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**REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA  
OF THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION**

**GRAVE SITUATION IN THE COMOROS**

Letter dated 14 December 1989 from the Permanent Representative  
of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Islamic Group at the United Nations, I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of an additional item, entitled the "Grave situation in the Comoros", on the agenda of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly for priority consideration by the Assembly in plenary meeting.

An explanatory memorandum is attached in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure. A draft resolution for urgent consideration by the General Assembly is also appended herewith.

(Signed) Samir S. SHIHABI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

A crisis situation is currently prevailing in the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, a sovereign State Member of the United Nations, as a result of the illegal actions by a group of armed foreign mercenaries.

This group of armed foreign mercenaries has carried out the criminal act of assassinating His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah, the lawful President of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, and has disarmed the national armed forces of the Comoros with the design of illegally seizing control of the country. This poses a dangerous threat to the lives of the peaceful Comorian people, as well as to international peace and security.

These illegal acts of interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State Member of the United Nations constitute a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law.

In the light of the recent consensus adoption by the General Assembly, in its resolution 44/34 of 4 December 1989, of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries, in which the Assembly stated that the activities of mercenaries represent an international crime and a serious threat to international peace and security, as well as the adoption by the Assembly of resolution 44/51 of 8 December 1989 concerning the protection and security of small States, the international community and, in particular, those countries which have traditionally close ties of friendship with the Comoros are called upon to use their influence to put an immediate end, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to this brutal interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State Member of the United Nations, so as to enable its legitimate constitutional institutions to function.

The grave situation currently prevailing in the Comoros makes it imperative that the international community, through the General Assembly, express its full support for the people and the legitimate constitutional Government of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros.

APPENDIX

Draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Gravely concerned by the crisis situation currently prevailing in the Comoros, a sovereign State Member of the United Nations, as a result of the illegal actions by a group of armed foreign mercenaries,

Gravely concerned also that this group of armed foreign mercenaries has carried out the criminal act of assassinating His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah, the lawful President of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, and has disarmed the national armed forces of the Comoros with the design of illegally seizing control of the country,

Gravely concerned further at the dangerous threat that this situation poses to the lives of the peaceful Comorian people, as well as to international peace and security,

1. Strongly condemns these illegal acts of interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State Member of the United Nations, which constitute a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law;
2. Reaffirms once again, especially in the light of the recent adoption by the General Assembly, by consensus, in its resolution 44/34 of 4 December 1989 of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries, that the activities of mercenaries represent an international crime and a serious threat to international peace and security;
3. Reaffirms also its resolution 44/51 concerning the protection and security of small States, which was adopted by the General Assembly by consensus on 8 December 1989;
4. Expresses its full support for the people and the legitimate constitutional Government of the Comoros;
5. Calls upon the international community and, in particular, upon those countries which have traditionally close ties of friendship with the Comoros to use their influence to put an immediate end, in accordance with the Charter, to this brutal interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State Member of the United Nations so as to enable its legitimate constitutional institutions to function;
6. Requests the Secretary-General, in the exercise of his responsibilities under the Charter, to monitor closely the current situation in the Comoros and to report to the General Assembly, as and when necessary, with a view to the taking of further appropriate action by the international community, in accordance with the Charter, to ensure the preservation of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of that Member State.