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SECRETARY-GENERAL DEEPLY CONCERNED BY SITUATION IN COMOROS

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for Secretary-General Kofi Annan:

The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by the deterioration of the situation in the Comoros, following the decision of the Anjouan island to proclaim its independence on 26 October.

The Secretary-General deplores the unilateral decision which the Anjouan island has taken, at a time when the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the League of Arab States and the international community are dedicating ceaseless efforts to finding a just and durable solution to the Comorian crisis.

The Secretary-General renews his appeal to the Comorians, in particular to the Anjouanese, to participate without reservation in the Conference on the Comoros, which the OAU is planning to organize in Addis Ababa. To ensure the success of the Conference, the Secretary-General exhorts all Comorian parties to abstain from all acts aimed at putting in question the territorial integrity, the sovereignty and national unity of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros.

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