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23 décembre 1997

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

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

**New York, 16 December 1997**

**Excellency,**

**We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Suriname, have established Diplomatic Relations as of today, 16 December 1997. Attached is a Joint Communiqué we have signed on behalf of our respective Countries to this effect.**

**We kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed distributed as United Nations documents.**

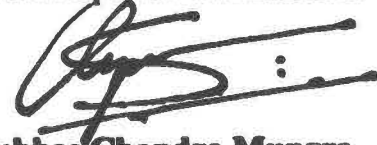
**Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.**

**For the Republic of the Philippines:**



**Felipe Mabilangan  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations**

**For the Republic of Suriname:**



**Subhas Chandra Mungra  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations**

**H.E. Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York**

**Joint Communiqué  
on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations  
between the Republic of Suriname and the  
Republic of the Philippines**

The Republic of Suriname and the Republic of the Philippines, guided by mutual willingness to develop fraternal ties of friendship and cooperation in the political, economic, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

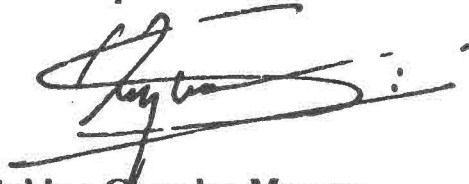
The two countries agreed to establish their diplomatic relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations and relevant principles and norms of the United Nations Charter and International Law.

The Republic of Suriname and the Republic of the Philippines are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of the two States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in two originals, in the English language, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York on 16 December 1997.

For the Republic of Suriname:



**Subhas Chandra Mungra**  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations

For the Republic of the Philippines:



**Felipe Mabilangan**  
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