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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 de la Croatie et de Sainte-Lucie auprès de l'Organisation.

17 décembre 1997

Permanent Mission of the Republic
of Croatia to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Saint
Lucia to the United Nations

10 December 1997

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as from today, 10 December 1997, diplomatic relations have been established between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of Saint Lucia.

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



IVAN ŠIMONOVIĆ
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

For the Government of
Saint Lucia -



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

New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND SAINT LUCIA**

The Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of Saint Lucia, desirous to promote and strengthen relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level as from the date of signing of this Joint Communique, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

In establishing diplomatic relations, the two countries reiterate their adherence to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

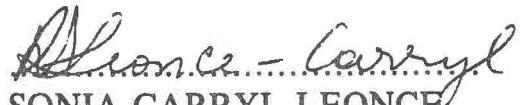
Done at New York, on 10 December 1997, in two original copies, each in Croatian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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

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