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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 permanents de la Gambie et de Tuvalu auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 2 août 2012



The Permanent Mission of Tuvalu to the United Nations



The Permanent Mission of The Gambia to the United Nations

26 July 2012

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Tuvalu and the Government of The Gambia have agreed to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at the Ambassadorial level as of today, July 26, 2012.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments distributed among all the Member States of the United Nations for their kind information.

We take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

H. E. Mr. Afelee Falema Pita
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Tuvalu
to the United Nations

H.E. Mrs. Susan Waffa-Ogoo
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of The Gambia
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF TUVALU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GAMBIA**

The Government of Tuvalu and the Government of The Gambia,

Desirous to promote mutual understanding and strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two countries,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and international law, particularly the respect and promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, due respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, independence and international treaties, and non-interference in 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 the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in the English language.

Done in New York, on 26 July 2012

For the Government of Tuvalu

For the Government of The Gambia

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