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

**Permanent Mission of  
the Islamic Republic of Iran  
to the United Nations**

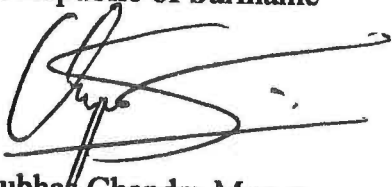
New York, 12 January 1998

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Governments of the Republic of Suriname and the Islamic Republic of Iran have agreed to establish diplomatic relations between our two countries at Ambassadorial level as of 11 December 1997. We therefore, request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Statement circulated as a United Nations document.

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

For the Government of  
the Republic of Suriname



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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**Joint Statement on  
Establishment of  
Diplomatic Relations between  
the Islamic Republic of Iran  
and  
Republic of Suriname**

Considering the friendly ties between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of Suriname, and desirous to further expand bilateral relations, the two Governments have decided to establish their diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level. The ambassadors will be designated in the near future.

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11, December 1997