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5 avril 2005

**Permanent Mission of
the Republic of Lithuania
to the United Nations**

**Permanent Mission of
the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
to the United Nations**

New York, 31 March, 2005

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today the Republic of Lithuania and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have re-established Diplomatic Relations.

We, therefore, have the honour to request Your Excellency do distribute to all Member States of the United Nations the enclosed Joint Declaration that we have signed on behalf of our respective States.

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

On behalf of the Republic of Lithuania



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His Excellency
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NEW YORK

JOINT DECLARATION
ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

The Republic of Lithuania and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan,

recalling the friendly relations established by the Friendship Treaty between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Royal Government of Afghanistan, signed at Kaunas on 9 December 1930,

desirous of strengthening the friendly relations existing between the two countries,

interested in developing relations between the two countries on the basis of mutual respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of another State,

desirous also of developing bilateral co-operation in different fields of concern to both countries,

confirming their commitment to the objectives and principles of the United Nations in consolidating international peace and security,

have agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations between the Republic of Lithuania and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at the Ambassadorial level as of this day.

The procedure for the establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries shall be consistent with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

DONE at New York on 31 March, 2005 in two copies in the English language, both copies being equally authentic.

On behalf of the Republic of Lithuania

On behalf of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



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