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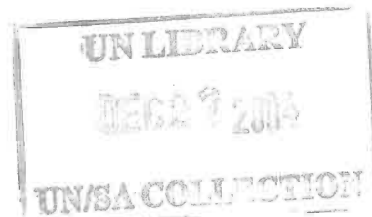
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17 December 2004

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The Permanent Mission of Austria
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The Permanent Mission of Palau
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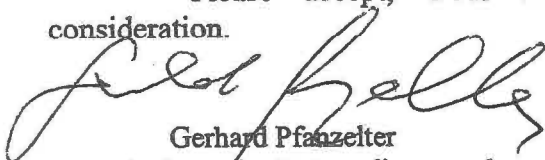
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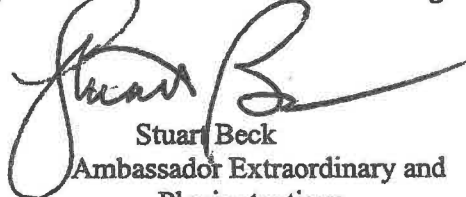
We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that as of Wednesday, 1 December 2004, the Government of Austria and the Government of Palau have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries circulated as a United Nations document.

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



Gerhard Pfanzelter
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations



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To: H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
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New York

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Austria and Palau

The Government of Austria
The Government of Palau

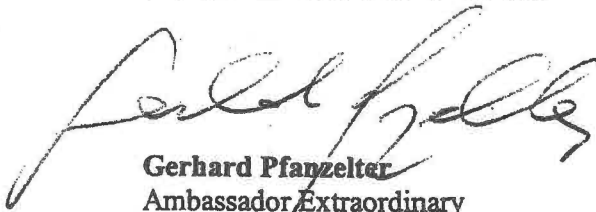
Desirous to develop and strengthen friendly relations and mutual understanding and cooperation among their two peoples, based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms and principles of International Law,

Convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations is in the interest of both countries and will contribute to international peace and security,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations, at ambassadorial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of April 18 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

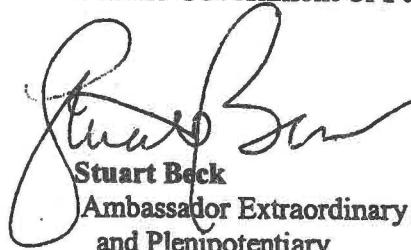
Done in duplicate, in the English language at New York on 15 December
2004. November

For the Government of Austria



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