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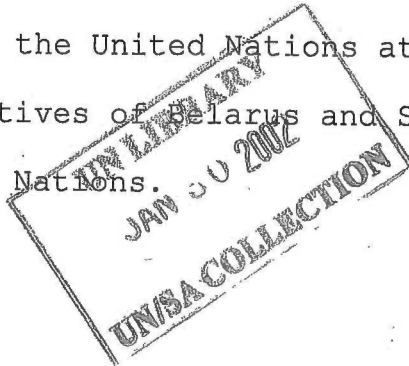


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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des représentants du Bélarus et de Sao Tomé-et-Principe auprès de l'Organisation.

25 janvier 2002

Permanent Mission of the  
Republic of Belarus to the  
United Nations

Permanent Mission of  
Sao Tome and Principe to the  
United Nations

New York, December 11, 2001

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as from today, December 11, 2001, diplomatic relations have been established between the Republic of Belarus and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué circulated as a document of the United Nations to all Member States, for their information.

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

For the Government of  
the Republic of Belarus



Mr. Sergei Ling  
Ambassador

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
the Republic of Belarus to the  
United Nations

For the Government of  
the Democratic Republic  
of Sao Tome and Principe



Mr. Domingos Ferreira  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Democratic Republic  
of Sao Tome and Principe to the  
United Nations

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

New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE**  
**on the establishment of diplomatic relations**  
**between**  
**the Republic of Belarus and**  
**the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe**

The Republic of Belarus and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe,

With the purpose to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and cooperation among their Peoples,

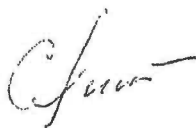
On the basis of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on international peace and security, equality among States, respect for national sovereignty, independence, international treaties, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in two copies in Belarusian and English, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on December 11, 2001.

For the Republic of Belarus



Mr. SERGEI LING  
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and Plenipotentiary  
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of the Republic of Belarus  
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