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24 March 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 Timor-Leste et de Maurice auprès de l'Organisation.

24 mars 2003

**Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Mauritius
to the United Nations**

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

New York, 20 March 2003

Excellency,

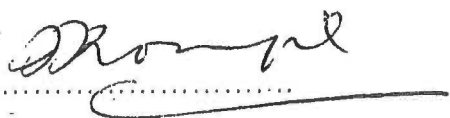
We have the honour to inform, Your Excellency, that the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries as of today.

We ask for your kind assistance in transmitting the enclosed Joint Communiqué, which we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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

**For the Government of the
Republic of Mauritius**

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



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**H.E. Mr. Kofi ANNAN
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New York**

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS
AND
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste desirous of promoting relations of friendship and cooperation for mutual benefit between the two nations on the basis of equality, mutual respect of each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,

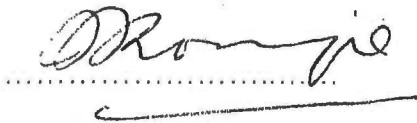
Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level as from the date of signature of this Communiqué.

These relations will be developed in conformity with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

Done in New York on *March 20, 2003* in duplicate.

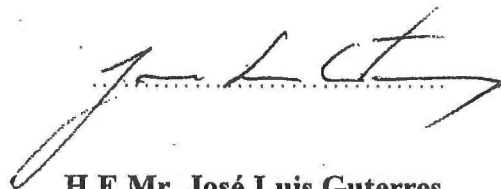
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