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Le 20 mars 2008

Permanent Mission of Montenegro
to the United Nations

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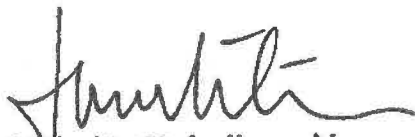
New York, 18 March 2008

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of today, 18 March 2008, the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the State of Eritrea have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

We therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and the attached Joint Communiqué circulated as United Nations documents to all member states of the United Nations for their information.

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



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and Plenipotentiary
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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
MONTENEGRO AND THE STATE OF ERITREA**

The Government of Montenegro and the Government of the State of Eritrea,

Desirous to promote mutual understanding, to strengthen the friendship among their two Peoples, and to develop bilateral cooperation in different fields of concern to both countries,

Having the interest to develop relations between the two countries on the basis of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly on the respect for and promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, international treaties, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

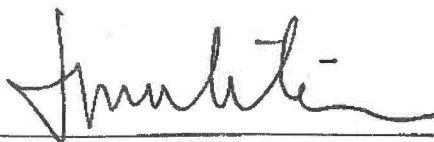
Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, as of the date of signing of this Joint Communiqué,

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué.

Done in New York on 18 March 2008, in two copies in English and Montenegrin languages.

For the Government of Montenegro

For the Government of the State of Eritrea



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