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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 le Belize et la République de Sierra Leone auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 10 octobre 2021



**PERMANENT MISSION OF
BELIZE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



**PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

New York, 23 September 2021

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone have established Diplomatic Relations as of today. Attached is a Joint Communiqué in English which we have both signed, on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

We kindly request your Excellency to have the text of this letter and the Joint Communiqué circulated as a United Nations document.

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

**For the Government of
Belize**

**Hon. Eamon H. Courtenay
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and
Immigration**

**For the Government of
the Republic of Sierra Leone**

**Prof. David J. Francis
Minister of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation**

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



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND BELIZE

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of Belize,

Desiring to promote and strengthen ties of friendship and cooperation between their countries and peoples on a basis of equality, mutual respect for each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963,

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the Ministerial level as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

In witness thereof, the undersigned Representatives, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in English on 23rd September 2021 in New York.

For the Republic of Sierra Leone

Prof. David J. Francis
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