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Le 6 novembre 2008



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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary General and has the honour to forward herewith, self explanatory letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008, addressed to the Secretary General, jointly by the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana, on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary General, the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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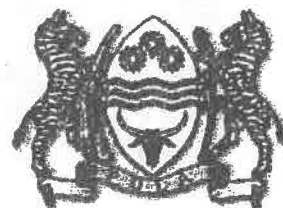
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Permanent Mission of the Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka to the United  
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Permanent Mission of the Republic  
of Botswana to the United Nations

October 27, 2008

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform, Your Excellency, that the Government of the Republic of Botswana and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka 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.

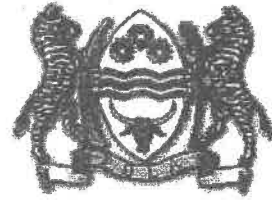
For the Government of the Democratic  
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**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**  
**AND**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**  
**THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**  
**AND THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

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 decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level 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 in two original texts in English, both copies being equally authentic.

Done in New York, United States of America on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

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