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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 du Belize et de la Finlande auprès de l'Organisation.

23 juin 1997

**Permanent Mission of Finland
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of Belize
to the United Nations**

Excellency,

We have the honour to advise Your Excellency that the Republic of Finland and Belize have established full diplomatic relations by an exchange of Notes verbale on June 19, 1997.

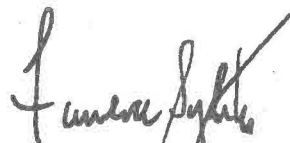
We kindly request that the attached Joint Communiqué announcing this event be circulated as a document of the United Nations to all members and observers of this Organization for their information.

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

New York, June 19, 1997



**Wilhelm Breitenstein
Permanent Representative
of Finland
to the United Nations**



**Lawrence A. Sylvester
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of Belize
to the United Nations**

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

**Joint Communiqué
On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations
between
the Republic of Finland
and
Belize**

The Republic of Finland and Belize take great pleasure in announcing the establishment of diplomatic relations between their countries by an Exchange of Notes verbale, effected on June 19, 1997 between their Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

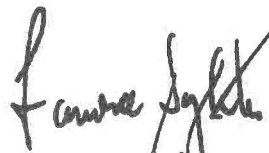
It is the intention of both Governments to complete the timely appointment of Ambassadors to each other's country. This will, initially, be on a Non-Resident basis, with Resident Ambassadors being appointed as and when circumstances permit.

Both Governments look forward to the further development of close and friendly relations between them and their peoples.

Done at New York on June 19, 1997



**Wilhelm Breitenstein
Permanent Representative
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