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**Permanent Mission of  
Belize to the United Nations**

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

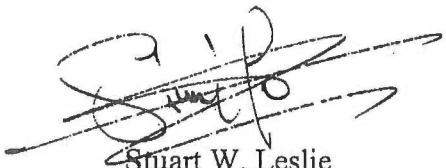
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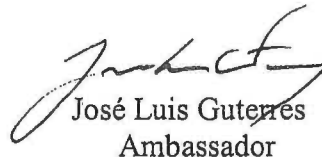
We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that Belize and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste have established diplomatic relations as of today, 15 April 2003. Attached is a copy of the Joint Communiqué that we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

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

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



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**H.E. MR. KOFI ANNAN**  
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# JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

## ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BELIZE AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

The Government of Belize and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, guided by the principles enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations and being desirous of developing and strengthening relations of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, as of the day of the signing of this Communiqué in two originals in English language.

The relations between the two States will be based on the principles of sovereign equality, mutual respect, self-determination, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other.

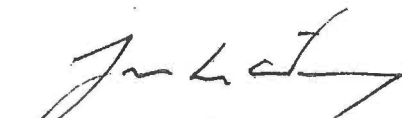
Done in New York, on 15 April 2003.

For the Government of  
Belize



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