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Le 29 septembre 2011

## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 20 September 2011

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

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Principality of Andorra and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at the Ministerial level as of the 20th of September 2011.

We ask for your kind assistance in transmitting the enclosed joint communiqué, signed on behalf of our respective Governments, to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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

For the Government of the Principality of Andorra

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For the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

H.E. Mrs. Sofia Mesquita Borges

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## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ BETWEEN THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA AND

## THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The Principality of Andorra and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste,

**Desirous** to promote and strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic and cultural fields, on the basis of equality, mutual respect for independence and sovereignty, and non-interference into the internal affairs of each other,

**Guided** by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,

**Convinced** that the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Principality of Andorra and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste correspond to the interests of the Two States and will facilitate the strengthening of international cooperation and universal peace,

Have agreed to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of signature of this Joint Communiqué.

For this, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by the respective Governments have signed this Joint Communiqué, in duplicate, in the Catalan and English languages, in New York on 20 September 2011. Both texts are equally authentic.

For the Principality of Andorra

Gilbert Saboya Sunyé Minister of Foreign Affairs For the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Zacarias Álbano Da Costa Minister of Foreign Affairs