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17 avril 2002

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

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

10 April 2002

Excellency,


We have the honour to inform you that as from today, 10 April 2002, diplomatic relations have been established between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Republic of the Gambia.

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

For the Government of
the Republic of the Gambia



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Mr. Kofi Annan
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New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**

The Republic of Belarus and the Republic of the Gambia,

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 duplicate in Belarusian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on 10 April 2002.

For the Republic of Belarus

For the Republic of the Gambia



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