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25 March 2010

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Le 25 mars 2010

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

**Permanent Mission of the
Independent State of
Samoa to the United Nations**

March 18, 2010

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of today, March 18, 2010, the Republic of Botswana and the Independent State of Samoa 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
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**H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia
Ambassador and Permanent
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**His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York**

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

The Governments of the Independent State of Samoa and the Republic of Botswana 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.

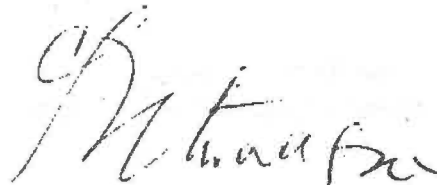
Done in New York, United States of America on March 18, 2010.

For the Government of the
Independent State of Samoa



H.E Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia
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For the Government of the
Republic of Botswana



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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
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