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RE: Change of official name of Comoros

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The ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency has agreed on the following change(s) to ISO 3166-1:1997 "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 1: Country codes":

Page	Column	Title of column	Present entry	New entry
12	1	Country name (Short name)	COMOROS	COMOROS ((unchanged))
12	1	Country name (Official name)	Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros	Union of the Comoros
12	2	Alpha-2 code (4)	KM	KM ((unchanged))
12	3	Alpha-3 code (4)	COM	COM ((unchanged))
12	4	Numeric code (4)	174	174 ((unchanged))
12	5	Remarks	Comprises Anjouan, Grande Comore, Mohéli	Comprises Anjouan, Grande Comore, Mohéli ((unchanged))
37	1	Index of alpha-2 code	KM	KM ((unchanged))

40	2	Index of alpha-3 code	COM	COM ((unchanged))
45	2	Index of numeric code	174	174 ((unchanged))
--	--	Annex A	--	--
54	--	Annex B	K -- M; 174	K -- M; 174 ((unchanged))

Description of change: Replace the old official name "Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros" with the new official name "Union of the Comoros" (p. 12).

Notes:

(1) In accordance with the current edition of the Terminology Bulletin "Country Names" issued by the United Nations Secretariat

(2) In accordance with the current edition of the "Country Nomenclature for Statistical Use" issued by the United Nations Statistics Division

(3) In accordance with the current edition of the "Standard Country or Area Codes for Statistical Use" issued by the United Nations Statistics Division

(4) In the case of a withdrawal of ISO 3166-1 code elements these formerly allocated code elements are reserved in accordance with the principles for the maintenance of the codes. During a transitory period of at least five years after the withdrawal the code elements will not be reassigned to different country names.