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22 October 2009

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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais et en français, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Ministres des affaires étrangères de la Finlande et de Sainte-Lucie.

Le 22 octobre 2009

Permanent Mission of Finland  
to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Saint Lucia  
to the United Nations

New York, 23 September 2009

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

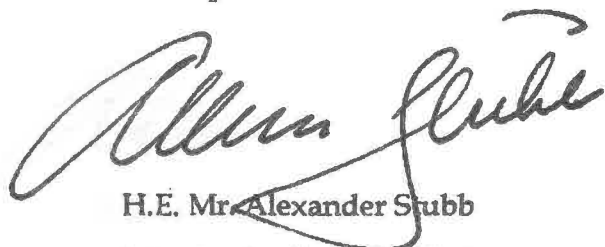
Excellency,

We have the honour to inform that the Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of Saint Lucia have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries as of 23 September 2009.

We request your kind assistance in transmitting the enclosed joint communiqué in English and French, which we have signed on behalf of our respective governments, to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations for their information.

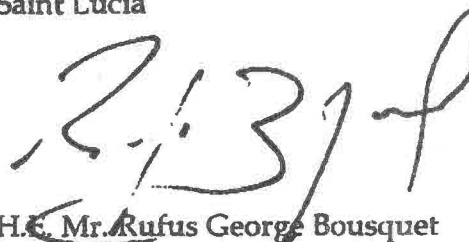
Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

For the Government of  
the Republic of Finland



H.E. Mr. Alexander Stubb  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of  
Saint Lucia



H.E. Mr. Rufus George Bousquet  
Minister for External Affairs

## JOINT COMMUNIQUE

### on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of Finland and Saint Lucia

The Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of Saint Lucia,

Desiring to promote mutual understanding and consolidate relations of friendship and cooperation between their peoples, being guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations;

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of signature of the present joint communiqué;

Agree that their diplomatic and consular relations shall be based on the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963;

In witness whereof, their Excellencies Ministers for Foreign Affairs, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present joint communiqué in French and English, both texts being equally authentic.

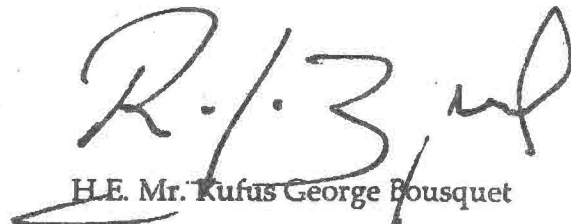
Done at New York, on 23 September 2009

For the Government of  
the Republic of Finland



H.E. Mr. Alexander Stubb  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of  
Saint Lucia



H.E. Mr. Rufus George Bousquet  
Minister for External Affairs

## COMMUNIQUE CONJOINT

### Relatif de l'établissement des relations diplomatiques entre La République de Finlande et Sainte-Lucie

Le Gouvernement de la République de Finlande et le Gouvernement de Sainte-Lucie,

Désireux de promouvoir la compréhension mutuelle et de consolider les relations amicales et de coopération entre leurs peuples, conformément aux principes et objectifs de la Charte des Nations Unies;

Ont décidé d'établir des relations diplomatiques à compter de la date de signature du présent communiqué conjoint;

Sont convenus que leurs relations diplomatiques et consulaires seront fondées sur les dispositions de la Convention de Vienne sur les relations diplomatiques du 18 avril 1961 et de la Convention de Vienne sur les relations consulaires du 24 avril 1963.

En foi de quoi, leurs Excellences les Ministres des Affaires Etrangères, dûment mandatés par leurs Gouvernements respectifs, ont signé ce communiqué conjoint en langues française et anglaise, chacune des deux langues faisant également foi.

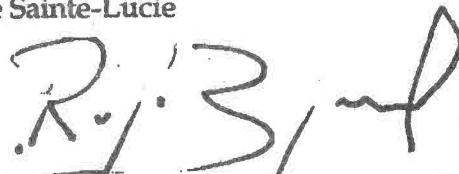
New York, le 23 septembre 2009

Pour le Gouvernement  
de la République de Finlande



S.E. M. Alexander Stubbs  
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères

Pour le Gouvernement  
de Sainte-Lucie



S.E. M. Rufus George Fousquet  
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères