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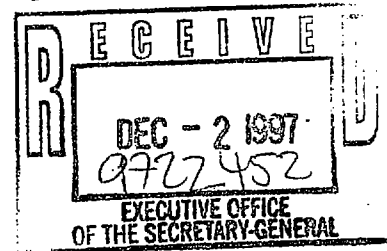
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The Honorable General

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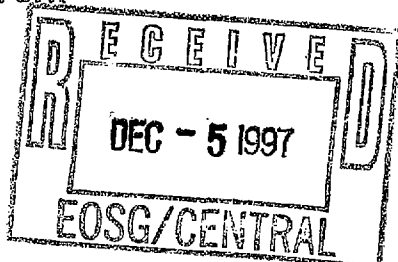
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As you are aware the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, meeting at its 36th Ordinary Session, held in Addis Ababa on Friday 22nd August, 1997, at Ambassadorial level, approved the convening, under the auspices of the OAU, of an International Conference bringing together all Parties involved in the current crisis in the Comoros. The Central Organ further decided that the following African States should be invited to attend the Conference as observers: Cameroon (past Chairman of the OAU), Zimbabwe (current Chairman of the OAU) and Burkina Faso (next Chairman of the OAU), representing the Central Organ of the OAU; countries of the region (Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania). It was also decided that France and other Permanent Members of the UN Security Council, as well as the European Union, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the United Nations should also be accorded Observer Status during the International Conference on the Comoros.

At its Seventh Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20-21 November 1997, the Central Organ meeting at the level of Ministers endorsed all the decisions of the Ambassadors relating to the crisis in the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations
New York





Organization of African Unity
The Secretary General

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I am now pleased to inform you that the said Conference is scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 13 December 1997. I wish to extend a formal invitation to you to designate your Representative to attend the Conference.

I would appreciate it if your Representative for this Conference could liaise closely with the Political Department of the OAU for further information.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'Salim Ahmed Salim', is positioned above the printed name.

Salim Ahmed Salim