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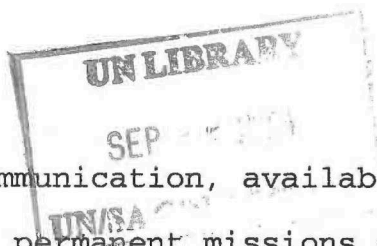
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10 September 2004

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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents de l'Islande et de la République démocratique populaire lao auprès de l'Organisation.

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The Permanent Mission of the
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The Permanent Mission of
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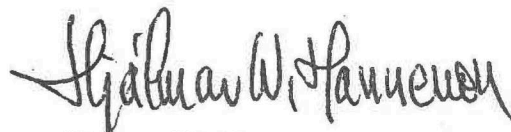
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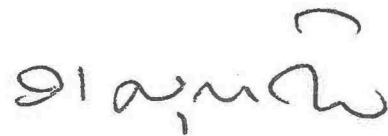
We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as of today, 2 September 2004, the Government of the Republic of Iceland and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

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.



Hjalmar W. Hannesson
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Iceland
to the United Nations



Aloukèo Kittikhoun
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To: H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary General of the
United Nations

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
AND THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND**

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With the purpose to promote mutual understanding and to
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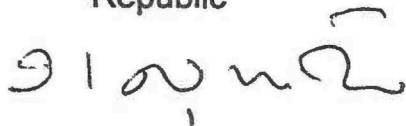
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United Nations and international law, particularly on the respect for and
promotion of international peace and security, equality among States,
national sovereignty, independence, international treaties, territorial
integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations in accordance with
the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18
April, 1961, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, duly authorized
by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in
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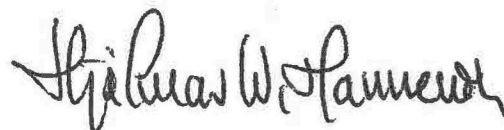
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For the Lao People's Democratic
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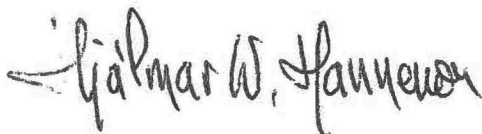
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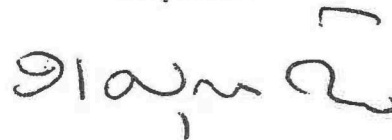
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