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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents de la Croatie et de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée auprès de l'Organisation.

22 décembre 1997

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

**Permanent Mission of the  
Independent State of Papua New Guinea  
to the United Nations**

**5 December 1997**

**Excellency,**

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as from today, 5 December 1997, diplomatic relations have been established between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to circulate the enclosed Joint Communiqué to the Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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

**For the Government of the  
Republic of Croatia**

**For the Government of the  
Independent State of Papua New Guinea**



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**JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND  
THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

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The Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, guided by the common interests and the desire by both countries to promote and strengthen relations of friendship and co-operation, have decided to establish diplomatic relations and agreed to exchange Representatives at Ambassadorial level at a date to be agreed.

In establishing diplomatic relations, both Governments agreed to re-affirm their support and commitment to international law with respect to non-interference in internal affairs of States and respect for the sovereignty and independence of States and will co-operate in the mutual endeavour to strengthen international peace and security.

Both Governments also expressed their confidence that this Agreement will contribute to increased dialogue between the two countries on issues of common interest, as well as facilitate the exploration of new areas of co-operation.

Done at New York on 05 December 1997, in two original copies, each in Croatian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



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