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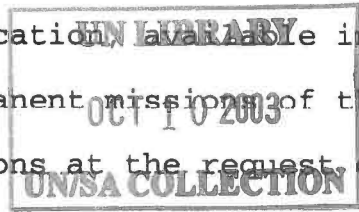
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3 October 2003

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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 Namibie et du Timor-Leste auprès de l'Organisation.

3 octobre 2003

**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Namibia
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of the
Democratic Republic of
Timor-Leste to the United Nations**

New York, 1 October 2003

Excellency,

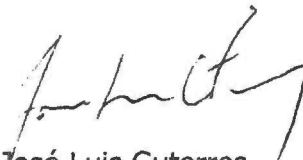
We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as from today, 1 October 2003, diplomatic relations have been established between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to circulate the enclosed Joint Communiqué among the Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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



Martin Andjaba
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Namibia
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



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

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

Desirous to develop and strengthen relations of friendship and cooperation for mutual benefit between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Republic of Namibia, in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations, and the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Republic of Namibia have agreed to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at the Ambassadorial level as of today, 1 October 2003.

Done at New York on 1 October 2003, in duplicate in the English language.

**For the Government of
the Democratic Republic of
Timor-Leste**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'José Ramos Horta'.

José Ramos-Horta
Minister of State for Foreign
Affairs and Cooperation

**For the Government of
the Republic of Namibia**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hidipo Hamutenya'.

Hidipo Hamutenya
Minister of Foreign Affairs