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Le 24 décembre 2019



**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

New York, 10 December 2019

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda have established diplomatic relations as of today, 10 December 2019.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated to all Member States of the United Nations for their information.

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

**For the Government of the
Republic of Rwanda**

H.E. Mrs. Valentine Rugwabiza
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Rwanda
to the United Nations

**For the Government of the
Antigua and Barbuda**

H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson
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H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
AND
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

The Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda;

Desirous to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the two countries;

Guided by the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and international law, particularly the respect and promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, due respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, independence and international treaties, and non-interference in internal affairs of States;

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, under the terms of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué;

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in duplicate, in the English language, all the texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on 10 December 2019.

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the Republic of Rwanda

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