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2 December 2002

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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 du Vice-Ministre des affaires étrangères et de la cooperation de Timor-Leste et du Représentant permanent des Tonga auprès de l'Organisation.

2 décembre 2002

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

**Permanent Mission  
of the Kingdom of Tonga  
to the United Nations**

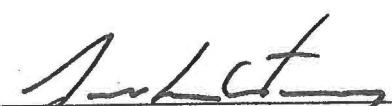
**New York, 26 November 2002**

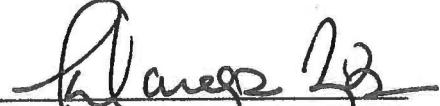
**Excellency,**

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, in accordance with the purposes of the principles established in the United Nations Charter and with reference to the relevant provisions of the Vienna Conventions that regulate diplomatic and consular relations between states, have decided to establish, as from today, diplomatic and consular relations between them.

We have the honour, further, to kindly request Your Excellency to transmit this information, with the enclosed Communiqué, to the Permanent Missions of all Member States of the United Nations.

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

  
**H.E. Mr. José Luis Guterres**  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs  
And Cooperation and Permanent  
Representative of the Democratic Republic  
of Timor-Leste to the United Nations

  
**H.E. Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau Tupou**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary and Permanent  
Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga  
to the United Nations

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

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE  
AND  
THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga;

*Desirous* to promote the relations of friendship and cooperation between its respective peoples and countries in the political, economic and cultural fields both at national and international levels;

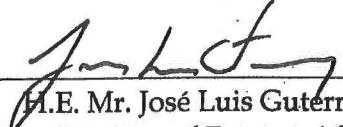
*Driven* by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and other rules of International Law, particularly those pertaining to the mutual respect for independence, sovereign equality, territorial integrity, the promotion of friendly relations, non-interference in domestic affairs and the free exercise of the right to self-determination;

*Convinced* that the establishment of Diplomatic Relations serves the National interest of both States;

Hereby agree;

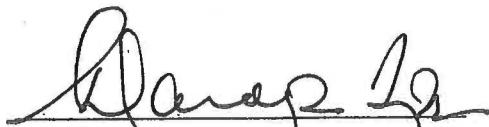
To establish Diplomatic Relations at the level of Ambassadors, from the date on which this Agreement is signed.

Done in New York on 26 November 2002, in two original copies in the English language, both being equally authentic.



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Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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Representative to the United Nations

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
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