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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations

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

New York, 22 June 2006

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in accordance with the purposes and the principles established in the United Nations Charter and with reference to the relevant provisions of the Vienna Conventions that regulate diplomatic relations between states, have decided to establish, as from today, diplomatic relations between them.

We have the honour, further, to kindly request Your Excellency to transmit this information, with the enclosed Joint Communiqué, to the Permanent Missions of all Member States of the United Nations.

We take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of the Republic of Seychelles

H.E. Mr. Jérémie Bonnelame Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations For the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary-General of the United Nations <u>New York</u>

ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES AND THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, guided by shared willingness to develop ties of friendship and cooperation in the political, economic, cultural, and other fields, have decided to establish relations.

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic hereby agree to the establishment of diplomatic relations between their two countries as of the date of this Note based on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and on the principles and norms of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law.

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of both States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

Signed in New York on 22 June 2006.

For the Government of the Republic of Seychelles

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