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NIUE ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

Wellington, New Zealand – 09 August 2023 – Today, Niue took a significant step towards strengthening international ties by formalizing diplomatic relations with the Swiss Confederation.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Special Envoy for the Premier of Niue, Hon. Mona Ainu'u, and Federal Councilor, Ignazio Cassis signed a joint communiqué establishing diplomatic and friendly relations between the Government of Niue and the Swiss Confederation.



Federal Councilor Ignazio Cassis in his remarks said “On behalf of the Swiss Government I am honored to sign the agreement and common declaration today. As we embark on our diplomatic relations with the Government of Niue, we are almost building diplomatic ties with all the countries in the world. We thank the Niue delegation for their presence and cooperation, and we hope this journey will bring life to our diplomatic partnership.”

The establishment of diplomatic ties with the Swiss Confederation is a significant milestone for the government’s foreign policy objectives. By forging this meaningful alliance, Niue aims to strengthen bilateral relations, deepen economic partnerships, and promote cultural exchange between our two great nations.

Minister Ainu'u stated “The mutual recognition and respect for the two nations sovereignty and values will lay the groundwork for constructive dialogue and cooperation on a wide range of issues. This includes trade and investment opportunities and technological collaboration, all of which will contribute to the advancement of both our societies.”

The Swiss Confederation’s reputation for innovation, excellence in education, and a strong commitment to human rights aligns harmoniously with Niue’s principles and aspirations. Minister Ainu'u is confident that this new diplomatic chapter will pave the way for substantial progress and shared accomplishments in various fields.

This diplomatic alliance will serve as a platform to address pressing global challenges, such as climate change, sustainable development, and international security. By working together, Niue and Switzerland can lead by example, advocating for effective solutions and initiatives that benefit the international community as a whole.

On behalf of the Premier Hon. Dalton Tagelagi and the Government of Niue extends its heartfelt greetings and appreciation to the Swiss Confederation and its people, for the prospects of collaboration and partnership that lie ahead. The government of Niue is confident that the bonds forged will facilitate greater understanding and mutual respect between our nations.

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