands. This arrangement cannot be repealed during the transitional period;
- during the entire electoral period, the use of the National Gendarmerie shall be decided, in close concertation with the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) and the AU Military Observers;

Page 5, V. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS:
The Comorian Parties agree to finalise the electoral process before the end of April 2004, at the latest. To this effect, the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) will establish an electoral calendar consistent with this deadline. As for the respective governments of the Union and the Autonomous Islands, they will sign the notification decrees of the electoral body within two weeks, at the latest, following the signature of the present agreement.
The Follow-up Committee of the present Agreement shall renew the composition of the Validation Commission and the latter shall validate the results of the forthcoming legislative elections.

Page 6, VII. SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY:
As soon as an agreement is signed between the Union and the autonomous Islands, the international community shall be invited to:
- give its technical and financial support to the electoral operations;
- give, as soon as possible, the necessary technical and financial support for the preliminary activities prior to the organisation of elections (General Assembly of the NIEC, updating of voters lists, recruitment and training of agents, etc.)
- disburse the assistance promised by the donors (IMF, World Bank, Meeting of the Friends of the Comoros, etc.) to support the execution of the agents, etc.)

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| **Electoral commission** | Page 5, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:<br>...<br>- the national command and control of the gendarmerie shall be the responsibility of the Union. However, during the transitional period, and for the purpose of the elections, this force, which shall be adequately resourced, shall be placed, for use, in its usual mission, at the disposal of the Presidents of the Islands. This arrangement cannot be repealed during the transitional period;<br>- during the entire electoral period, the use of the National Gendarmerie shall be decided, in close concertation with the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) and the AU Military Observers; |
| **Political parties reform** | No specific mention. |
| **Civil society** | No specific mention. |
| **Traditional/ religious leaders** | No specific mention. |
| **Public administration** | Page 2-3, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:<br>The Comorian Parties agree on the need for a transitional period spanning from the signing of this Agreement to the full establishment of the Parliament of the Union, which shall adopt organic laws pertaining to the distribution of powers, and that of the Parliaments of the Islands.<br>During the transitional period, the following shall apply:<br>...<br>(b) Budget for the transitional period<br>...<br>At the same time, the Comorian Parties agree to the following measures:<br>- commissioning, through the Harmonisation Committee, for review and decision, of a study on the number of employees in the civil service and the payroll, it being understood that the recruitment process will be frozen until such a time as the needs of the Union and the Autonomous Islands have been identified; |
| **Constitution** | No specific mention. |

**Power sharing**

**Political power sharing**

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality
State level
Page 2, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
The Comorian Parties agree on the need for a transitional period spanning from the signing of this Agreement to the full establishment of the Parliament of the Union, which shall adopt organic laws pertaining to the distribution of powers, and that of the Parliaments of the Islands.
During the transitional period, the following shall apply:

(a) Customs

To this effect, a Provisional Customs Council (PCC) shall be established to monitor the operations relating to the collection and control of the shared customs revenue and prepare the operational framework of the Customs Service in conformity with the new institutional architecture.
The PCC shall be composed of seven (7) members, namely a Director-General appointed by the President of the Union, three (3) Deputy Directors-General appointed by each President of the Islands and three international experts placed at the disposal of the Comoros by the donor community.
Power sharing→Political power sharing→International involvement
State level
Page 2, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
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...
The Parties agree to establish a Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Harmonisation Committee) chaired by a representative of the International Community [IMF, World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Union, European Union, International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF)], which will be responsible for harmonising customs norms and structures as well as macro-economic data. This should be completed within the two months following the signature of the present Agreement. Meanwhile, the Parties agree to immediately establish, in Anjouan, a private international structure, to be recommended by the World Bank, to monitor transparency and control of customs operations. This structure will be results driven.

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| **Territorial power sharing** | Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government<br>Page 1, II. DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS<br>The Comorian Parties recall the progress made in the discussions held in Paris under the auspices of La Francophonie and pledge to pursue their consultations with a view to submitting the results of these discussions to the Parliament of the Union, for decision. |

**Economic power sharing**

Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Sharing of resources
Pages 4-5,
II Transitional Period
Page 2-4, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
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During the transitional period, the following shall apply:

(a) Customs
To this effect, a Provisional Customs Council (PCC) shall be established to monitor the operations relating to the collection and control of the shared customs revenue and prepare the operational framework of the Customs Service in conformity with the new institutional architecture.
The PCC shall be composed of seven (7) members, namely a Director-General appointed by the President of the Union, three (3) Deputy Directors-General appointed by each President of the Islands and three international experts placed at the disposal of the Comoros by the donor community.
The PCC shall organise itself in such a way as to be able to execute its mandate effectively, both at the level of the Customs Central Services and the Customs Services in the Islands.
The management of the Customs Services shall be the responsibility of a Directorate of Customs comprising the Director-General and the Deputy Directors-General and functioning on the basis of the principle of collegiality. The Deputy Directors-General shall report to the Director-General.
In the execution of its functions, the Directorate of Customs shall be supported by operational services at the level of the Islands, these operational services shall be headed by Regional Directors appointed by the Directorate of Customs.
The decisions of the Directorate of Customs shall be adopted by consensus, failing which decisions shall be made at the level of the PCC by simple majority of its members, on basis of the Customs Code.
The Parties agree to establish a Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Harmonisation Committee) chaired by a representative of the International Community [IMF, World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Union, European Union, International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF)], which will be responsible for harmonising customs norms and structures as well as macro-economic data. This should be completed within the two months following the signature of the present Agreement.
Meanwhile, the Parties agree to immediately establish, in Anjouan, a private international structure, to be recommended by the World Bank, to monitor transparency and control of customs operations. This structure will be results driven.

(b) Budget for the transitional period
The Comorian Parties agree to:
- the opening of a special account with the Central Bank of the Comoros (BCC) and the depositing in that account of the fiscal and non-fiscal revenues to be shared;
- automatic transfer, following the establishment of the common mechanism for the collection of the revenues and after the deduction of external debt service, into the individual accounts of the respective governments of the Union and the Autonomous Islands of Anjouan, Ngazidja and Mwali, on the basis of the following quotas: Union – 28%, Ngazidja – 32, 5%, Anjouan – 30,5%, Mwali – 9%.
- the Harmonization Committee shall verify the extent to which the budgets submitted by the Union and the Islands, on the basis of the quotas, correspond to their respective needs. When the expenditures of one of the Parties are not proportionate to its quota, the Harmonization Committee shall modify the rate of the quotas and, consequently, the

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| **Military power sharing** | Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality<br>Pages 4-5, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS<br><br>The Comorian Parties agree to :<br>- the deployment of civilian and military observers of the African Union during the entire transitional period;<br><br>Page 5<br>- the national command and control of the gendarmerie shall be the responsibility of the Union.<br>However, during the transitional period, and for the purpose of the elections, this force, which shall be adequately resourced, shall be placed, for use, in its usual mission, at the disposal of the Presidents of the Islands. This arrangement cannot be repealed during the transitional period;<br><br>- during the entire electoral period, the use of the National Gendarmerie shall be decided, in close concertation with the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) and the AU Military Observers;<br><br>- the Comorian Defence Force shall in no way be involved in the electoral process. |

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**Human rights and equality**

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| **Human rights/RoL general** | No specific mention. |
| **Bill of rights/similar** | No specific mention. |
| **Treaty incorporation** | No specific mention. |
| **Civil and political rights** | No specific mention. |
| **Socio-economic rights** | No specific mention. |

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**Rights related issues**

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| **Citizenship** | No specific mention. |
| **Democracy** | No specific mention. |
| **Detention procedures** | No specific mention. |

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| **Media and communication** | No specific mention. |
| **Mobility/access** | No specific mention. |
| **Protection measures** | No specific mention. |
| **Other** | No specific mention. |

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**Rights institutions**

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| **NHRI** | No specific mention. |
| **Regional or international human rights institutions** | No specific mention. |

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**Justice sector reform**

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| **Criminal justice and emergency law** | No specific mention. |
| **State of emergency provisions** | No specific mention. |
| **Judiciary and courts** | No specific mention. |
| **Prisons and detention** | No specific mention. |
| **Traditional Laws** | No specific mention. |

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**Socio-economic reconstruction**

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| **Development or socio-economic reconstruction** | No specific mention. |
| **National economic plan** | [Summary: Page 3-4, The agreement provides for (b) Budget for the transitional period, (c) Special Budget Provision for Ngazidja, and (d) Consolidated Budget; - See Territorial Power-Sharing and Taxation]. |

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** Page 1, Article I. Principles:
...
- agree to complete speedily the establishment of the institutions of the Union of the Comoros in order to put an end to the suffering of the Comorian people and encourage the international community to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance for the socio-economic development of the country.

Page 2, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
...
During the transitional period, the following shall apply:
a) Customs
...
(3) Deputy Directors-General appointed by each President of the Islands and three international experts placed at the disposal of the Comoros by the donor community.
...
The Parties agree to establish a Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Harmonisation Committee) chaired by a representative of the International Community [IMF, World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Union, European Union, International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF)], which will be responsible for harmonising customs norms and structures as well as macro-economic data. This should be completed within the two months following the signature of the present Agreement. Meanwhile, the Parties agree to immediately establish, in Anjouan, a private international structure, to be recommended by the World Bank, to monitor transparency and control of customs operations. This structure will be results driven.

Page 6, VII. SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY:
As soon as an agreement is signed between the Union and the autonomous Islands, the international community shall be invited to:
- give its technical and financial support to the electoral operations;
- give, as soon as possible, the necessary technical and financial support for the preliminary activities prior to the organisation of elections (General Assembly of the NIEC, updating of voters lists, recruitment and training of agents, etc.)
- disburse the assistance promised by the donors (IMF, World Bank, Meeting of the Friends of the Comoros, etc.) to support the execution of the agents, etc.)
- support the execution of the budget of the Union through a specific contribution.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation**

Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation
Page 2-3, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
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During the transitional period, the following shall apply:
...
(b) Budget for the transitional period
The Comorian Parties agree to:
- the opening of a special account with the Central Bank of the Comoros (BCC) and the depositing in that account of the fiscal and non-fiscal revenues to be shared;
- automatic transfer, following the establishment of the common mechanism for the collection of the revenues and after the deduction of external debt service, into the individual accounts of the respective governments of the Union and the Autonomous Islands of Anjouan, Ngazidja and Mwali, on the basis of the following quotas: Union – 28%, Ngazidja – 32, 5%, Anjouan – 30,5%, Mwali – 9%.
- the Harmonization Committee shall verify the extent to which the budgets submitted by the Union and the Islands, on the basis of the quotas, correspond to their respective needs. When the expenditures of one of the Parties are not proportionate to its quota, the Harmonization Committee shall modify the rate of the quotas and, consequently, the amount of the budgets, making use, where possible, of the Trust Fund to be established.

(c) Special Provision for Ngazidja
An exceptional appropriation corresponding to the difference between the amount actually paid to Ngazidja and the amount that should have been paid would be given to Ngazidja to cover the expenses incurred in relation with the functioning of the Executive Branch of the Island since January 2003.
...
(d) Consolidated Budget
As soon as the organic laws on the distribution of powers have been adopted, the Comorian Parties agree to adopt a consolidated budget providing for the special account mentioned above and an automatic transfer to the individual accounts of the respective governments of the Union and the Autonomous Islands.

**Banks**

Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→Central bank
Page 3, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
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During the transitional period, the following shall apply:
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(b) Budget for the transitional period
The Comorian Parties agree to:
- the opening of a special account with the Central Bank of the Comoros (BCC) and the depositing in that account of the fiscal and non-fiscal revenues to be shared;

**Land, property and environment**

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| **Land reform/rights** | No specific mention. |
| **Pastoralist/ nomadism rights** | No specific mention. |
| **Cultural heritage** | No specific mention. |
| **Environment** | No specific mention. |
| **Water or riparian rights or access** | No specific mention. |

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**Security sector**

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| **Security Guarantees** | No specific mention. |
| **Ceasefire** | No specific mention. |
| **Police** | Page 5, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:<br>- the national command and control of the gendarmerie shall be the responsibility of the Union. However, during the transitional period, and for the purpose of the elections, this force, which shall be adequately resourced, shall be placed, for use, in its usual mission, at the disposal of the Presidents of the Islands. This arrangement cannot be repealed during the transitional period; |
| **Armed forces** | Page 5, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:<br>- the national command and control of the gendarmerie shall be the responsibility of the Union. However, during the transitional period, and for the purpose of the elections, this force, which shall be adequately resourced, shall be placed, for use, in its usual mission, at the disposal of the Presidents of the Islands. This arrangement cannot be repealed during the transitional period;<br>- during the entire electoral period, the use of the National Gendarmerie shall be decided, in close concertation with the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) and the AU Military Observers;<br>- the Comorian Defence Force shall in no way be involved in the electoral process. |
| **DDR** | No specific mention. |
| **Intelligence services** | No specific mention. |
| **Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** | No specific mention. |

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| **Withdrawal of foreign forces** | No specific mention. |
| **Corruption** | Page 2-4, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:<br>...<br>During the transitional period, the following shall apply:<br>a) Customs<br>...<br>The Comorian Parties reiterate the need to ensure transparent, independent, efficient and objective management of the Customs Service.<br>...<br>(b) Budget for the transitional period<br>...<br>At the same time, the Comorian Parties agree to the following measures:<br>- establishment, through the Harmonisation Committee, of a monitoring mechanism responsible for verifying the accuracy and transparency of the expenditures of the Union and the Autonomous Islands during the transitional period; |
| **Crime/organised crime** | No specific mention. |
| **Drugs** | No specific mention. |
| **Terrorism** | No specific mention. |

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| **Transitional justice** | |
| **Transitional justice general** | No specific mention. |
| **Amnesty/pardon** | No specific mention. |
| **Courts** | No specific mention. |
| **Mechanism** | No specific mention. |
| **Prisoner release** | No specific mention. |
| **Vetting** | No specific mention. |
| **Victims** | No specific mention. |
| **Missing persons** | No specific mention. |

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| **Reparations** | No specific mention. |
| **Reconciliation** | No specific mention. |

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**Implementation**

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| **UN signatory** | Representative of the United Nations signed as witness.<br><br>The UN is also part of the 'Troika' which forms the committee presided over by the AU and tasked to follow up on the implementation of the agreement.<br><br>IN THE PRESENCE OF:<br>...<br>- MAMADOU KANE, Representative of the United Nations |
| **Other international signatory** | IN THE PRESENCE OF:<br>- THABO MBEKI, President of the Republic of South Africa, and Coordinator of the efforts of the Countries of the Region and the Troika of the African Union on the Comoros<br>- PAUL BERENGER, Prime Minister of Mauritius<br>- JACQUES SYLLA, Prime Minister of The Madagascar Republic<br>- ABDULKADER SHAREEF, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Tanzanian Republic<br>- ABDOU DIOUF, Secretary-General, International Organization of the Francophonie<br>- PIERRE ANDRE WILTZER, Minister delegate for Cooperation and Francophonie of the French Republic Representative of the European Union<br>...<br>- WILFRID BERTILE, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission |
| **Referendum for agreement** | No specific mention. |

**International mission/force/ similar**

Page 1, Article I. Principles:
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commit themselves to establish conditions conducive to elections to be held with the necessary equity and transparency and giving all the necessary guarantees in this regard, including the need for an all inclusive process involving monitoring by the international community;

Page 2, Article III. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD:
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Page 4, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:
The Comorian Parties agree to :
- the deployment of civilian and military observers of the African Union during the entire transitional period;

Page 5, IV. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS:
...
- during the entire electoral period, the use of the National Gendarmerie shall be decided, in close concertation with the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) and the AU Military Observers;

Page 5, VI. FOLLOW-UP OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT
In order to implement the present Agreement scrupulously and in good faith, a Follow-up Committee will be established, consisting of representatives from the Comorian Parties signatory to the present Agreement and the International Community. This Follow-up Committee will monitor and ensure that commitments are respected, and shall interpret the provisions of the present Agreement and take all the necessary measures in this regard.



The Committee will be chaired by the African Union (South Africa, as co- ordinator of regional efforts on the Comoros, and the Commission of the African Union) and will

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| **Enforcement mechanism** | Page 5, V. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS:<br>...<br>The Follow-up Committee of the present Agreement shall renew the composition of the Validation Commission and the latter shall validate the results of the forthcoming legislative elections.<br><br>Page 5-6, VI. FOLLOW-UP OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT<br>In order to implement the present Agreement scrupulously and in good faith, a Follow-up Committee will be established, consisting of representatives from the Comorian Parties signatory to the present Agreement and the International Community. This Follow-up Committee will monitor and ensure that commitments are respected, and shall interpret the provisions of the present Agreement and take all the necessary measures in this regard.<br>The Committee will be chaired by the African Union (South Africa, as co- ordinator of regional efforts on the Comoros, and the Commission of the African Union) and will consist of representatives from the Countries of the region and the AU Troïka, France, European Union, the International Organisation of Francophonie, the United Nations, the IMF, the World Bank, the League of Arab States and from the Indian Ocean Commission.<br>The Committee will adopt its own rules of procedure.<br>Whenever the Comorian Parties meet, the Chairperson of the follow-up Committee should make himself/herself available to participate in such meetings. |