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Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that today our respective Governments simultaneously issued a joint communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, the text of which reads as follows:

"Prompted by a desire to promote the development of mutual co-operation and understanding between the peoples of their respective countries, the Governments of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar and of the Mongolian People's Republic have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the level of ambassador. These relations, which take effect as of today's date, will be based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular 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 the States Members of the United Nations and we take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

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