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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents la République des Maldives et la République du Rwanda auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 18 Septembre 2019



6 September 2019

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as from today, 6 September 2019, diplomatic relations have been established between the Republic of Maldives and the Republic of Rwanda at the Ambassadorial level.

We, therefore, request your kind assistance in transmitting the Joint Communiqué, which we signed on behalf of our respective governments, to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

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

**For the Republic of Maldives**

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**H.E Ms. Thilmeeza Hussain**  
Permanent Representative of  
to the United Nations

**For the Republic of Rwanda**

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**H.E. Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza**  
Permanent Representative  
to the United Nations

**H.E Mr. António Guterres**  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
United Nations Headquarters, New York



## **JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES AND THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

The Republic of Maldives and the Republic of Rwanda,

Desirous of promoting mutual understanding and strengthening the friendship and cooperation between the countries;

Guided by the principles and purposes enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, particularly respect for promotion of international peace and security, State sovereignty, equality among States, independence, international treaties, territorial integrity, and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States;

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963, and based on the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, 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, in duplicate, in the English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on the 6th Day of September 2019

**For the Republic of Maldives**

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