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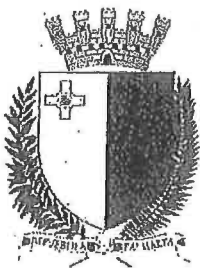
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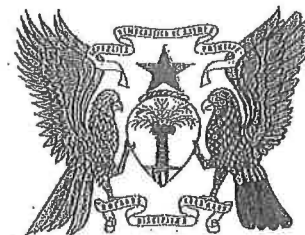
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Le 2 novembre 2018



**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS**

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe have established Diplomatic Relations. Attached is a Joint Communiqué in English which we have both signed, on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

We kindly request your Excellency to have the text of this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated as a United Nations documents.

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

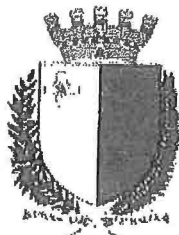
**For the Government
of the Republic of Malta**

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**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE**

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe,

Desiring to promote and strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation between their countries and peoples on the basis of equality, mutual respect for each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in two originals in the English and Portuguese Language both texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on the 24 September 2018

For the Republic of Malta

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