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7 June 2000

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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 du Lesotho et de l'Ukraine auprès de l'Organisation.

7 juin 2000

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
UKRAINE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

1 June 2000

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho have decided to formalise diplomatic relations between the two countries at the Ambassadorial level as of 1 June 2000.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that was signed by the two Permanent Representatives distributed as an official document to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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

VOLODYMYR YEL'CHENKO



**Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Ukraine
to the United Nations**

PERCY METSING MANGOAELA



**Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
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H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
of the United Nations
New York

JOINT COMMUNIQUE
on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between
Ukraine and the Kingdom of Lesotho

The Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho,

Desirous of further developing relations of friendship and co-operation between their two countries on the basis of mutual respect for the principles of sovereign equality of States, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

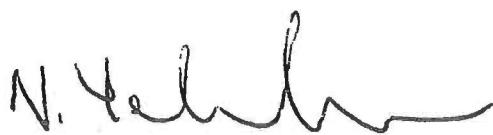
Intending to develop bilateral co-operation in the political, trade, economic and other fields of interest to both countries,

Have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level as of 1 June 2000.

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué.

Done at New York on this 1st day of June, two thousand (2000), in duplicate, each copy in Ukrainian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Ukraine



H.E. MR. VOLODYMYR YEL'CHENKO

**Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Ukraine
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**For the Government
of the Kingdom of Lesotho**



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