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13 avril 2006

**The Permanent Mission of Austria
to the United Nations**

**The Permanent Mission of Tuvalu
to the United Nations**

New York, 23 March 2006

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that as of Thursday, 23 March 2006, the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Tuvalu have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries circulated as a United Nations document.

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



H.E. Mr. Gerhard Pfanzetter
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Enele Sosene Sopoaga
Ambassador Extraordinary
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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

On the establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of Austria and Tuvalu

The Government of Austria

The Government of Tuvalu

Desirous to develop and strengthen friendly relations and mutual understanding and cooperation among their two peoples, based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms and principles of international law,

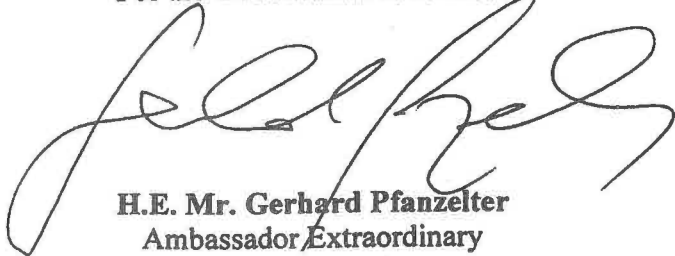
Convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations is in the interest of both countries and will contribute to international peace and security,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations, at ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate in the English language.

Done in duplicate, in the English language, at New York, on 03/23/ 2006.

For the Government of Austria



H.E. Mr. Gerhard Pfanzelter
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

For the Government of Tuvalu



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