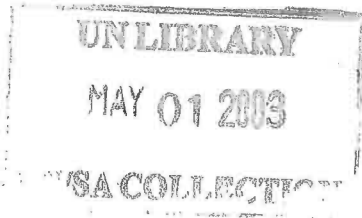


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28 avril 2003



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS**

New York, 24 April, 2003


Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today April 24, 2003 the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia have established Diplomatic Relations.


We, therefore, request Your Excellency to distribute to all the States Members of the United Nations the enclosed Joint Declaration that we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments.

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

**For the Government of the  
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

  
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**JOINT DECLARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND  
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Both parties wish to express their mutual confidence that establishing diplomatic relations and exchanging Ambassadors will help to develop bilateral cooperation and consolidate world peace.

The Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Macedonia reaffirm their willingness to establish bilateral relations in accordance with the United Nations Charter and based on the principles of peaceful co-existence, equality, respect for each other's sovereignty, respect for territorial integrity of each other's country and mutual non-interference in each other's domestic affairs.

Made and signed in two originals in English.

Done in New York, United States of America on:

Thursday, April 24, 2003

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