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Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Timor-Leste
to the United Nations.

20 February 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 l' Irlande et du Timor-
Leste auprès de l'Organisation.

20 février 2003

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

Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations


Excellency

We have the honour to inform you that as from 31 January 2003, diplomatic relations have been established between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Ireland. Attached is the Joint Communiqué to this effect.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency would have this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated as a United Nations document.

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

José Luis Guterres
Permanent Representative


Richard Ryan
Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations
New York

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between Ireland and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste:


Wishing to develop mutual understanding and to strengthen friendship and cooperation among their two peoples based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law;

Convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations is in the interest of both states and will contribute to the consolidation of cooperation and peace in the world;

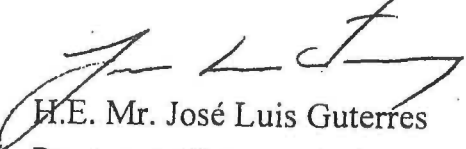
Have decided to establish diplomatic relations, at ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communique.

Done in duplicate, in the English language at New York on the 31st day of January, 2003.

For the Government of Ireland


H.E. Mr Richard Ryan
Permanent Representative
of Ireland to the United Nations

For the Government of the Democratic
Republic of Timor-Leste


H.E. Mr. José Luis Guterres
Permanent Representative
of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to
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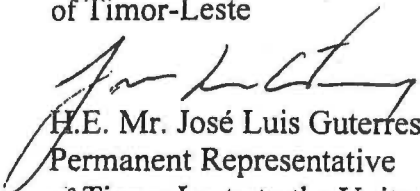
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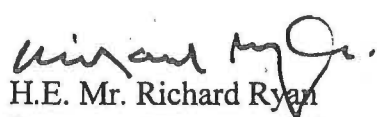
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