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20 novembre 1980

PERMANENT MISSION OF SURINAME TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF SAINT LUCIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 18 November 1980.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that on November 18, 1980 our respective Governments have issued simultaneously a joint communique concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the text of which is as follows:

" The Government of Suriname and the Government of Saint Lucia, mindful of their common regional interest of the advancement and development of the Inter-American System, desirous of developing and strengthening their relations in the interest of peace and cooperation among peoples, and on the basis of mutual respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as on the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of any country, on the non-use of force in international relations, of the pacific settlement of disputes and of the other principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, have agreed to establish Diplomatic Relations on a non-residential basis at Ambassadorial Level as of November 18th, 1980."

We would request you to transmit this communication to the States Members of the United Nations and we take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

Henricus A.F. Heidweiller Ambassador Permanent Representative of Suriname to the United Nations

Dr. Barry B.L. Auguste Ambassador Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations

His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General of the United Nations New York, New York