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29 mars 2006



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



**Permanent Mission of the
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
to the United Nations**

17 March 2006

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 Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have established diplomatic relations as of today, 17 March 2006. 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.

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Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Maldives
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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
AND THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

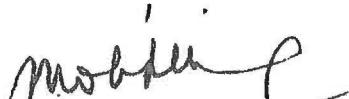
The Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, guided by the principles enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations; being desirous of developing and strengthening brotherly relations of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation, have decided 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.

Done in New York, on 17 March 2006, in two originals in English language.

For the Government
of the Republic of Maldives

For the Government
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