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The enclosed communication, dated 23 October 1978, is transmitted to the permanent missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the request of the Fermanent Representatives of Austria and the Bahamas to the United Nations.

24 October 1978

Excellency:

We have the honour to inform you that the Governments of the Republic of Austria and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas inspired by the purpose of strengthening ties of friendship and promoting the widest possible cooperation between their respective countries have agreed to the following joint communiqué:

"In accordance with the desire to strengthen ties of friendship and promoting the widest possible cooperation between their respective countries, the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Austrian Federal Government have agreed to establish mutual diplomatic relations on a non-resident Ambassador's level between the two countries to be in effect from 23 October 1978.

The Governments of both countries express their hope, that the establishment of diplomatic relations will lead to a further improvement of the existing friendly relations and the mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries."

The present communique will be published simultaneously in Vienna, Nassau and New York.

We respectfully request that the above mentioned information be transmitted to the Permanent Missions of States Members of the

His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General of the United Nations New York United Nations and we take this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

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