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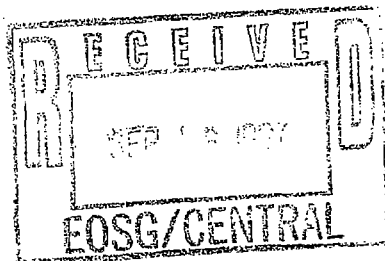
Note to Mr. Knutsson

Your attention, pls

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The United Nations Secretariat should send an observer to the above-mentioned talks, should they ever materialize, for the following reasons :

- Because of the catastrophic economic and social situation in the Comoros, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/30 section F on special emergency economic assistance to the Comoros, in which it requested the Secretary-General to dispatch a multiplinary humanitarian and technical assessment mission to the Comoros.
- Although the resolution did not request him to report to the General Assembly until its 53rd session next year, the Secretary General, in view of the economically-induced political and constitutional crisis in the country, dispatched this year from 24 August to 6 September the multidisciplinary mission.
- Any potential solution or settlement of the crisis by the Comorian parties, under OAU aegis, would necessarily have to deal with the economic, humanitarian and political situation of the country which is of concern to the United Nations.



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Another Conference!
One of our reps in Africa
could attend - if & when.

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