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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 des Iles Salomon et de l'Afrique du Sud auprès de l'Organisation.

23 décembre 1996

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Republic of South Africa
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**Permanent Mission of
Solomon Islands
to the United Nations
820 Second Ave., Suite 800B
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New York, 11th December 1996

Excellency


We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today, the Governments of the Republic of South Africa and Solomon Islands 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 Communique 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
Solomon Islands**


**KHIPHUSIZI JOSIAH JELE
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
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**REX STEPHEN HOROI
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**H.E. Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York**

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE
SOLOMON ISLANDS**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Solomon Islands;

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 11th day of December 1996.

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


**KHIPHUSIZI JOSIAH JELE
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
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