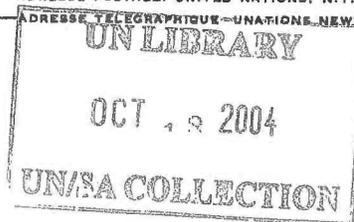


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12 octobre 2004

**PERMANENT MISSION OF  
MALTA TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS**

**PERMANENT MISSION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS**

**29 September 2004**

**Excellency,**

**We have the honour to inform you that the Government of MALTA and the Government of the REPUBLIC OF VANUATU have established diplomatic relations as of today, September 29, 2004. 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 circulated as a United Nations document.**

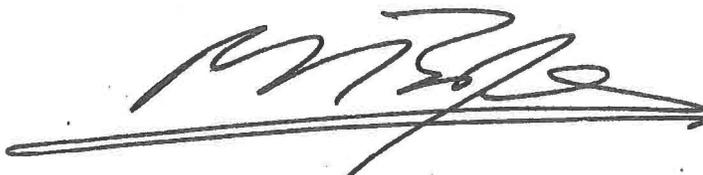
**Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.**

**For the Government of MALTA**

**For the Government of the  
REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**



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## JOINT COMMUNIQUE

### On the establishment of the diplomatic relations Between Malta and the Republic of Vanuatu

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu 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 the Republic of Vanuatu 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 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1961.

Signed in New York on September 29, 2004.

For the Government of Malta



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