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ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT

The Prime Minister and Acting Foreign Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today the establishment of diplomatic relations with Kuwait.

Mr Whitlam said that the exchange of representation would not only strengthen existing good relations, but also develop economic and cultural relations as well as co-operation in other fields. The move was further evidence of the importance Australia attached to its representation in the Middle East region.

The appointment of the first Australian Ambassador to Kuwait was expected to be announced shortly.