At its meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 November 2006 the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

The Security Council is deeply concerned by the reports recently brought to its attention regarding the developing situation in Somalia. The Security Council intends to continue its support of the UN-backed interim government in Somalia and all established legislation relating thereto. It continues its support for the parties involved to seek peaceful resolution of the conflict. The Security Council advises all involved parties in the region to exercise caution, respect the sanctity of human life, and sustain peace to avoid any further escalation of hostilities in order to maintain security.

Furthermore, the Security Council is troubled by the witness reports that the United Islamic Court militia has tested weapons with the capability to target civilian air travel. All involved parties should be advised that Security Council will remain actively engaged in the situation.

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