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18 December 2006

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

Le 18 décembre 2006

**The Permanent Mission of the  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
to the United Nations**

**The Permanent Mission of the  
Republic of Niger  
to the United Nations**

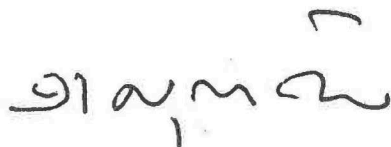
**New York, December 8 , 2006**

**Excellency,**

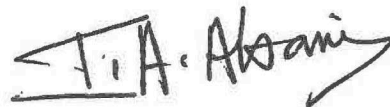
**We have the honor to inform your Excellency that as of today, December 8, 2006, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Government of the Republic of Niger have decided to establish diplomatic relations.**

**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.**



**H.E.Mr. Alounkeo Kittikhoun  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
the Lao People's Democratic Republic  
to the United Nations**



**H.E.Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
Republic of Niger  
to the United Nations**

**H.E.Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General of the  
United Nations  
New York**

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

**The Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of Niger,**

With the desire of promoting and strengthening the friendship and developing bilateral cooperation among their two countries and peoples,

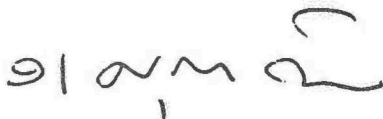
On the basis of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for and the promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of States.

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 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 two identical originals, in French and English languages.


New York, December 8, 2006

For the Government of the  
Lao People's Democratic Republic



H.E. Mr. Alounekò Kittikhoun  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
to the United Nations

For the Government of the  
Republic of Niger



H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of Niger to  
the United Nations

**COMMUNIQUE CONJOINT**  
**SUR L'ETABLISSEMENT DES RELATIONS DIPLOMATIQUES ENTRE LE**  
**GOVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU NIGER**  
**ET LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE POPULAIRE**  
**LAO**

**La République du Niger et la République Démocratique Populaire Lao,**

**Dans le but de promouvoir la compréhension mutuelle et de consolider l'amitié et la coopération entre leurs pays et leurs peuples,**

**Sur la base des principes et des objectifs de la Charte des Nations Unies et du Droit international, relatifs en particulier au respect et à la promotion de la paix et de la sécurité internationales, de l'égalité entre les Etats, de la souveraineté Nationale, de l'indépendance, des traités internationaux, de l'intégrité territoriale et de la non-ingérence dans les affaires intérieures des Etats,**

**Ont décidé d'établir des relations diplomatiques au niveau d'ambassadeur, conformément aux dispositions de la Convention de Vienne sur les relations diplomatiques du 18 avril 1961, à compter de la date de la signature du présent Communiqué conjoint.**

**En foi de quoi, les Plénipotentiaires ci-dessous, au nom de leurs Gouvernements respectifs, ont signé le présent Communiqué en deux exemplaires originaux, en Français et en Anglais, les deux textes faisant également foi.**

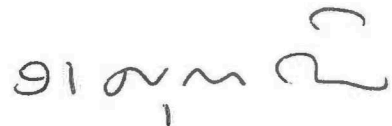
**Fait à New York, le 8 Décembre 2006**

**Pour la République du Niger**

**Pour la République Démocratique  
Populaire Lao**



**Son Excellence Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani**  
**Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et**  
**Plénipotentiaire**  
**Représentant Permanent de la**  
**République du Niger**  
**auprès des Nations Unies**



**Son Excellence Aloukèo Kittikhoun**  
**Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et**  
**Plénipotentiaire**  
**Représentant Permanent de la**  
**République Démocratique Populaire**  
**Lao auprès des Nations Unies**