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PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC
RÉPUBLIQUE OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 1 March 1979

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that today our respective Governments issued simultaneously the following joint communiqué concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries:

"Desiring to develop friendly relations and to initiate fruitful co-operation between the two peoples and countries, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe and the Government of the Republic of Finland have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level.

"This decision will take effect as from 1 March 1979."

We should be grateful if you would kindly transmit the text of the communiqué to the Permanent Missions of the Member States and the offices of the Permanent Observers to the United Nations. We take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

(Signed) Jaakko BLOMBERG
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the Republic of Finland to the
United Nations

(Signed) Helder BARROS
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
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