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15 April 2015

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

Le 15 avril 2015



Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Latvia  
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Kiribati  
to the United Nations

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of 10 April 2015, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries at Ambassadorial level.

We, therefore, kindly request your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, and the text of this letter, circulated to all Member States as an official document of the United Nations.

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

New York, on 10 April 2015

**For the Government of  
the Republic of Latvia**

**H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks**  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
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to the United Nations

**For the Government of  
the Republic of Kiribati**

**H.E. Mrs. Makurita Baaro**  
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**H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon**  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**

The Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Kiribati,

With the purpose to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and co-operation among their two peoples,

On the basis of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on the respect for and promotion of international peace and security and on the respect of international treaties, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

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

In witness thereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate in Latvian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

New York, on 10 April 2015

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