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26 janvier 2006

Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations Permanent Mission of the Tuvalu to the United Nations

20th January 2006

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Malta and the Government of Tuvalu 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.

For the Government of Malta

For the Government of Tuvalu

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

On the establishment of the diplomatic relations Between Malta and Tuvalu

The Government of Malta and the Government of Tuvalu guided by the mutual willingness to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two States in political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level with effect from the date of the signature of the present Joint Communiqué.

The Parties to this agreement agree that their diplomatic relations will be founded on the principles and norms of the United Nations Charter and International Law.

The Government of Malta and the Government of Tuvalu are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will strengthen international peace and security.

The two Parties further agree that their diplomatic relations shall be guided by the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18th April, 1961.

Signed in New York on the 20th January, 2006.

For the Government of Malta

For the Government of Tuvalu

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