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Le 24 decembre 2007

Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations

## Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that as of 06 December 2007, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of the Republic of Botswana have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries.

We, therefore, kindly request Your Excellency that the enclosed Joint Communiqué be circulated to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

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

For the Government of Antigua and Barbuda

His Excellency Dr. John W. Ashe Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-Moon

Secretary-General of the United Nations

For the Government of the Republic of Botswana

His Excellency Mr. Samuel Otsile Outlule Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations

06 December 2007

New York

## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

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The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of the Republic of Botswana, desirous of strengthening the friendly relations existing between the two countries and promoting mutually beneficial co-operation, and on the basis of mutual respect and the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states.

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level with effect from the date of signature of the present Joint Communiqué,

In witness thereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the Joint Communiqué in two original texts in English, both copies being equally authentic.

Done in New York, United States of America, on 06 December 2007.

For the Government of Antiqua and Barbuda

For the Government of the Republic of Botswana

Ambassador/Permanent Representative Representative of Antiqua and Barbuda to the United Nations

Ambassador/Permanent of the Republic of Botswana

Mr. Samuel Otsile Outlule

to the United Nations