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2 September 1999

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2 septembre 1999

**PERMANENT MISSION OF  
JAMAICA TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LAO  
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

1999 August 27

Excellency,

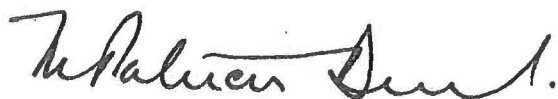
We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic have established diplomatic relations today, 27 August 1999. The Joint Communiqué signed by the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations to that effect is hereby attached.

We would be grateful if this communication could be brought to the attention of the member states of the United Nations.

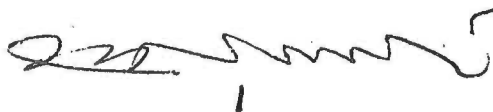
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of Jamaica

For the Government of the Lao  
People's Democratic Republic



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Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative



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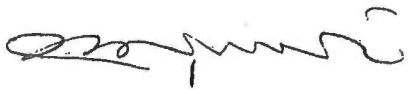
H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan  
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**Joint Communique on the  
Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between  
the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Jamaica**

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Government of Jamaica, desirous of promoting and strengthening the already existing friendly relations between the two countries and their peoples, and of promoting better understanding and cooperation, guided by the principles of sovereignty and mutual respect have, in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level, from the date of the signing of this Joint Communique.

Done at New York on August 27, 1999 in two original copies in English.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC



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