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**ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SAINT
VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**



**ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES-
August 12, 2020 - On August 12,
2020**, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
and the Republic of Kenya signed the Joint
Communiqué establishing formal
diplomatic relations.

The signing ceremony took place in
Havana, Cuba, where His Excellency
Ellsworth John, Ambassador of Saint

Vincent and the Grenadines to the Republic of Cuba signed on behalf of the
Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and His Excellency Anthony
Muchiri, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to the Republic of Cuba signed on
behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kenya. The momentous occasion was
witnessed by His Excellency Valentino Longino Mlowola, Ambassador of the United
Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Claris Charles, Ambassador of Grenada and
Dean of the CARICOM Diplomatic Corp and His Excellency Dr. Lancelot Cowie,
Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Collaboration between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Republic of Kenya
has been longstanding, as both countries customarily collaborate through
membership and participation in the Commonwealth, Organisation of Africa,
Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the United Nations. Kenya will join Saint
Vincent and the Grenadines in January 2021 as a non-permanent member of the
United Nations Security Council. This establishment of formal diplomatic relations
coincides with the appeal by the United Nations General Assembly through
Resolution 68/237, which proclaimed 2015-2024 as the International Decade for
People of African Descent. Therefore, boosting Saint Vincent and the Grenadines'
thrust for deepened engagement with the African continent and augmentation of
CARICOM-Kenya relations.

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines welcomes the formalisation of
diplomatic relations and hopes for greater bilateral cooperation with our Kenyan
brothers and sisters.



Signing of Joint Communiqué establishing formal diplomatic relations between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Republic of Kenya.



L-R: Mrs. Charmane Tappin John, Minister Counsellor - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Her Excellency Claris Charles, Ambassador of Grenada and Dean of the CARICOM Diplomatic Corp.

His Excellency Ellsworth John, Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

His Excellency Anthony Muchiri, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya.

His Excellency Valentino Longino Mlowola, Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania.

His Excellency Lancelot Cowie, Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Yahesh Monari, Minister Counsellor - the Republic of Kenya.

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