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The enclosed communication, dated 7 March 1979, is transmitted to the permanent missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the request of the Permanent Representatives of Greece and Suriname to the United Nations.

9 March 1979

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Greece and the Republic of Suriname have established diplomatic relations as of 1 December 1978.

We should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the communiqué which was published on that occasion simultaneously in Athens and Paramaribo distributed to Member States:

"In a common desire to contribute to the development of friendly relations and cooperation between States, the Government of the Republic of Greece and the Government of the Republic of Suriname, after consultation between authorized Representatives at Brasilia, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level with immediate effect.

Both sides agreed to develop the relations between the two States on the basis of the international legal principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in pursuance of the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations of April 18th 1961.

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His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary General of the United Nations The two Governments on a later date will establish the manner in which they will accredit their respective ambassadors.

This joint communiqué of which the versions in Greek,
Dutch and English will be equally authentic will be published
simultaneously at Athens and Paramaribo.

Done at Brasilia, December 1st, 1978.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Greece

The Ambassador of the Republic of Suriname "

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest

consideration.

Nicolas Katapodis

Permanent Representative

of Greece to the United Nations

Henricus Heidweiller Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United

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