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9 January 2023

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La communication ci-jointe, disponible anglais est, transmise aux missions permanentes des États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents Sainte-Lucie et les Tuvalu auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 9 janvier 2023



New York, December 7, 2022

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that Saint Lucia and Tuvalu have established diplomatic relations as of December 7, 2022.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to circulate this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué which we have signed on behalf of our respective governments to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

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

**For Saint Lucia**

**H.E. Ms. Menissa Rambally  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative  
of Saint Lucia to the United Nations**

**For Tuvalu**

**H.E. Mr. Samelu Laloni  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative  
of Tuvalu to the United Nations**

**H.E. Mr. António Guterres  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York**



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN  
TUVALU  
AND  
SAINT LUCIA**

The Government of Tuvalu and the Government of Saint Lucia,

Desirous to promote and strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries,

Guided by the principles and purposes enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of International Law, particularly on the respect for the promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, international treaties, territorial integrity, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

And with the above references, both States recognize climate change as an existential threat to Saint Lucia and Tuvalu and a shared global problem. They further commit to recognizing the statehood of Saint Lucia and Tuvalu as permanent and their existing maritime boundaries as set, even if their populations are displaced or they lose land territory due to sea level rise, in accordance with international law, which holds that recognition is unconditional and irrevocable. Both States also agree that shared responsibility for international ocean management is critical to global well-being and that ocean territories, maritime boundaries, and adjacent areas must be protected,

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

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

Done in New York on December 7, 2022.

**For Tuvalu**

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Plenipotentiary  
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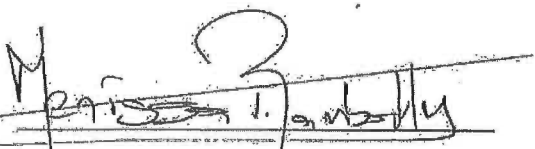
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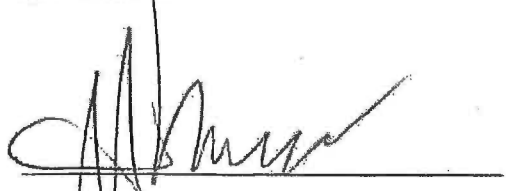
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