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Le 17 février 2009

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

New York, 11 February 2009

Excellency,

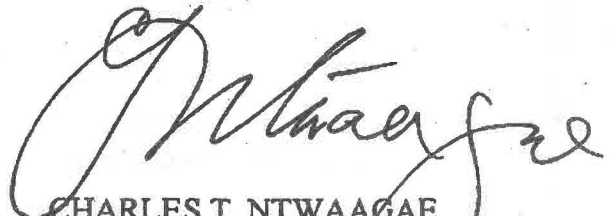
We have the honour to inform you that as of today, 11 February 2009, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Republic of Botswana have established diplomatic relations.

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.



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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the Republic of Botswana,

With the desire to strengthen and develop the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, and thus to contribute to peace, stability and development in their regions and the world at large,

In the framework of the objectives and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the articles of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, signed on April 18th 1961,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level between the two countries.

This Joint Communiqué will enter into force upon signing.

Done in New York on February 11th 2009 in duplicate in English.

On behalf of
the Government of the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam



LE LUONG MINH
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

On behalf of
the Government of the Republic of Botswana



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