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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 Représentants permanents de l'Australie et du Burkina Faso auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 14 novembre 2008



BURKINA FASO



6 November 2008

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Burkina Faso and the Government of Australia have established diplomatic relations as of today. Attached is a Joint Communiqué we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

We kindly request Your Excellency to have the text of this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated as a United Nations document.

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

For the Government of Burkina Faso

Handwritten signature of Michel Kafando in black ink.

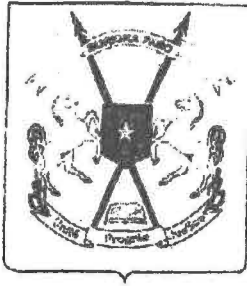
**H.E. Mr. Michel Kafando
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Burkina Faso to the United Nations**

For the Government of Australia

Handwritten signature of Robert Hill in black ink.

**H.E. Mr Robert Hill
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Australia to the United Nations**

**H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
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BURKINA FASO



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

On establishment of diplomatic relations between

**Australia
and
Burkina Faso**

The Government of Australia and the Government of Burkina Faso, being desirous of strengthening the friendly relations existing between the two countries and promoting mutually beneficial co-operation and on the basis of mutual respect and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non interference in the internal affairs of other states,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961,

Have mutually decided to establish diplomatic relations, with effect from the date of signature of the present joint communiqué,

In witness thereof, the undersigned plenipotentiaries, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed the joint communiqué.

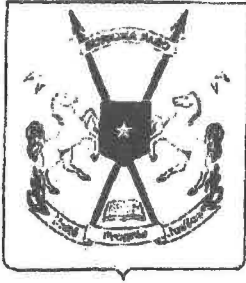
Done in New York, United States of America, on 13 November 2008 in duplicate, each in English and French language, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Government of
Australia**

H.E.Mr. Robert Hill
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Australia
to the United Nations

**For the Government of
Burkina Faso**

H.E.Mr. Michel Kafando
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Burkina Faso
to the United Nations



BURKINA FASO



COMMUNIQUÉ CONJOINT

Portant établissement de relations diplomatiques Entre

Le Burkina Faso

et

L'Australie

Le Gouvernement d'Australie et le Gouvernement du Burkina Faso, désireux de renforcer les relations amicales existant entre les deux pays et promouvoir une coopération mutuellement bénéfique et sur la base du respect mutuel et des principes de souveraineté, d'intégrité territoriale et de non-ingérence dans les affaires intérieures,

Guidés par les buts et principes de la Charte des Nations Unies et la Convention de Vienne sur les relations diplomatiques du 18 avril 1961,

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

En foi de quoi les soussignés plénipotentiaires, dûment autorisés par leur Gouvernement respectifs, ont signé le présent communiqué conjoint.

Fait à New York, Etats-Unis d'Amérique, le 13 Novembre 2008 en deux exemplaires originaux, en langues française et anglaise, les deux textes faisant également foi.

**Pour le Gouvernement du
Burkina Faso**

S.E.M. Michel Kafando
Ambassadeur Représentant
Permanent du Burkina Faso
auprès des Nations Unies

**Pour le Gouvernement
d'Australie**

S.E.M. Robert Hill
Ambassadeur Représentant
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