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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 du Portugal auprès de l'Organisation.

5 juin 1995

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
PORTUGAL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

New York, 31 May, 1995

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform that the Governments of Lao People's Democratic Republic and of Portugal, 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 31 May, 1995, diplomatic relations between them.

We have the honour, further, to request that this information and the enclosed joint communiqué 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 Lao People's Democratic
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For Portugal



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

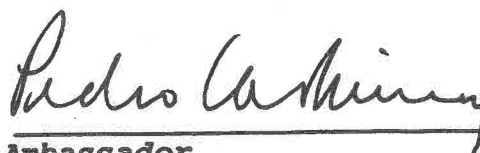
The Governments of Lao People's Democratic Republic and Portugal, convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and international security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations, have decided to establish formal diplomatic relations, 31 May, 1995, in accordance 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, 31 May, 1995

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