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2 octobre 1997

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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

New York, 19 September, 1997

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of 19 September, 1997 the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic have established Diplomatic Relations between their countries.

Therefore, we request, Your Excellency, to distribute to all the Member States of the United Nations the enclosed Protocol that we have signed on behalf of our Governments.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government
of the Republic of Kazakhstan



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For the Government of the Lao
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New York

Protocol
on the establishment of diplomatic relations
between
the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Lao People's Democratic Republic

The Republic of Kazakhstan and the Lao People's Democratic Republic following the mutual desire to develop friendship and cooperation in political, economic and cultural fields,

on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs as well as in accordance with the norms of international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

agreed to establish diplomatic relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961.

The Republic of Kazakhstan and the Lao People's Democratic Republic express their confidence that the establishment of the diplomatic relations between them meets their national interests and will promote the development of international cooperation.

Done at New York, September 19, 1997, in duplicate, each in Kazakh and in English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

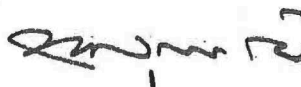
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