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THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe, all Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations in Harare and has the honour to herewith enclose the joint statement of the representatives of Portugal, Russia and USA, official observers for the implementation of the Bicesse Peace Accords for Angola, issued on 8 July 1993, in Moscow.

THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe, all Diplomatic Missions and International Harare, 14th July, 1993

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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL, RUSSIA, AND USA

The Representatives of Portugal, Russia and United States of America, official observers for the implementation of the Bicesse Peace Accords for Angola, met in Moscow on July 8 1993. The delegations were led respectively by Mr Jose Manuel Briosas e Gala Secretary of State for cooperation of Portugal, Mr G.B. Karasin, Director of the African Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and Mr George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. The Troika participants met the first Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr A.L. Adamishin. The Troika session was addressed by Mr V.V. Posuvalyuk, Director of Africa and Middle East Department of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The observers discussed specific measures to resolve the Angolan crisis in the light of the forthcoming UN Security Council meeting on Angola. The observers analyzed the current critical situation and came to the following:

t- UNITA continues to pursue its military strategy to attack, capture occupy territory and populated areas administered by the Government of the Republic of Angola.

- UNITA has persisted in this policy despite comprehensive efforts by the International Community to re-establish a cease-fire in accordance with the Peace Accords signed by President Eduardo dos Santos, on behalf of the Government and by Dr. Jonas Savimbi on behalf of UNITA.

- UNITA is not observing the key principles of the Peace Accords, including its pledges to respect the results of the September 1992 elections, to participate in a Government of National reconciliation according to the election results, and to integrate its military forces in a unified National Armed Forces.

- The observers reiterated that it should continue to be the goal of the international community to re-establish the cease-fire, including the observance of the Triple Zero, complete the key aspects of the Bicesse Peace Accords and implement the additional principles contained in the Draft Memorandum of understanding of the Abidjan protocol to reinforce the Accords.

The observers call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and strongly urge UNITA to end its threats and intimidation against UN personnel or other participants in the peace process and refrain from direct actions or threats against citizens or installations of third countries.

Given the current circumstances the observers recognize that the GRA has the legitimate right of self-defence and view sympathetically its efforts to acquire the necessary means to defend itself. Nevertheless, the observers expressed their concern about the growing level of human suffering and destruction and stressed the consequent need to exercise restraint in order not to aggravate the situation.

The observers reiterated their strong support for previous Resolutions of the UN Security Council and took positive note of the Cairo OAU Summit Declaration on Angola. They once again urge UNITA to implement the will of the people of Angola and of the international community and to accept a return to the framework of peace settlement based on the Bicesse Accords and the corresponding Resolutions of UN Security Council. The way to a reasonable political compromise for the sake of the future of the people of Angola is open and the Government of Angola has repeatedly affirmed that.

The observers also discussed additional measures that might be considered by the UN Security Council to resolve the crisis in Angola, including:

- Measures to limit UNITA's ability to continue its military campaign, including an armes embargo;
- Measures to obtain UNITA's compliance with the Peace Accords it has signed;
- Measures to restrict the international movements of UNITA members engaged in any activities contrary to the Peace Accords;
- The reconvening of the negotiations between the GRA and UNITA under UN auspices as soon as possible;
- The means of assuring full compliance by UNITA of UN Security Council 'Resolutions 804 on the release of foreign nationals hostage;
- Careful consideration of UNAVEM II's mandate with the possibility of of bringing UNAVEM II back to its full strngth

- More effective means to ensure the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid.

The necessity of applying these or other possible measures will depend directly on the actions UNITA's leadership.

At its meeting in Moscow the Troika also discussed the proposals concerning the expansion of economic and technical assistance to the Government of Angola from the international community for the reconstruction for the country.

The delegations of Portugal and the United of States of America would like to express their gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation for its hospitality.

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