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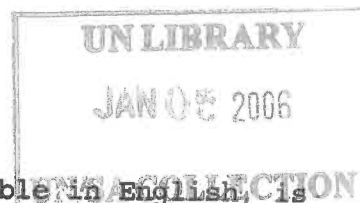


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29 December 2005

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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 de l'Ethiopie et de la République démocratique populaire Lao auprès de l'Organisation.

29 décembre 2005

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

**The Permanent Mission of the  
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Ethiopia to the United Nations**

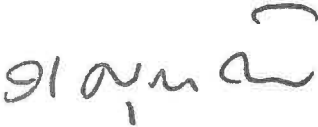
**New York, December 9, 2005**


**Excellency,**

**We have the honor to inform your Excellency that as of today, December 9, 2005, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia 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. Aloungkè Kittikhoun  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
the Lao People's Democratic Republic  
to the United Nations**

  
**H.E. Mr. Terūneh Zenna  
Ambassador  
Acting Permanent Representative of  
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Ethiopia to the United Nations  
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.**

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

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

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

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 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 wherefore, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this joint Communiqué in two originals, all texts being equally authentic

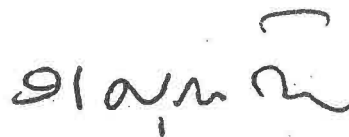
Done in New York on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2005.

For the Government of the  
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

For the Government of the  
Lao People's Democratic Republic



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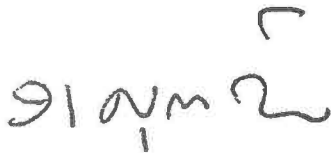
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