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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 Grèce et Saint-Vincent-etles Grenadines auprès de l'Organisation.

18 août 1997

PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT MISSION OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 13 August 1997

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that today the Governments of the Hellenic Republic and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have established diplomatic relations. Therefore, we would like to request Your Excellency to circulate the attached Joint Communique as a United Nations document.

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

For the Government of the Hellenic Republic

Christos Zacharakis Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative to the United Nations

His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary General of the United Nations New York For the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Herbert G.V. Young Ambassador Extraorilinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative to the United Nations

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

The Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

Desirous to promote the spirit of mutual understanding and to develop ties of friendship and co-operation between their two peoples, based on the principles of the United Nations Charter and International Law, particularly on international peace and security, equality among States, respect for national sovereignty, independence, respect for international treaties, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States;

Have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, at ambassadorial level, between the two countries in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, as from the date of signing of this Joint Communique.

Both Governments are confident that this agreement will contribute significantly in promoting mutual benefits in the spheres of commerce, economy, culture and other fields between the two countries.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Joint Communique in triplicate.

Done in New York, on 13 August, 1997

For the Government of the Hellenic Republic

Christos Zacharakis Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative to the United Nations For the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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