



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN**  
**MALTA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE NIGER**

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Republic of the Niger,

Guided by their mutual willingness to develop and strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two States in the political, social, economic and cultural fields in accordance with the principles and norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961 and the universally recognized principles of international law,

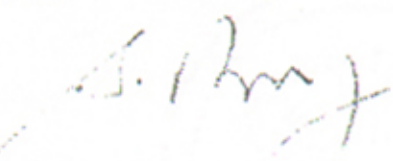
Have decided to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Republic of the Niger wish to express their mutual confidence that establishing diplomatic relations correspond to the interests of both States and will help to consolidate international Peace and Security as well as the peaceful co-existence.

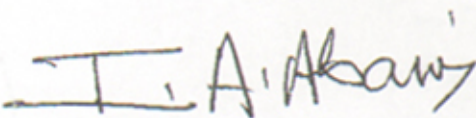
In witness thereof, the Undersigned Representatives, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this joint Communiqué in duplicate, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

For the Government of  
Malta

  
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For the Government of  
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