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18 septembre 2002

H.E. Mr Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations

14 September 2002

Your Excellency

We are pleased to advise you that Australia and Bhutan have agreed today to establish diplomatic relations pursuant to Article 2 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. A copy of a joint communique to this effect is enclosed.

Australia and Bhutan will appoint Ambassadors soon in accordance with international practice.

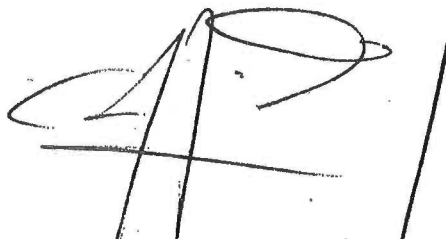
We are confident that establishment of formal diplomatic relations will consolidate the friendly relations shared by our two countries and enhance our political contacts, cooperation and business, cultural and community links.

We would be grateful if a copy of this letter could be distributed to all Member States of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely



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