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18 octobre 2001

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

**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF
SIERRA LEONE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS**

16th October, 2001

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Malta and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone have established diplomatic relations as of today, 16th October, 2001. 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



H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
Malta to the United Nations

**For the Government of
the Republic of Sierra Leone**



H.E. Mr. Ibrahim M'baba Kamara
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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

on the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Malta and the Republic of Sierra Leone

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone guided by their desire to strengthen and develop bilateral co-operation between the two countries in accordance with the purposes and principles of the charter of the United Nations and of international law have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level on this day.

The Parties to this agreement agree that the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of the 18th of April 1961, shall apply to diplomatic relations between them.

The two Parties further agree that their consular relations shall be guided by the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

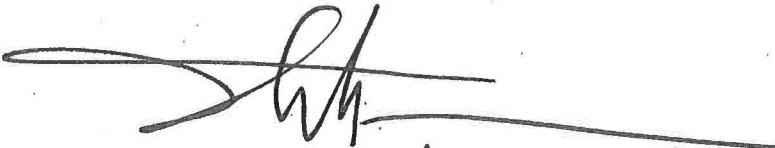
Signed in New York on the 16th October, 2001.

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