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## **GRENADA AND AZERBAIJAN ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

**NEW YORK, September 23, 2010** - Grenada and Azerbaijan on Thursday signed a communiqué on establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter David and his Azerbaijani counterpart Elmar Mammadyarov signed the joint communiqué on establishing diplomatic ties between Grenada and Azerbaijan in New York on the margins of the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly.



*(l to r) Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Grenada, Ms. Lana McPhail, The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grenada, the Hon. C. Peter David, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, the Hon. Elmar Mammadyarov  
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The two Ministers reaffirmed their respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability of internationally recognised borders, non-interference in the internal affairs and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Minister David outlined some of the areas Grenada requires technical assistance including energy, education and health.

The Azerbaijani Minister expressed an interest in developing closer relations with Caribbean countries and requested Grenada's assistance, as the incoming Chair of CARICOM.

They agreed to set up joint commissions to discuss areas of bilateral cooperation between both countries.

Witnessing the signing for Grenada were Permanent Secretary Lana McPhail and Ambassador Dessima Williams while Ambassador Agshin Mehdiyev accompanied Minister Mammadyarov.



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