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10 February 1995

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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 Maldives et du Portugal auprès de l'Organisation.

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PERMANENT MISSION OF
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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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PORTUGAL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 9 February, 1995

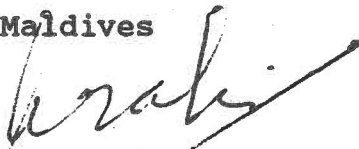
Excellency,

We have the honour to inform that the Governments of Maldives and 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 9 February, 1995, diplomatic relations between them at Ambassadorial level.

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

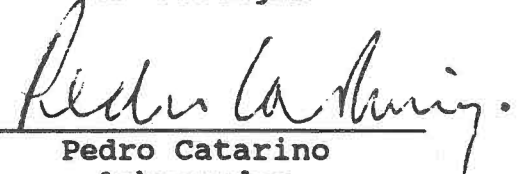
We take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

For Maldives



Ahmed Zaki
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Maldives to
the United Nations

For Portugal



Pedro Catarino
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Portugal 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
THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES AND OF PORTUGAL**

The Governments of the Republic of Maldives and of 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, at the level of Non-Resident Ambassadors, effective 9 February 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, 9 February, 1995



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