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PERMANENT MISSION OF UKRAINE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu have decided to formalise diplomatic relations between the two countries at the Ambassadorial level as of 29 September 1999.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that was signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu distributed as an official document to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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

Volodymyr Yel'chenko

Ambassador Extraordinary and

Plenipotentiary

Permanent Representative of Ukraine

to the United Nations

Selwyn Arutangai

Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary-General of the United Nations

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between Ukraine and the Republic of Vanuatu

The Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu,

Desirous of further developing relations of friendship and co-operation between their two countries on the basis of mutual respect for the principles of sovereign equality of States, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Intending to develop bilateral co-operation in the political, trade, economic and other fields of interest to both countries,

Have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level as of 29 September 1999.

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué.

Done at New York on this twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine (1999), in duplicate, each copy in Ukrainian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Ukraine

For the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu

H.E. Mr. Borys Tarasyuk

The Honourable Clement Leo

Minister for Foreign Affairs

of Ukraine

Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu