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12 December 2014

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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents des Fidji et de Malte auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 12 décembre 2014



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



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

11 December, 2014

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that diplomatic relations were established between the Republic of Fiji and the Republic of Malta today, 11 December, 2014.

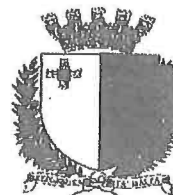
We kindly request Your Excellency to circulate the enclosed Joint Communiqué, which we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, among all Members States and Observer Missions of the United Nations.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Christopher Grima
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

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



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI AND THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

The Government of the Republic of Fiji and the Government of the Republic of Malta

Desirous to promote and strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between their two countries in the political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other fields,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on equality among States, respect for national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of other States and respect for international treaties,

Convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will further strengthen international peace and security,

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

In witness thereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have this Joint Communiqué.

Done in New York on 11 December, 2014

For the Government of the
Republic of Fiji

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H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

For the Government of the
Republic of Malta

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