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25 March 2010

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Le 25 Mars 2010

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

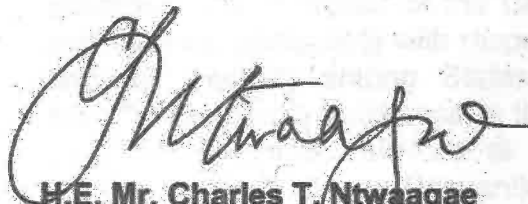
**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Guinea Bissau
to the United Nations**

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of today, 22 March 2010, the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau have established diplomatic relations.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency would have this letter and the Joint Communiqué, as enclosed, circulated as a United Nations document to all Member States for their information.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



H.E. Mr. Charles T. Ntwaagae
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of the Republic
of Botswana to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Alfredo Lopes Cabral
Ambassador and Permanent
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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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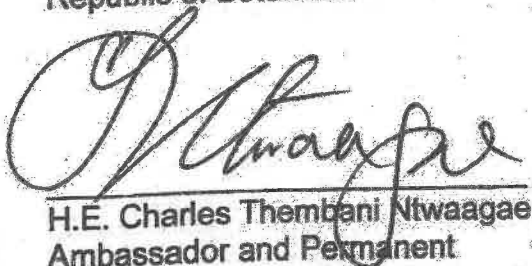
JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
AND
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The Governments of the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau guided by their mutual willingness to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and co-operation between their peoples, based on the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law and treaties, particularly with respect to and the promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, 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 the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed in duplicate this Joint Communiqué in the English language.

Done in New York, United States of America, on 22 March, 2009.

For the Government of the
Republic of Botswana



H.E. Charles Thembani Ntwaagae
Ambassador and Permanent
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For the Government of the
Republic of Guinea Bissau



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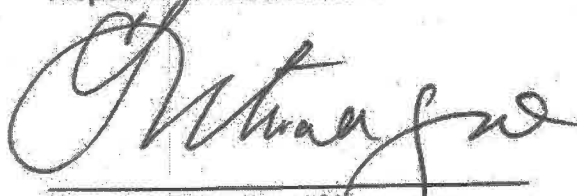
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