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29 mars 2006

## Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations

## Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations

15 March 2006

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Republic of Botswana have established diplomatic relations as of today. Attached is a Joint Communiqué we have 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 be circulated as a United Nations document.

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

His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus

to the United Nations

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

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His Excellency Kofi Annan Secretary-General of the United Nations New York

## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS AND

THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

The Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Republic of Botswana,

Confirming mutual recognition of the principles of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,

Wishing to develop bilateral political, economic and cultural cooperation,

Confirming adherence to the principles of the United Nations Organization's Charter and international law,

Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963,

Have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level between the two States as of the date of signing of this Joint Communiqué.

Done in New York on 15 March, 2006, in duplicate, in Belarusian and English languages, both texts are equally authentic.

For the Government of the Republic of Belarus

For the Government of the Republic of Botswana

. His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas His Excellency Samuel O. Outlule Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations