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The enclosed communication dated 11 May 1977 is transmitted to the  
..... Permanent Missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the  
request of the representatives of Equatorial Guinea and Portugal to the  
United Nations.

13 May 1977

New York, 11 May 1977

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that on 9 May 1977 the Governments of Portugal and Equatorial Guinea simultaneously issued a joint communiqué concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations, the text of which is as follows:

"The Governments of Portugal and of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea have agreed to establish links of friendship and co-operation on the basis of the principles of equality, reciprocal interests, mutual respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs.

"With a view to the achievement of this objective, the two Governments have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level."

We request you kindly to transmit the text of this communiqué to the Permanent Missions of the States Members of the United Nations.

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

(Signed) António da COSTA LOBO  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Portugal  
to the United Nations

(Signed) Mba ECUA MIKO  
Permanent Representative of Equatorial  
Guinea to the United Nations