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Permanent Mission of Finland
to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Madagascar
to the United Nations

New York, 1 June 1977

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that our respective Governments have simultaneously issued today the following joint communiqué concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries:

"In a desire to promote the development of mutual co-operation and understanding between the peoples of their respective countries, the Governments of the Republic of Finland and of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level.

"These relations, which take effect as of today, shall be based on the principles of the United Nations Charter and in particular on the principles of the sovereign equality of States and the right of peoples to self-determination."

We should be grateful if you would transmit this communication to the Permanent Missions of Member States and to the offices of the Permanent Observers to the United Nations, and we take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

(Signed) W. F. BREINTENSTEIN
Minister Counsellor
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Finland.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of the Democratic Republic
of Madagascar

His Excellency Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York