

<b>Country/entity</b>	Comoros Anjouan
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	The Joint Declaration of Fomboni
<b>Date</b>	26 Aug 2000
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict  <b>Anjouan Crisis (1997 - 2008)</b>
	<p>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 by 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members of the African Union, invaded the island and forced Bacar to leave and the declaration of independence to be withdrawn.</p> <p>Close Anjouan Crisis (1997 - 2008)</p>
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Comoros-Anjouan islands peace process
<b>Parties</b>	For the Governmental Party Colonel AZALI Assoumani  For the Anjouanaise Party Lt-Colonel ABEID Said
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	This short agreement states the commitment to establish “Nouvel Ensemble Comorien” (New Comorian Union). It also provides for the decentralisation of these different matters: Religion, Nationality, Currency, Foreign relations, External defence. It also defines the table for implementing and negotiating further the decentralisation process.

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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** Groups→Religious groups→Substantive  
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- Religion,...

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## Gender

**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

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** Page 2:  
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For the continuation of the process an annexed time-table is established fixing the coming stages leading up to the submission to a referendum of the “Acte Fondamental” (Fundamental Act) which will rule the Union.

**State symbols** Page 1:  
...The exercise of these prerogatives must take into account the following considerations:  
For: RELIGION: The Union must be rooted within Islam in the respect of the principles of tolerance, peace, social cohesion and solidarity characterizing it.

**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**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** No specific mention.

**Traditional/religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

**Political power sharing**

No specific mention.

**Territorial power sharing**

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government  
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- Religion,
- Nationality,
- Currency,
- Foreign relations,
- External defence.

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For:

**RELIGION:**

The Union must be rooted within Islam in the respect of the principles of tolerance, peace, social cohesion and solidarity characterizing it.

**NATIONALITY:**

It is subjected to the Union.

It must be represented on all pieces of identity, particularly the passport where the island of delivery must be stated.

**CURRENCY:** The parties are of the opinion that a joint currency is a factor of development of exchange within the Union. They recommend the maintaining of the Comorian Franc in the “Franc Zone” as a factor promoting the accomplishment of the integration of the Union.

**FOREIGN RELATIONS:** In regards to foreign relations, the emphasis is put on the development of islands that remains the source, the target and the implementer of cooperation in all its dimensions.

**EXTERNAL DEFENCE:** It is subjected to the Union. In this matter, the latter [the Union] should fulfil, in addition to its missions of protecting the frontiers, missions of conceiving, defining, organizing and accomplishing policies of military cooperation with its external partners.

The Parties convene that this list is not exhaustive and that further shared competencies could be defined.

Therefore the Parties decide to initiate a Tripartite Committee, benefiting from the help of experts, charged with the definition of the mechanisms and modes of functioning of the New Comorian Union with the help of the International Community.

**Economic power sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power sharing** No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

**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**

**Citizenship** Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen delimitation  
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For:  
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**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**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**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

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

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### **Justice sector reform**

**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**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** No specific mention.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→Central bank  
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- Currency,

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**Land, property and environment**

**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**

**Security  
Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	<p>Page 1-2:          Have agreed about the establishment of a “Nouvel Ensemble Comorien” (New Comorian Union), sole subject of international right, within its frontiers acknowledged by the international community, respecting the legitimate aspirations of the people of the Islands to their development by strengthening and prioritising decentralised cooperation; and whose fields of competence are enumerated below:</p> <p>...</p> <p>- External Defence,          EXTERNAL DEFENCE: It is subjected to the Union. In this matter, the latter [the Union] should fulfil, in addition to its missions of protecting the frontiers, missions of conceiving, defining, organizing and accomplishing policies of military cooperation with its external partners.</p>
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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**Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** Page 3:  
The stages and the respective length of each one of them are as follows:  
1. Establishment of a Monitoring Commission in charge of practical decisions and monitoring their implementation from the signing of the Declaration to the establishment of the Institutions of the New Comorian Union.

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