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PERMANENT MISSION OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT MISSION OF SAINT LUCIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 19 September, 1996

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform that the Governments of Portugal and of Saint Lucia , in order to ensure greater development of friendly relations between them, to promote cooperation in areas of common interest for the benefit of the two countries, to act jointly in support of peace in the international community, in accordance with the purposes and the principles established in the United Nations Charter and with reference to the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention of 18 April, 1961 that regulate diplomatic relations between States, have decided to establish as from 19 September, 1996, diplomatic relations between them.

We have the honour, further, to request that this information be transmitted to the Permanent Missions of all Member States of the United Nations.

We take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

For Portugal

Pedro Catarino

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of

Portugal

to the United Nations

For Saint Lucia

R. Sonia Leonce Carryl Chargé d'Affaires of the

Permanente Mission of

Saint Lucia

to the United Nations

His Excellency Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali Secretary General of the United Nations New York

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SAINT LUCIA AND PORTUGAL

The Governments of Saint Lucia and Portugal, convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and international security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations, have decided to establish formal diplomatic relations, effective 19 September, 1996, in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention that regulate Diplomatic Relations.

Both Governments express their confidence that this agreement will contribute to the strengthening of mutual cooperation in the areas of common interest for the benefit of both countries, which share the same objectives and goals of promoting peace, democracy and justice in their relations.

New York, 19 September, 1996

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