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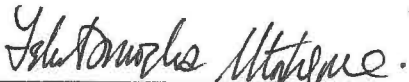
New York, 26 November, 2008

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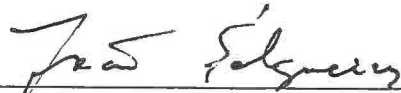
We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga and the Government of the Portuguese Republic have established diplomatic relations as of today, 26 November 2008.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated as a document of the United Nations.

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



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**JOINT-COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN KINGDOM OF TONGA  
AND PORTUGAL**

The Governments of Portugal and the Kingdom of Tonga, convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and international security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations, have decided to establish formal diplomatic relations, at the level of Non-Resident Ambassadors, effective 26 November 2008, in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention that regulate Diplomatic Relations.

Both Governments express their confidence that this agreement will contribute to the strengthening of mutual cooperation in areas of common interest for the benefit of both countries, which share the same objectives and goals of promoting peace, democracy and justice in their relations.

New York, 26 November, 2008

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