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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 d'Antigua-et-Barbuda et de l'Irlande auprès de l'Organisation.

22 mai 2000

Permanent Mission of
Antigua and Barbuda to
the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency, that as from today, May 19, 2000 diplomatic relations have been established between Antigua and Barbuda and Ireland.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency, to circulate the enclosed Protocol to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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



Patrick Albert Lewis
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations



Richard Ryan
Ambassador Extraordinary
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H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of
the United Nations

New York

**Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between
Antigua and Barbuda and Ireland**

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of Ireland guided by a shared willingness to develop ties of friendship and cooperation in the political economic, cultural, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of Ireland hereby agree to the establishment of diplomatic relations between their two countries as of the date of this Note based on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and on the principles and norms of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of Ireland are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

Signed at New York on May 19, 2000.

For the Government of
Antigua and Barbuda



Patrick Albert Lewis
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For the Government of Ireland



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