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8 May 2024

La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais et en français est, transmise aux missions permanentes des États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande auprès de l'Organisation des Représentants permanentes de le Commonwealth des Bahamas et de la République du Bénin auprès de l'Organisation.

Le 8 mai 2024



PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



MISSION PERMANENTE
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DU BÉNIN
AUPRÈS DES NATIONS UNIES

PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 06 May 2024

Excellency,

We have the honor to inform you that the Governments of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and of the Republic of Benin have formally established diplomatic relations between their two respective countries, as of 21 January 2024.


We would be grateful if the attached joint Communiqué, together with this note signed on behalf of our respective Governments, be kindly circulated to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

Please accept, *Excellency*, the assurance of our highest consideration.

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For the Government
of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

For the Government
of the Republic of Benin


H.E. Mr. Stan Oduma SMITH
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative to the United Nations


H.E. Mr. Marc Hermanne ARABA
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. António GUTERRES
Secretary-General of the United Nations

New York



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
AND THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN**

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Government of The Republic of Benin;

Willing to strengthen friendly relations and develop mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields;

Guided by the principles and purposes set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular as regards friendly relations among Member States, the promotion of international peace and security, respect for equality, sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the affairs of States;

Committed to establishing bilateral partnerships for the pursuit of sustainable development and willing to exchange experience and expertise in the field of resilience within this framework;

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations pursuant to the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, with effect from the date of signature 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 and French languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

Done in Kampala, Uganda on 21 January 2024

On behalf of the Government of
the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Hon. Frederick Audley MITCHELL
Minister of Foreign Affairs

On behalf of the Government of
The Republic of Benin

Hon. Olushegun ADJADI BAKARI
Minister of Foreign Affairs



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MISSION PERMANENTE
DU COMMONWEALTH DES BAHAMAS
AUPRÈS DES NATIONS UNIES

New York, le 06 mai 2024

Monsieur le Secrétaire général,

Nous avons l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que les Gouvernements de la République du Bénin et du Commonwealth des Bahamas ont formellement établi des relations diplomatiques entre leurs deux pays respectifs, à compter du 21 janvier 2024.

En conséquence, nous sollicitons votre aimable entremise pour faire circuler comme document des Nations Unies, à tous les États membres de l'Organisation, pour leur information, le texte du Communiqué conjoint y relatif dont ci-joint copie ainsi que la présente lettre.

Veuillez agréer, ***Monsieur le Secrétaire général,*** l'expression de notre très haute considération.

Annexes mentionnées

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République du Bénin



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Pour le Gouvernement
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