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Le 10 octobre 2013



Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Latvia  
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of  
the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste  
to the United Nations

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of 27 September 2013, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries at ministerial level.

We, therefore, kindly request your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that Ministers of Foreign Affairs 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, 27 September 2013

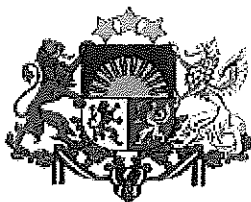
**For the Government of  
the Republic of Latvia**

**H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks**  
Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Latvia  
to the United Nations

**For the Government of  
the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**

**H.E. Mrs. Sofia Mesquita Borges**  
Permanent Representative  
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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 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
TIMOR-LESTE**

The Republic of Latvia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste,

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 basis of mutual respect of equality among States, sovereignty, political independence, international treaties, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of another State, as well as of promotion of international peace and security,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ministerial 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 27 September 2013

**For the Republic of Latvia**

**For the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**

**H.E. Mr. Edgars Rinkēvičs**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Latvia

**H.E. Mr. José Luis Guterres**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation  
of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste