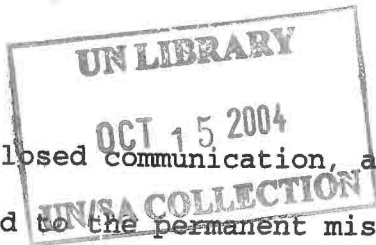


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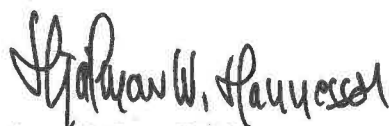
New York, 27 September 2004

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of today, 27 September 2004, the Government of the Republic of Iceland and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

We therefore, kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué circulated as United Nations documents to all member states of the United Nations for their information.

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



Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plénipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Iceland
to the United Nations



Mrs. Evelyn Adams
Charge d'affaires a.i.
The Republic of Vanuatu
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To: H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
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In witness thereof, the undersigned representatives of their
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New York, 27 September 2004

For the Republic of Iceland



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