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Permanent Representatives of the Gambia and Iceland to
the United Nations.

10 June 2004

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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 la Gambie et de l'Islande
auprès de l'Organisation.

10 juin 2004

**The Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Iceland
to the United Nations**

**The Permanent Mission of
the Gambia
to the United Nations**

New York, 11 May 2004

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of today, 11 May 2004, the Government of the Republic of Iceland and the Government of the Gambia have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

We therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué circulated as United Nations documents to all member states of the United Nations for their information.

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



**Hjálmar W. Hannesson
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Iceland
to the United Nations**



**Crispin Grey-Johnson
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
the Gambia
to the United Nations**

**To: H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary General of the
United Nations**

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE GAMBIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND**

The Gambia and the Republic of Iceland,

With the purpose to promote mutual understanding and to strengthen the friendship and cooperation among their two Peoples,

On the basis of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on the respect for and promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, international treaties, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

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

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate, in English, both texts being equally authentic.

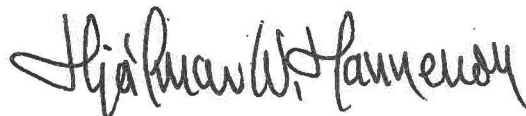
New York, 11 May 2004

For the Gambia



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