DECISION ON THE DECOLONISATION OF MAURITIUS

The Assembly,

- RECALLS Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.788 (XXXIII), Assembly/AU/Dec.812 (XXXIV) and Assembly/AU/Dec.836 (XXXV) regarding the decolonisation of Mauritius;
- 2. TAKES NOTE of the Judgement of 28 January 2021 delivered by the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea which fully endorsed the authoritative determinations made by the International Court of Justice in its Advisory Opinion of 25 February 2019 and confirmed that as a matter of international law, the Chagos Archipelago forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius;
- 3. ALSO TAKES NOTE of the discussions initiated between Mauritius and the United Kingdom in November 2022 on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago in order to reach, in accordance with international Law, an agreement, including the implementation of a programme by Mauritius for the resettlement of its nationals, in particular those of Chagossian origin;
- EXPRESSES ITS CONCERNS that there has been no tangible progress in the negotiations due to delays caused by the United Kingdom in concluding an Agreement;
- 5. CALLS UPON the United Kingdom to expedite the conclusion of the negotiations in line with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice, the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 73/295 and the 2021 Judgment of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and thereby complete the decolonization of Mauritius and of Africa