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17 December 2014

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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 des Représentants permanents de la Lettonie et de la Sierra Leone auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 17 decembre 2014



Permanent Mission of
the Republic of Latvia
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of
the Republic of Sierra Leone
to the United Nations

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of 12 December 2014, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries at Ambassadorial level.

We, therefore, kindly request your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, and the text of this letter, circulated to all Member States as an official document of the United Nations.

We take this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

New York, 12 December 2014

For the Government of
the Republic of Latvia

H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Latvia
to the United Nations

For the Government of
the Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Mr. Vandi Chidi Minah
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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

The Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Sierra Leone,

With the purpose to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and co-operation among their two peoples;

On the basis of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on the respect for and 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,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of 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 authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate in Latvian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

New York, on 12 December 2014

For the Republic of Latvia

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H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

For the Republic of Sierra Leone

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H.E. Mr. Vandi Chidi Minah
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