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Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Dominica to the United Nations.

10 August 2007

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Le 10 aôut 2007

PERMANENT MISSION OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF DOMINICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 23 July 2007

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that the Government of Botswana and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica have established diplomatic relations as of today July 23, 2007. Attached is a Joint Declaration we have signed on behalf of our respective governments to this effect.

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

Please accept, Excellency the assurance of our highest consideration.

For the Government of Botswana

For the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica

H. E. Mr. Samuel O. Outlule

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Permanent Representative of

Botswana to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Crispin S. Gregoire

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth

Dominica to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon Secretary General of the United Nations New York

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

BETWEEN

THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

AND

THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA 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 23rd July 2007.

For the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica

For the Government of the Republic of Botswana

Mr. Crispin S. Gregoire

Ambassador and Permanent

Representative of the Commonwealth of

Dominica to the United Nations

Mr. Samuel Otsile Outlule

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of

Botswana to the United Nations