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LETTER DATED 27 JANUARY 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF ZIMBABWE TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, I have the honour to transmit the attached Addis Ababa Agreement on the Question of Comoros, to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Machivenyika Tobias MUPURANGA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
Zimbabwe to the United Nations  
Representative of the Organization  
of African Unity Current Chairman

Annex

Addis Ababa Agreement adopted at the International Conference on  
the Comoros, held in Addis Ababa from 10 to 13 December 1997

1. The Comorian parties (the Government, Anjouan, Moheli and Grande Comore, and the Opposition: Forum/Federation/PRC and National Union for Development/National Front for Justice) met in Addis Ababa within the framework of the International Conference on the Comoros, organized under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) from 10 to 13 December 1997, with the participation of official observers, representing:

(a) The member States of the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Burkina Faso);

(b) The countries of the region (Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania);

(c) The permanent members of the Security Council (China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America);

(d) the League of Arab States;

(e) The United Nations;

(f) The European Union.

2. The Comorian parties pondered the situation existing in their country, particularly the crisis in Anjouan and Moheli. In that regard, they deeply regretted the military actions carried out in the two islands of Anjouan and Moheli, as well as the loss of human lives, injuries and destruction of property. Consequently, they requested the establishment of an international commission of inquiry, which would be requested to identify the responsibilities, evaluate the damage caused on the two islands during the crisis and propose measures likely to enable the victims to obtain the necessary compensation.

3. The Comorian parties agreed to hold, as soon as possible, under the auspices of OAU and according to the format of the Addis Ababa International Conference, an Inter-Island Comorian Conference with a view to defining a new institutional framework meeting the legitimate aspirations of the Comorians. In this regard, the Comorian parties noted the firm position expressed by OAU, the United Nations, the League of Arab States and the European Union on the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros.

4. The Comorian parties pledged to continue their dialogue with a view to establishing the conditions conducive to the convening of the proposed Conference.

5. The Comorian parties agreed to establish a commission in charge of implementing the Agreement, comprising the representatives of all the Comorian parties to the International Conference and chaired by OAU.

6. The Comorian parties took note with satisfaction of the decision of OAU, in cooperation with the international community, particularly the United Nations, the League of Arab States and the European Union, to convene a round table of donors with a view to mobilizing international assistance for the development of the Comoros. In the meantime, they appeal for urgent assistance to the Comoros.

Done in Addis Ababa, 13 December 1997, in the presence of the official observers.

For the delegation of  
Ndzuwani (Anjouan):

Ali MOUMINE

For the delegation of  
Mwali (Moheli):

Mohamed FAZUL

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(Grande Comore):

Ali Abdou EL ANIOU

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the Opposition  
Forum/Federation/PRC:

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Mouzaoir ABDALLAH

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