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Le 30 avril 2007

**Permanent Mission of Ireland  
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth  
of the Bahamas to the United Nations**

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of today the Governments of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Ireland have established diplomatic relations

We therefore kindly request that the enclosed Joint Communiqué, which we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, be circulated to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

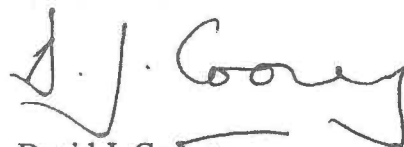
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of the Commonwealth  
of the Bahamas

For the Government of Ireland



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**Establishment of Diplomatic Relations  
between Ireland and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas**

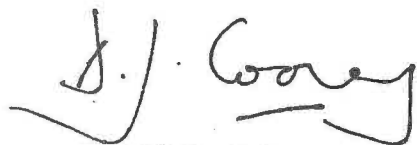
The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, guided by a shared willingness to develop ties of friendship and cooperation between the two States in the political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations, at the Ambassadorial level, with effect from the date of signature of the present Communiqué.

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas hereby agree that the establishment of diplomatic relations between their two countries will be guided by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and on the principles and norms of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law.

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

Signed at New York on 23 April 2007.

For the Government of Ireland



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For the Government of the Commonwealth of  
the Bahamas



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