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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 l'Afrique du Sud et de Sainte-Lucie auprès de l'Organisation.

27 décembre 1996

**Permanent Mission of the  
Republic of South Africa  
to the United Nations  
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New York, NY 10016**

**Permanent Mission of  
Saint Lucia  
to the United Nations  
820 Second Ave., Suite 900  
New York, NY 10017**

**New York, 12 December 1996**

**Excellency**


**We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today, the Governments of the Republic of South Africa and Saint Lucia have established diplomatic relations, on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and International Law.**

**We have the honour, further, to request Your Excellency to transmit the attached Joint Communiqué to the Permanent Missions of Member States of the United Nations.**


**Please accept, Your Excellency, renewed assurances of our highest consideration.**

**For the Government of  
the Republic of South Africa**

**For the Government of  
Saint Lucia**



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Ambassador Extraordinary  
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Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York**

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

**The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Saint Lucia;**

**Desirous of developing bonds of friendship and cooperation between their two countries in the mutual interest of their peoples, based on the principles of the United Nations Charter and International Law, particularly the promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, respect for the independence, national sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States;**

**Have decided 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.**


**This Joint Communique shall enter into force on the day of signature thereof.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed and sealed this Joint Communique, in duplicate.**

**Done at New York on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1996.**

**For the Government of  
the Republic of South Africa**

**For the Government of  
Saint Lucia**

  
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