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20 December 2019

La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais est, transmise aux missions permanentes des États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents la République des Îles Marshall et la République démocratique du Timor-Leste auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 20 decembre 2019



New York, 29 October 2019

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that as of 25 September 2019, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands have established diplomatic relations.

We therefore kindly request Your Excellency to have the text of this letter and the enclosed Joint Communiqué circulated to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

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

**For the Government of the
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**

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H.E. Maria Helena Lopes De Jesus Pires
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

**For the Government of the
Republic of the Marshall Islands**

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H.E. Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands:

Convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and international security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations;

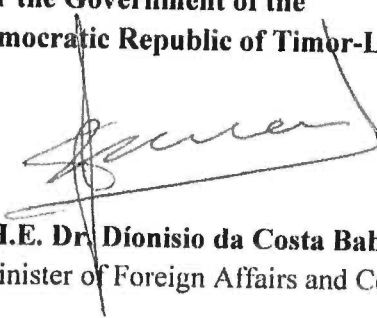
In accordance with the Principles and Purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations;

Both Governments express their confidence that the establishment of diplomatic relations will contribute to the strengthening of mutual cooperation in the areas of common interest for the benefit of democracy and justice in their relations;


Have agreed to establish diplomatic relations as at the date of signature of this Joint Communiqué;

In witness thereof the undersigned representatives, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué, in New York, on 25 September 2019, in duplicate, in the English language.

**For the Government of the
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**


H.E. Dr. Dónisio da Costa Babo Soares
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

**For the Government of the
Republic of the Marshall Islands**


H.E. Mr. John M. Silk
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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