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The enclosed communication, dated 24 August 1979, is transmitted to the permanent missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the request of the Permanent Representatives of Maldives and Spain to the United Nations.

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New York, 24 August 1979

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that on today's date, 24 August 1979, our respective Governments simultaneously published a joint communiqué concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Government of Spain and the Government of the Republic of Maldives, desiring to promote a spirit of mutual understanding and develop ties of friendship and co-operation between their respective countries and peoples, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level, starting on 24 August 1979.

"Both Governments have expressed their confidence that this decision will contribute to the development of reciprocal commercial, economic, cultural and other ties conducive to the strengthening of international peace and co-operation and the promotion of the principles of international law in relations between States."

We would be grateful if this letter could be transmitted to the permanent missions of the States Members of the United Nations and we avail ourselves of this opportunity to convey to you the renewed assurances of our highest consideration.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
Spain to the United Nations

(Signed) Ahmed ZAKI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
Maldives to the United  
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