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17 avril 1996

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

**Permanent Mission of the Lao
People's Democratic Republic
to the United Nations**

New York, March 6, 1996

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as from March 6, 1996, diplomatic relations between the Republic of Macedonia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic have been established and that the Governments of both countries shall exchange diplomatic representatives at the Ambassadorial level.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to transmit this communication for information to the Member States.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of our highest consideration.



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Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of
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H.E. Mr. Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
Ambassador Extraordinary
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Permanent Representative of the
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His Excellency
Mr. Boutros Boutros-GHALI
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
AND
THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

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The Governments of the Republic of Macedonia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, guided by mutual willingness to promote the relations of friendship between the two countries and to widen horizons and areas of cooperation on the basis of principles of mutual respect of their sovereignty, equality and non-interference as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level, based on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

Both Governments further agreed to open their diplomatic Mission at a time convenient to and agreed upon by the two countries.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed the present Joint Communiqué..

Done in New York on March 6, 1996 in duplicate, each in English and Macedonian, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Lao
People's Democratic Republic



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For the Government of the
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