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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
Federal Democratic Republic of
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.

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

[Signature]
H.E.Mr. Téruneh Zenna
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative of
the Federal Democratic Republic of
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 9th of December 2005.

For the Government of the
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

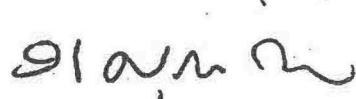
For the Government of the
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