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Le 22 août 2014



**Permanent Mission of the
the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka to the
United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of
the Independent State of Samoa
to the United Nations**

15 August, 2014

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that diplomatic relations were established between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Independent State of Samoa today, 15 August, 2014.

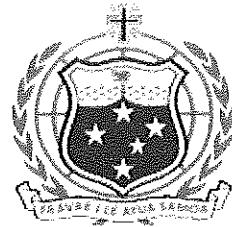
We kindly request, Your Excellency, to circulate the enclosed Joint Communiqué in English, which we signed on behalf of our respective authorities, among all the Member States of the United Nations.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Palitha T. B. Kohona
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Independent State of Samoa
to the United Nations

H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN

THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
AND
THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Independent State of Samoa;

Desirous to strengthen the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic and cultural fields, on the basis of the mutual observance of the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference with the internal matters of other countries;

Guided by the objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18th 1961;

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level with effect from the date of signature of the present Joint Communiqué;

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Independent State of Samoa are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two States corresponds to their national interest and will strengthen international peace and cooperation.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the Joint Communiqué in English.

Done in New York on 15 August 2014

**For the Government of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

H.E. Dr. Palitha T.B KOHONA
Ambassador extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Democratic Socialist Republic
of Sri Lanka

**For the Government of
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