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11 December 1996

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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 République démocratique populaire lao et de la Zambie auprès de l'Organisation.

11 décembre 1996

Permanent Mission of the Republic
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to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of the Lao
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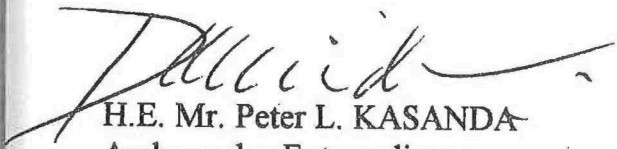
New York, December 9, 1996

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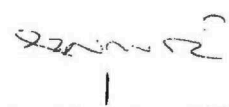
We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as from November 9, 1996, diplomatic relations between the Republic of Zambia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic have been established and that the Governments of both countries shall exchange diplomatic representatives at the Ambassadorial level.

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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His Excellency
Mr. Boutros Boutros-GHALI
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New York

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

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The Governments of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of Zambia, desirous of promoting and strengthening the relations between the two countries and determined to promote cooperation in mutual interests, have decided to establish relations at the Ambassadorial level on the basis of the principles of mutual respect of their sovereignty, equality and non-interference, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

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 November 9, 1996, in English language, in duplicate, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Lao
People's Democratic Republic

For the Government of
the Republic of Zambia

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