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**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Macedonia**

**Permanent Mission of the
Democratic Republic of
Sao Tome and Principe**

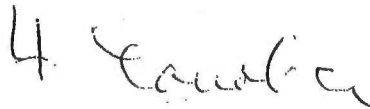
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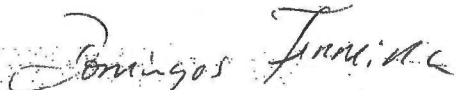
We have the honor to inform you that as from today, 11 July 2000, diplomatic relations have been established between the Governments of the Republic of Macedonia and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué, circulated as a document of the United Nations to all Member States for their information.

Please accept, Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.



Naste Calovski
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Domingos Augusto Ferreira
Charge d'affaires

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

**Joint Communiqué
on the establishment of Diplomatic relations between
the Republic of Macedonia and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe**

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, guided by mutual willingness to develop friendly relations and cooperation, between the two States in political, trade, economic and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level with effect from the date of signature of the present Joint Communiqué.

The two countries have agreed to establish diplomatic relations based on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961 and principles and norms of the Charter of the United Nations and International Law.

The Republic of Macedonia and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both states and will further strengthen international peace and security.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate in English.

Done in New York, on 11 July 2000

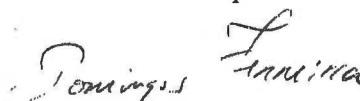
For the Government of
the Republic of Macedonia



H. E. Mr. Naste Calovski

Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

For the Government of
the Democratic Republic of Sao
Tome and Principe



M. Domingos Augusto Ferreira

Charge d'affaires a.i.