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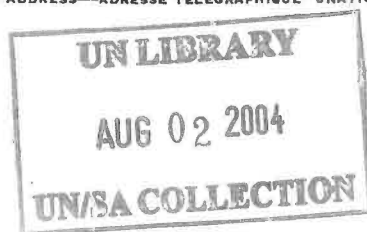


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22 juillet 2004



**Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Maldives to the
United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of the
Commonwealth of Dominica to the
United Nations**

21 July 2004

His Excellency Mr. Kofi A. Annan,
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
New York.

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Republic of Maldives and the Commonwealth of Dominica have established diplomatic relations as of today, 21 July 2004. Attached is a Joint Communiqué that we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated as a United Nations document.

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

Handwritten signature of Mohamed Latheef in black ink.

Mohamed Latheef
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Maldives to the
United Nations

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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
AND THE
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

The Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, guided by the principles enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations and being desirous of developing and strengthening relations of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level, as of the day of the signing of this Communiqué.

The relations between the two States will be based on the principles of sovereign equality among states, mutual respect, self-determination, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other.

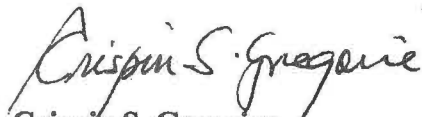
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For the Government of
the Republic of Maldives

For the Government of
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