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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des représentants de l'Autriche et de Sao Tomé-et-Principe auprès de l'Organisation.

4 mai 1993

**PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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**His Excellency
Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary-General of the
United Nations
New York**

New York, 3 May 1993

Excellency,

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint communique concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe and Austria, which will be published simultaneously in Sao Tome and Vienna on 3 May 1993.

We would be grateful if you would arrange for this communique to be circulated as a document of the United Nations.

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

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe have agreed to establish bonds of friendship and co-operation on the basis of the principles of mutual respect of national sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of each other, and equal rights.

Desiring to obtain this objective, the two Governments have decided to establish diplomatic relations with effect from 3 May 1993. The Government of both countries express the hope that the establishment of diplomatic relations will lead to further improvement of the existing friendly relations and the mutually beneficial co-operation between the two countries."

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