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Le 4 février 2009

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
INDEPENDENT STATE OF
SAMOA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS


New York, 23 January 2009

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of today, 23 January 2009, the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Independent State of Samoa have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

We therefore kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué circulated as United Nations documents to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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



H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Estonia
to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia
Ambassador Extraordinary
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To: H. E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the
United Nations

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

The Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Independent State of Samoa,

With the purpose of promoting and strengthening the friendship and co-operation between the two countries and their peoples, based on equality, mutual respect of sovereign independence, territorial integrity, as well as the non interference in internal affairs of each State,

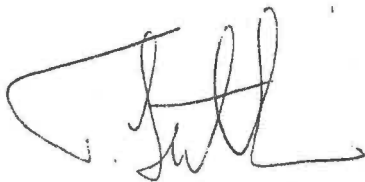
Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level, as of the date of signing of the Joint Communiqué,

In testimony of which, the undersigned, duly authorised by their respective Governments, sign the Communiqué in duplicate in Estonian, Samoan and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York on 23 January 2009

For the Government of
the Republic of Estonia



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