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6 mars 2003

**Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Mauritius  
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of The Gambia  
to the United Nations**

**New York, 4 March 2003**

Excellency,

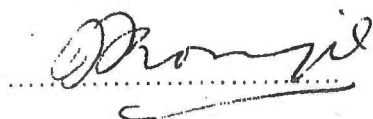
We have the honour to inform, Your Excellency, that the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the Republic of The Gambia have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries as of today.

We ask for your kind assistance in transmitting the enclosed Joint Communiqué, which we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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


**For the Government of the  
Republic of Mauritius**

**For the Government of the  
Republic of The Gambia**



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**JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS  
AND  
THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the Republic of The Gambia desirous of promoting relations of friendship and cooperation for mutual benefit between the two nations on the basis of equality, mutual respect of each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,


Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level as from the date of signature of this Communiqué.

These relations will be developed in conformity with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

Done in New York on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2003 in duplicate.

**For the Government of the  
Republic of Mauritius**



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