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New York, 7 October 1994

Excellency

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today, the Governments of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and the Republic of South Africa have established diplomatic relations. Therefore, we would like to request Your Excellency to circulate the attached Joint Communique as a United Nations document.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea For the Government of the Republic of South Africa

UTULA U SAMANA Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative to the United Nations VERNON R W STEWARD Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative to the United Nations

H.E. Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and international security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations, have decided to formally establish diplomatic relations, at the level of Non-Resident High Commissioner. These relations will be in accordance with the Vienna Convention of Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

Both Governments express their confidence that this agreement will contribute to the strengthening of mutual cooperation in the economic, commercial and cultural areas between the two countries who share the objectives and goals of promoting peace, democracy, justice and solidarity in their relations, in accordance with the rules and principles of international law.

Done at New York on this 7th day of October 1994.

For the Government of the the Republic of South Africa

For the Government of Independent State of Papua New Guinea

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