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21 mai 2003

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
MALTA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS**

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

20th May, 2003

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of MALTA and the Government of the Democratic Republic of TIMOR-LESTE have established diplomatic relations as of today, 20th May, 2003. Attached is a Joint communiqué we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

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

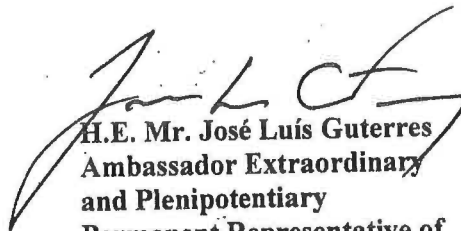
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of MALTA

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



**H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
Malta to the United Nations**



**H.E. Mr. José Luís Guterres
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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

On the establishment of the diplomatic relations Between Malta and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste guided by the mutual willingness to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two States in political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level with effect from the date of the signature of the present Joint Communiqué.

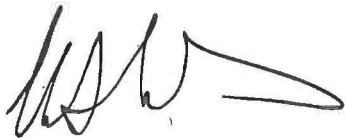
The Parties to this agreement agree that their diplomatic relations will be founded on the principles and norms of the United Nations Charter and International Law.

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will strengthen international peace and security.

The two Parties further agree that their consular relations shall be guided by the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24th April, 1963.

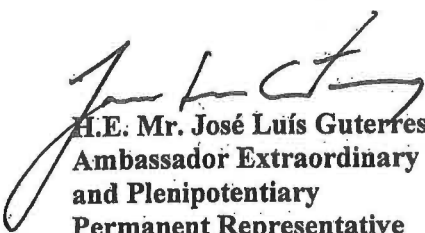
Signed in New York on 20th May, 2003.

For the Government of Malta



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For the Government of the
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