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1. SUMMARY: FINAL RESOLUTIONS OF PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN PARTIES
CONFERENCE FINALLY PUBLISHED MAY 23. THE SIX RESOLUTIONS DEAL WITH
SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, THE WESTERN SAHARA, PALESTINE,
AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE. LITTLE NEW GROUND IS COVERED,
THE RESOLUTIONS HEWING CLOSELY TO EARLIER UN AND OAU RESOLUTIONS
ON THESE SUBJECTS. HOWEVER, IRAN AND "CERTAIN REACTIONARY
ARAB COUNTRIES" ARE CRITICIZED AS SUB-IMPERIALIST SUPPORTERS
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OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON ZAIRE, COMOROS,
AND SEYCHELLES WERE OMITTED.

2. FIFTH CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN PARTIES CLOSED LATE
EVENING OF MAY 19, BUT FINAL RESOLUTIONS NOT PUBLISHED UNTIL
MAY 23. THE SIX FINAL RESOLUTIONS COVER SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA,
ZIMBABWE, THE WESTERN SAHARA, PALESTINE, AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

ZONE OF PEACE. LITTLE NEW GROUND IS COVERED IN ANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS AS, IN SPITE OF THE "PROGRESSIVE" NATURE OF MEETING, THE RESOLUTIONS PARALLEL CLOSELY PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF UN AND OAU.

3. OF THE SIX RESOLUTIONS THE SIXTH AND LAST ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE IS THE LONGEST AND THE MOST DETAILED. IN ITS PREAMBLE IT CLAIMS, IN PART, THAT MILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, LED BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM WITH THE SUPPORT OF EUROPEAN CAPITALIST NATIONS AND THE "SUB-IMPERIALISTS" OF SOUTH AFRICA, IRAN, AND "CERTAIN REACTIONARY ARAB COUNTRIES", CONSTITUTES A BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PROGRESSIVE REGIMES AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL STATES.

4. NOT SURPRISINGLY INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE RESOLUTION ALSO CALLS FOR THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN BASE AT DIEGO GARCIA AND THE RETURN OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO MAURITIUS.

5. CONTRARY TO EARLIER INFORMATION, THERE ARE NOT RESOLUTIONS ON ZAIRE, THE COMOROS, OR THE SEYCHELLES.

6. COMMENT: THE MISSING RESOLUTIONS ON ZAIRE, COMOROS, AND SEYCHELLES PROBABLY REFLECTS THE RECENTNESS AND/OR UNCERTAINTY OF EVENTS IN THOSE THREE COUNTRIES. WHILE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN, WE BELIEVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST IRAN AND UNNAMED REACTIONARY ARAB STATES, PROBABLY INSERTED AT THE INSISTANCE OF ALGERIAN AND LIBYAN DELEGATIONS, MAY BE A NEW DEPARTURE IN AFRICAN CONFERENCES OF THIS SORT. CERTAINLY IT SEEMS A DANGEROUS MOVE FOR ANY LDC OIL IMPORTER TO TAKE, AND MAY PARTLY EXPLAIN WHY PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA SO STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED THE CONFERENCE.

7. FRENCH TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (AF/E) MAY 26.
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