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26 December 2003

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26 décembre 2003

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

**PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF TIMOR-LESTE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

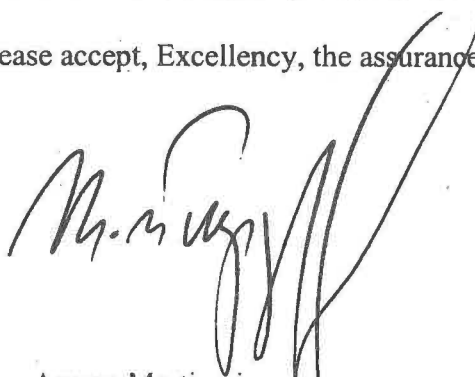
New York, 23 December, 2003

Excellency,

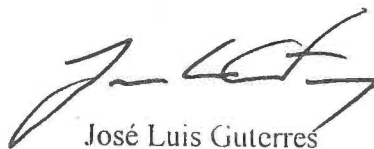
We have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Armenia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste have established diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level as of today, 23 December 2003. Attached is the Protocol signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

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

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



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



José Luis Guterres
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative
of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste
to the United Nations

His Excellency
Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

PROTOCOL
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

The Republic of Armenia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

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

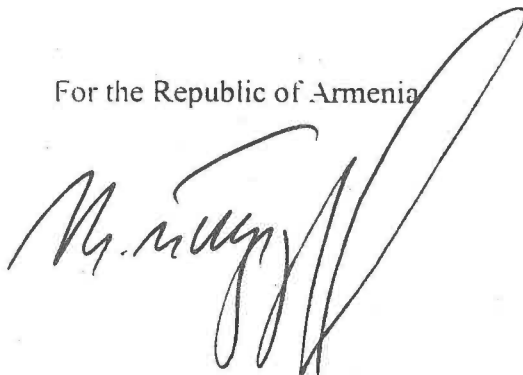
Determined to develop these relations guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

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.

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol in three originals in Armenian, Portuguese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on ~~22~~ December 2003.

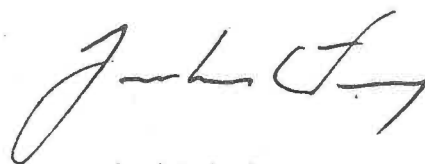
For the Republic of Armenia



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