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19 October 2004

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19 octobre 2004

Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Latvia  
to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Iraq  
to the United Nations

Excellency,


We have the honor to inform you that as of 15 October, 2004, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Iraq have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries at ambassadorial level.

We, therefore, kindly request your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, and the text of this letter, circulated to all Member States as an official document of the United Nations.

We take this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

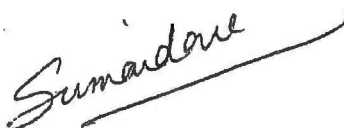
New York, 15 October, 2004

For the Government of  
the Republic of Latvia



H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanis  
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to the United Nations

For the Government of  
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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 REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**  
**AND**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ**

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The Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Iraq desirous of promoting relations of friendship and co-operation for mutual benefit between the two nations on the basis of equality, mutual respect of each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law,

HAVE DECIDED to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level as from the date of signature of this Communiqué.

These relations will be developed in conformity with the Vienna Convention On Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

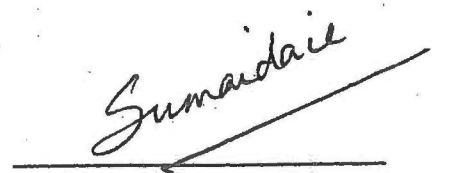
Done in New York on 15 October, 2004 in duplicate, each in Latvian and English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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