

Country/entity	Comoros Anjouan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	The Joint Declaration of Fomboni
Date	26 Aug 2000
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 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members of the African Union, invaded the island and forced Bacar to leave and the declaration of independence to be withdrawn.

Close
Anjouan Crisis (1997 - 2008)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Comoros-Anjouan islands peace process
Parties	For the Governmental Party Colonel AZALI Assoumani For the Anjouanaise Party Lt-Colonel ABEID Said
Third parties	-
Description	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.

Agreement document

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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.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Rights related issues

Citizenship Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen delimitation
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...
- Nationality,
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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.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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.

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.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	<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>
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

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.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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.

Related cases No specific mention.

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