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Permanent Representatives of Armenia and Benin to the
United Nations.

10 August 2007

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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais,
est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de
l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des
Représentants permanents de l'Arménie et du Bénin auprès de
l'Organisation.

Le 10 août 2007

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

**PERMANENT MISSION
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New York, August 2, 2007

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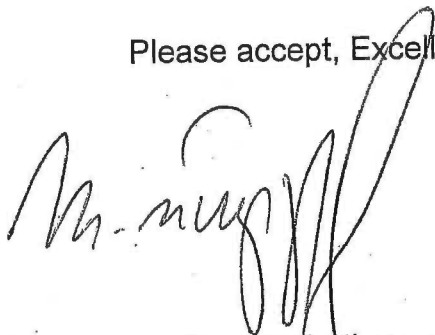
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Excellency,

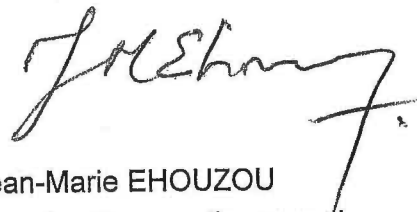
We have the honor to inform you that the Republic of Benin and the Republic of Armenia established diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level as of today, August 2, 2007. Attached is the Joint Communiqué signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

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

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



Armen Martirosyan
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary, Permanent
Representative of the Republic of
Armenia
to the United Nations



Jean-Marie EHOZOU
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary, Permanent
Representative of the Republic of
Benin
to the United Nations

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

**PROTOCOL
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

The Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Benin,

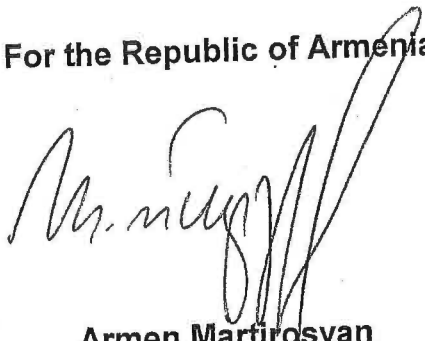
Desirous to promote mutual understanding and to strengthen the relations of friendship and cooperation between their two peoples,

Determined to develop these relations guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level, as of the date of signing of this Protocol, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.

Done in New York, on August 2, 2007.


For the Republic of Armenia



Armen Martirosyan

**Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary, Permanent
Representative
of the Republic of Armenia
to the United Nations**

For the Republic of Benin



**H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie EHOZOU
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary, Permanent
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