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FSM and Latvia establish diplomatic relations

February 26, 2015 (New York) – The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Republic of Latvia yesterday signed Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the two countries in New York.

The FSM's Permanent Representative to the United Nation in New York, Ambassador Jane J. Chigiya, signed the Joint Communiqué on behalf of the FSM, while Ambassador Janis Mazeiks, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in New York, signed on behalf of his country.

The Communiqué, signed in both Latvian (sometimes referred to as Lettish) and English, affirms the common purpose of both countries to promote mutual understanding and strengthen friendship and cooperation among their two peoples. The FSM and the Republic of Latvia agreed that their relationship would be guided by the principles and purposes of the UN Charter and international law, particularly on the respect of international treaties, equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

The Communiqué also acknowledges that the diplomatic relations between the two countries are established in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18th April 1961. Both countries have also decided to establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level.

The FSM and the Republic of Latvia were both admitted to the United Nations at the same time on September 17, 1991. Latvia currently holds the Presidency of the European Union.