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Le 18 décembre 2009

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF SAINT LUCIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 23 September 2009

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of today, 23 September 2009, the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of Saint Lucia 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. Mr. Urmas Paet

Minister of Foreign Affairs of

The Republic of Estonia

H.E. Mr Rufus George Bousquet

Minister for External Affairs

International Trade and Investment of

Saint Lucia

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 ESTONIA AND SAINT LUCIA

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

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 Convention of Vienna on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, and the Convention of Vienna on Consular Relations of 1963,

Have decided to establish Diplomatic Relations at Ministerial 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 the Estonian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York on 23 September 2009

For the Government of the Republic of Estonia

For the Government of Saint Lucia

H.E. Mr. Urmas Pact Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E.Mr. Rufus George Bousquet Minister for External Affairs, International Trade and Investment