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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande du Premier Ministre de la République de Vanuatu et du Représentant permanent de la Croatie auprès de l'Organisation.

3 mai 2000

**Permanent Mission of the Republic
of Croatia to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Vanuatu**

18 April 2000

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as from today, 18 April 2000, diplomatic relations have been established between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Vanuatu.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to circulate the enclosed Joint Communiqué to the Member States of the United Nations for their information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

**For the Government of
the Republic of Croatia**



IVAN ŠIMONOVIĆ
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Croatia
to the United Nations

**For the Government of
the Republic of Vanuatu**



MAAUTAMATE BARAK SOPE
Prime Minister of
the Republic of Vanuatu

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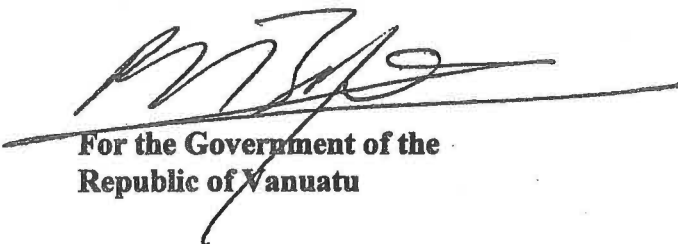
New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
AND THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu and the Government of the Republic of Croatia, desirous to promote and strengthen relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level as from the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

In establishing diplomatic relations, the two countries reiterate their adherence to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at New York, on 18 April 2000 in two original copies, in English.



For the Government of the
Republic of Vanuatu



For the Government of the
Republic of Croatia

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