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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 l'Azerbaïdjan et du Bhoutan auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 20 février 2013

**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Azerbaijan
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of
the Kingdom of Bhutan
to the United Nations**

7 February 2013

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that diplomatic relations were established between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kingdom of Bhutan today, 7 February 2013.

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

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



H.E. Mr. Agshin Mehdiyev
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Lhatu Wangchuk
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

**H.E. Ban Ki Moon
The Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York**



JOINT COMMUNIQUE
on the establishment of diplomatic relations between
the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kingdom of Bhutan

The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Royal Government of Bhutan,

Desirous to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between their two Peoples, and guided by the Charter of the United Nations and generally accepted norms and principles of international law, in particular those relating to sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué,

Done in New York on 7 February 2013, each one in Azerbaijani, Dzongkha and English languages. All texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation of the Joint Communiqué, the English text will prevail.

**For the Government of the Republic
of Azerbaijan**

H.E. Mr. Agshin Mehdiyev
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

**For the Royal Government
of Bhutan**

H.E. Mr. Lhatu Wangchuk
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