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3 avril 2002



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



**Permanent Mission of  
Antigua and Barbuda to the  
United Nations**

25 March 2002

His Excellency Mr. Kofi A. Annan,  
Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York.

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Republic of Maldives and Antigua and Barbuda have established diplomatic relations as of today, 25 March 2002. Attached is a 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.

Handwritten signature of Hussain Shihab in black ink.

**Hussain Shihab**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of Maldives to the United Nations

Handwritten signature of Patrick Albert Lewis in black ink.

**Patrick Albert Lewis**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
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**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**  
**BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES**  
**AND ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

The Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, 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, as of the day of the signing of this Communiqué.

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

Done in New York, on 25 March 2002, in two originals in English language.

For the Government of  
the Republic of Maldives

For the Government of  
Antigua and Barbuda



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