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20 février 2003

Permanent Mission of Switzerland
to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of the Republic
of the Marshall Islands
to the United Nations

New York, January 31, 2003

Excellency,

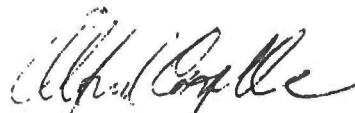
We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Switzerland and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands have established diplomatic relations as of January 22, 2003.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the Joint Communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries circulated in a United Nations document.

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



H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Swiss Confederation
to the United Nations



H.E. Mr. Alfred Capelle
Ambassador Extraordinary and
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His Excellency
Mr. Kofi Annan
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Swiss Confederation

Joint Communiqué
On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations
between
The Swiss Confederation
and
The Republic of the Marshall Islands

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and international security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations, have decided to establish formal diplomatic relations, in accordance with the Principles and Purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations.

Both Governments express their confidence that the establishment of diplomatic relations will contribute to the strengthening of mutual cooperation in the areas of common interest for the benefit of democracy and justice in their relations.

Signed in New York on January 22, 2003

For the Government of the
Swiss Confederation

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**Joint Communiqué
on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations
between
the Republic of the Marshall Islands
and the Swiss Federation**

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New York, *January 22*, 2003

For the Government of the
Republic of the Marshall Islands

Handwritten signature of Alfred Capelle in black ink.

H.E. Mr. Alfred Capelle
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of the Marshall Islands
to the United Nations

For the Government of the
Swiss Federation

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