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14 February 2000

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14 février 2000

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

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

New York, 11 February 2000

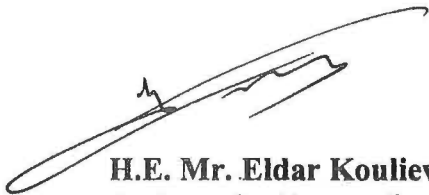
Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you about the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Republic of Suriname, at Ambassadorial level, in a ceremony held this day in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to distribute the attached Joint Communiqué as an official document to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

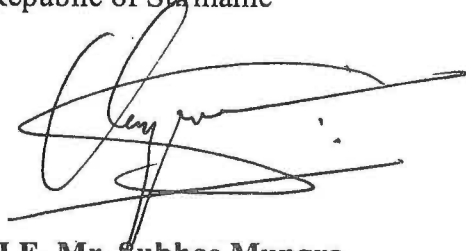
We take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of the  
Republic of Azerbaijan



**H.E. Mr. Eldar Kouliev**  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
& Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations

For the Government of the  
Republic of Suriname



**H.E. Mr. Subhas Mungra**  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
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Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE**  
**On the establishment of diplomatic relations between**  
**the Republic of Suriname and the Republic of Azerbaijan**

The Government of the Republic of Suriname and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan:

With the purpose to promote the spirit of mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and cooperation among their two Peoples, guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on international peace and security, equality among States, respect for national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of States and respect for international treaties,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level, 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, in duplicate, each copy in Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

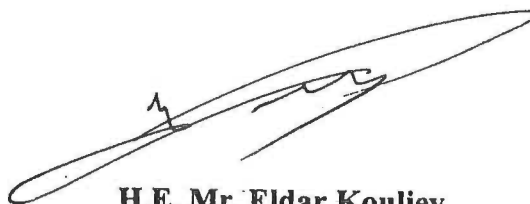
Done in New York, on 11 February 2000.

For the Government of the  
Republic of Suriname



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