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19 July 2002

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

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of the Kingdom of Tonga
to the United Nations**

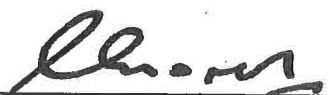
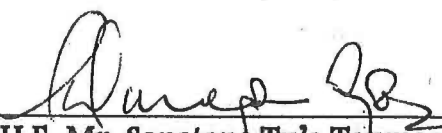
New York, 12 July 2002

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, in accordance with the purposes and 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 Protocol, 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.


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and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Seychelles
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H.E. Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau Tupou
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to the United Nations

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES
AND
THE KINGDOM OF TONGA**

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, guided by shared willingness to develop ties of friendship and cooperation in the political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other files, have decided to establish relations.

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga hereby agree to the establishment of diplomatic relations between their two countries as of the date of this Note based on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and on the principles and norms of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law.

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

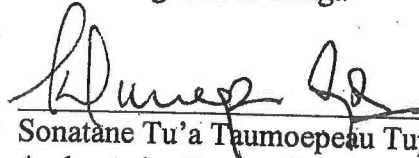
Signed in New York on 12 July 2002

For the Government
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