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25 April 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 Cap-Vert et des Maldives auprès de l'Organisation.

25 avril 2003



**Permanent Mission of the Republic of  
Maldives to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of the Republic  
of Cape Verde to the United Nations**

April 23, 2003.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan,  
Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York.

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Republic of Maldives and the Republic of Cape Verde have established Diplomatic Relations as of today, 23 April 2003. Attached are copies of the Joint Communiqué we have signed on behalf of our respective governments to this effect.

We would greatly appreciate if you would have the attached Joint Communiqué and the text of this letter circulated to all Member States as an official document of the United Nations.

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

**Mohamed Latheef**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of  
Maldives to the United Nations

**Luis de Matos Monteiro da Fonseca**  
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Cape Verde to the United Nations

**Joint Communiqué  
on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations  
between the  
Republic of Maldives  
and the  
Republic of Cape Verde**

The Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde, guided by the mutual willingness to develop fraternal ties of friendship and cooperation in political, economic, social, cultural, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two States as of the date of signing of this Joint Communiqué.

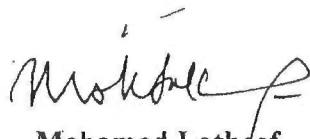
The two countries have agreed to establish diplomatic relations based on the principles and norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, International Law, and the principle of sovereign equality among states, mutual respect for territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in two originals in the English language.

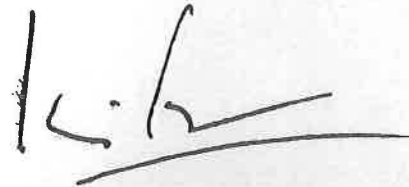
Done in New York, on 23 April 2003.

For the Government of the  
Republic of Maldives

For the Government of the  
Republic of Cape Verde



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