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28 May 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 du Swaziland et des Tonga auprès de l'Organisation.

28 mai 2003

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations

New York, 22 May 2003

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, in accordance with the purposes of the principles established in the United Nations Charter and with reference to the relevant provisions of the Vienna Conventions that regulate diplomatic and consular relations between states, have decided to establish, as from today, diplomatic and consular relations between them.

We have the honour, further, to kindly request Your Excellency to transmit this information, with the enclosed Communiqué, to the Permanent Missions of all Member States of the United Nations.

We take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Clifford Sibusiso Mamba

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and

Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau Tupou

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and

Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga 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 KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND AND THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga;

Desirous to promote the relations of friendship and cooperation between its respective peoples and countries in the political, economic and cultural fields both at national and international levels;

Driven by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and other rules of International Law, particularly those pertaining to the mutual respect for independence, sovereign equality, territorial integrity, the promotion of friendly relations, non-interference in domestic affairs and the free exercise of the right to self-determination;

Convinced that the establishment of Diplomatic Relations serves the National interest of both States;

Hereby agree;

To establish Diplomatic Relations at the level of Ambassadors, from the date on which this Agreement is signed.

Done in New York on 22 May 2003, in two original copies in the English language, both being equally authentic.

H.E. Mr. Clifford Sibusiso Mamba Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to the United Nations

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND

H.E. Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau Tupou Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to the United Nations

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA