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H.E João Lourenço
President of the Republic of Angola



H.E Joe Biden
President of the United States of America

Diplomatic relations between the Republic of Angola and the United States of America took another leap forward on 30 November with the meeting in the Oval Office of the White House between Their Excellencies João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and Joseph (Joe) Robinette Biden Jr, President of the United States of America.

This is the first time that the two statesmen have officially met in this format to discuss issues related to strengthening bilateral cooperation.

During the historic meeting, the two Heads of State addressed issues related to bilateral cooperation in the

fields of trade, investment, climate and energy and, in particular, the development of the Lobito Corridor, which links Angola and the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia, for global markets.

The meeting between Their Excellencies João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and Joseph (Joe) Robinette Biden Jr, President of the United States of America, confirms the interest of the two countries in working on strategic partnership aimed at dealing with regional and global challenges.

His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço is the first African President to be received this year at

the official residence of the US leader.

The first time Presidents João Lourenço and Joe Biden met in this venue, but in a different format, was in December last year, during a dinner hosted by the American statesman for the African leaders taking part in the US-Africa Summit.

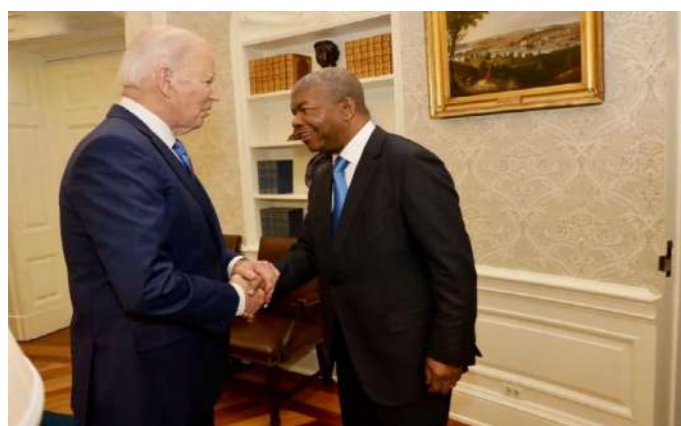
On that occasion, the two heads of state, who were accompanied by their wives, Ana Dias Lourenço and Jill Biden, shook hands and took a photo for posterity.

The reception of a leader in the Oval Office of the White House is a moment that always attracts international media attention, given its political and diplomatic

value.

This year Angola and the United States of America marked 30 years of diplomatic relations, which began on 19 May 1993. In 2010, the two countries signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement and they cooperate in various areas, particularly trade, finance, energy, manufacturing, security, health and justice.

Angola is the US's third largest trading partner in Sub-Saharan Africa, exporting oil and diamonds to the world biggest economy. The African nation imports food and equipment for the oil sector.



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THIRD EDITION OF THE LUANDA BIENNIAL 2023 - PAN-AFRICAN FORUM FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE



The Government of the Republic of Angola, in partnership with the African Union and UNESCO, held the Third Edition of the Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence - Luanda Biennial, in the city of Luanda, the capital of the Republic of Angola, from 22 to 24 November, under the theme “**Education, Culture of Peace and African Citizenship as Tools for the Development of the Continent**”.

For three days, more than 790 participants gathered in the Angolan capital, including the President of the Republic of Angola, **João Lourenço**, the First Lady, Her Excellency **Ana Dias Lourenço**, the President of Ethiopia, **Sahle-Work Zewed**, the President of São Tomé and Príncipe, **Carlos Manuel Vila Nova**, the President of Cape Verde, **José Maria Pereira Neves** and the President of the African Union Commission, **Moussa Faki Mahamat**.

The event was also attended by the Vice-Pres-



ident of Angola, **Esperança da Costa**, the Vice-President of Namibia, **Nangolo Mbumba**, the Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea, **Manuela Roka Botey**, the former President of Nigeria, **Oluseng Obasanjo**, the former President of Mozambique, **Joaquim Chissano**, the former President of Malawi, **Joyce Banda**, the former President of South Africa, **Ngalama Motlanthe** and the Deputy Director-General of UNESCO, **Xing Qu**.

Also known as the **Luanda Biennial**, the Forum is a biannual meeting in support of the Pan-African Movement for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, and its aim is to deepen the sharing of visions on the culture of peace, security and democracy in Africa, with the building of more peaceful societies and approaches in the political, economic and social fields, to strengthen the pillars of integral progress on the continent.



Articulation with the African Union to prepare and carry out activities inherent to peace and stability in Africa, within the framework of the Agenda of the President of the Republic of Angola and African Union Champion for Peace and Reconciliation in Africa, **João Lourenço**, is also part of the objectives.

The Luanda Biennial also aims to develop work with UNESCO for the definition of Action Plans aimed at promoting education, science and the dissemination of art in favour of fostering a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, continental integration, climate action,

the use of renewable energies and information and communication technologies, the empowerment of women and girls, as well as the consolidation of democratic governance and the rule of law in Africa.

The event's programme included six panel discussions, as well as parallel activities, most notably the First National Ecumenical Conference on the Rescue of Moral, Civic and Religious Values, as well as an exhibition of works of art and visits to museums and historical monuments.



ANGOLAN HEAD OF STATE ADDRESSES MESSAGE TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL



A message from His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, to His Excellency **António Guterres**, Secretary General of the United Nations, was delivered on **10 November** in New York by His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations.

The content of the Angolan statesman's message has not been revealed, but it is presumed to be related to issues of **international peace and security**, including the situation in the Great Lakes region, with a focus on instability in the east of the DRC.

The situation in the east of the DRC was recently analysed in Luanda at an **Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)**, convened by its President-in-Office, His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**.

The occasion also served for Minister **Téte António** to summarise the decisions taken at the last **Extraordinary SADC Summit**, held in Luanda, which addressed the security and humanitarian issue that has deteriorated due to the resumption of attacks and the occupation of parts of the territory by M23.

The **Angolan Head of State's** letter was delivered to the Secretary General of the United Nations in the presence of His Excellency Ambassador **Francisco José da Cruz**, Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations.

HEAD OF ANGOLAN DIPLOMACY CONFERS WITH UN UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL



Angola's contribution to peace operations missions was analysed on **10 November** in New York during a working meeting between His Excellencies Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations and **Jean Pierre Lacroix**, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations.

According to the **head of Angolan diplomacy**, the Republic of Angola intends to **increase its participation in peace operations missions**, which currently has two National Police officers stationed in the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**.

During the meeting, the two entities spoke of the need for **Angola and the United Nations Department of Peace Operations** to work towards strengthening their cooperation, with the **implementation of four fundamental components**, namely the preparation of an **Angolan Special Forces Company**, the preparation of a Helicopter Squadron, the **training of Angolan Armed Forces (FAA) troops** for peace operations missions and the **deployment of FAA officers**

at UN headquarters.

His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations, said that the **deployment of FAA officials at UN headquarters** will serve to expose Angolan troops in a multilateral environment, emphasising that the project would begin with low-ranking military and police personnel.

The **two entities also discussed** the situation of **instability in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the decision taken at the last SADC Summit**, held in Luanda, Angola, on 4 November, to deploy a military force in that region of Congolese territory.

His Excellency **Jean Pierre Lacroix**, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, pledged to support and strengthen cooperation with Angola in order to achieve this goal.

In July 2022, **Angola made its debut in Peace Operations Missions**, sending two National Police officers to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).



MINISTER TÊTE ANTÓNIO MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF ANGOLAN DIPLOMAT'S DAY

12 November 2023



Angolan diplomacy **celebrated on 12 November** Angolan **Diplomat's Day**, a fact that honours us greatly because we remember with satisfaction the **national cadres** who, over the years, have always been committed to the cause of the **strategic objectives** of the Republic of Angola's foreign policy.

On this very important day, **we salute the illustrious figures who have distinguished themselves by serving with a spirit of mission**, selflessness and dedication so that Angola could achieve peace, unity and stability that we enjoy today.

To this end, we cannot fail to remember with the highest respect, dignity and reference, the new generations of Angolan diplomats whose names time will never erase in the history of Angolan diplomacy, namely **Paulo Teixeira Jorge, Afonso Van-Dúnem "M'binda", Pedro de Castro Van-Dúnem "Loy" and Venâncio de Moura**, for their actions towards consolidating Angola's independence.

We also remember, with deep nostalgia, the former heads of the External Relations portfolio, namely **José Eduardo dos Santos, João Bernardo de Miranda, Assunção dos Anjos, Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti and Manuel Domingos Augusto**, and other diplomatic servants who are no longer part of our lives, but who marked an era, leaving indelible legacies of professionalism and dedication in the performance of their missions in favour of Angolan diplomacy.

As soon as independence was achieved, the **Ministry of External Relations** took on the responsibility of contributing to the consolidation of the State itself and the defence of National Sovereignty, asserting itself as a **vanguard for Angola's insertion** into the international context, particularly in Africa.

It is in this spirit that Angola continues on the path of consolidating its democracy and economic growth, indispensable premises in solving the most pressing problems of the population, and **which make Angola an international reference**.

The **Republic of Angola will continue to develop its foreign policy based on the principles of respect and equality between states**, the peaceful resolution of conflicts, cooperation between peoples, progress and social justice.

It will also continue its **strategy of promoting its competitive position in the international context** and of taking the greatest advantage of international

cooperation **in order to always and increasingly raise the living quality of the Angolan people**.

The country will continue to play its **important role in the process of peacemaking in Africa**, particularly in the regions where it operates, namely **SADC, GGC, ECCAS and ICGLR**.

The **Ministry of External Relations** is committed to a policy of peace diplomacy, through **conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms, permanent dialogue**, and the promotion of bilateral cooperation with neighbouring countries, based on the principles of equality, reciprocal advantages and respect for sovereignty.

The Angolan government, led by His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic, has been conducting **diplomacy aimed at attracting private foreign investment** to help diversify our economy, to which we encourage all diplomats to contribute effectively and efficiently.

On an internal level, **MIREX will continue with its ongoing reforms**, with the aim of creating better working conditions for its officials, **with a view to a more active and assertive diplomacy**.

In the field of **Human Resources**, we will continue the programme of qualification and rejuvenation of its staff, while at the same time ensuring the career progression provided for by law.

MIREX will continue to make the necessary efforts to **follow up on the programme to downsize the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts**, thus adjusting their operation to the country's current economic and financial situation.

This year **Angolan Diplomat's Day** is **associated with 11 November**, National Independence Day, the greatest achievement of the Angolan people, **celebrated in a particularly important environment** as we gain yet another economic asset to serve Africa and the world.

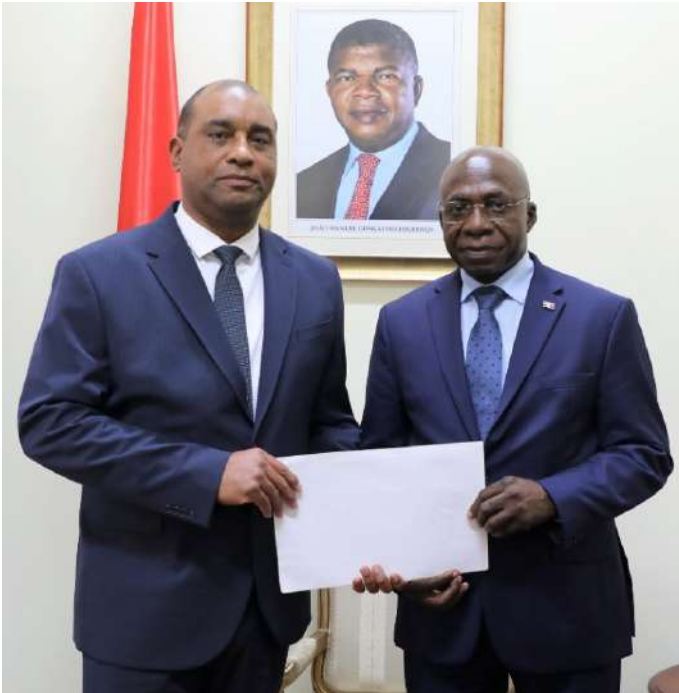
I am referring to the new **"Dr António Agostinho Neto" International Airport**, inaugurated by His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola.

Welcome the **Angolan Diplomat's Day**;

Congratulations to All Diplomats.

For MIREX, All Together and United!

ANGOLA AND CUBA STRENGTHEN POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC TIES



His Excellency Ambassador **Tété António**, Minister of External Relations, received on 1 November the **Copies of Credence** from the new Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Cuba to the Republic of Angola, Oscar León González.

The reception of this important document took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Relations in downtown Luanda.

During the meeting, the Latin American country's new Ambassador-designate expressed his commitment to working to further **strengthen political and diplomatic ties between Angola and Cuba**, conso-

lidating the historic friendship that unites these two countries.

The **Copies of the Credentials** are the instrument that entitles the diplomat to appear before a Head of State during the presentation ceremony of the Letters of Credence.

His Excellency **Oscar León González** is a career civil servant with an outstanding record of diplomatic service, having performed important positions in international missions.

Political and diplomatic relations between the **Republic of Angola** and the **Republic of Cuba** were established on 15 November 1975.

These are historic ties, based precisely on friendship and solidarity between the two peoples and have always been highly favoured by both countries.

In 1976, the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Cuba signed the **General Bilateral Cooperation Agreement**, which covers various sectors and has evolved over the years according to the international-historical context and the interests of both parties.

Institutional cooperation, characterised by the Cuban presence in almost all sectors of economic and social activity in Angola since the 1970s and 1980s, has decreased substantially since 1990, with the exception of the education and health sectors, and has become markedly entrepreneurial.

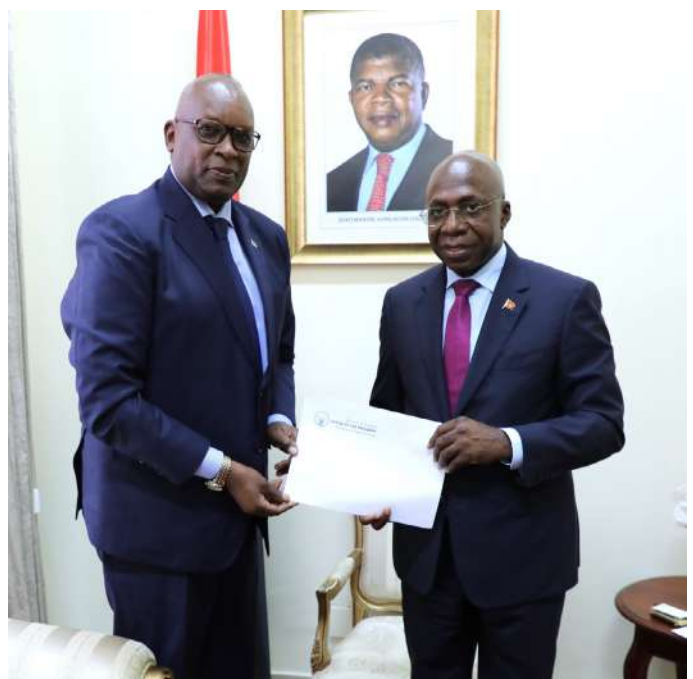
ANGOLA AND RWANDA STRENGTHEN BILATERAL RELATIONS

His Excellency Ambassador **Tété Antonio**, Minister of External Relations, received on **8 November** in Luanda, the Copies of Credence from the new Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Rwanda in Angola, **Charles Rudakubana**.

The meeting took place at the headquarters of the **Ministry of External Relations** (at Mutamba), in downtown Luanda, and **symbolises the official act that formalises the start of the Rwandan Ambassador's activity in the Republic of Angola**.

During the meeting, Ambassador **Charles Rudakubana** expressed his firm commitment to continuing to strengthen the **political-diplomatic and cooperation ties between Angola and Rwanda**, respecting the solid relationship that already exists between the two ICGLR member countries.

The legal basis for bilateral cooperation between Angola and Rwanda was established on 15 May 2014, with the signing of the **Framework Agreement on Economic, Technical-Scientific and**



Cultural Cooperation and the Agreement on the Creation of the Bilateral Commission.

OACPS AND EU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED



The capital city of Apia, in the Independent State of Samoa, hosted on 15 November, the signing ceremony for the Partnership Agreement between the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the European Union (EU).

Called the “Samoa Agreement”, the document was signed by most of the member countries of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the European Union (EU).

His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations, signed the document on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola, which marks the beginning of a journey that will chart the future of an alliance of solidarity and unity for all nations.

The new agreement, which replaces the Cotonou Agreement signed in July 2022 between the EU and 79 OACPS countries, paves the way for significant progress in human development, the fight against climate change, peace, security and good governance over the next 20 years, term of its validity

The implementation of the Samoa Agreement,

made up of a common basis and three regional protocols that address the specific needs of the African, Caribbean and Pacific regions, will be supported by the European Union’s Global Gateway programme.

Speaking on behalf of the African region, His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to speak at this historic meeting on behalf of the African region.

According to the Angolan leader, the world is living through a multipolar and interconnected moment that is currently witnessing fundamental geopolitical changes and realignments, with implications for all OACPS regions. Minister **Téte António** expressed his belief that Africa’s role can change dynamics that influence and impact global politics, develop capacities in the respective regions, promote good governance, maintain peaceful good neighbourly relations and create positive development outcomes, as well as representing the voice and unity for the Global South.



The OACPS brings together 1.5 billion people from three continents and 79 countries, making it a significant force in the concert of nations.

Due to its scope, the bloc is called upon to play a key role in building a world of peace and security, defending the environment and promoting the economic and social development of all countries.

Created by the Georgetown Agreement in 1975, its main objectives are the sustainable development of its member states and their progressive integration into the world economy, which means prioritising poverty reduction and establishing a new, fairer and more equitable world order.

His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lou-**

renço, President of the Republic of Angola, took over the rotating chairpersonship of the bloc in December 2022 for a three-year term and has been working to build a world of peace and security, in defence of the environment and promoting economic and social development for all countries.

The signing ceremony of the Partnership Agreement between the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the European Union (EU) was attended, among other personalities, by Their Excellencies **Afioga Fiaame Naomi Mata’afa**, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa and **Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti**, Secretary General of the OACPS, as well as senior EU officials.



MINISTER TÊTE ANTÓNIO RECEIVES ANGOLAN RED CROSS DELEGATION



H.E Tête António
Minister of External Relations

His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António**, Minister of External Relations, held a working meeting on **21 November** in Luanda with a **delegation from the Angolan Red Cross**, headed by the President of that Non-Governmental Organisation, **Delfina Cumandala**.

The aim of the meeting was to introduce the head of the **Angolan Red Cross to the MIREX political directorate**, as well as its diagnosis and the present and future challenges facing this philanthropic organisation.

His Excellency the Minister of External Relations listened attentively to all the information that was provided, and gave subsidies for the smooth running of the institution and the production of tangible results that would benefit both the Angolan Red Cross and the country. The meeting also served to analyse the African candidacy process for elections to the leadership of the **World Forum of the International Red Cross**.

In this regard, the Head of Angolan Diplomacy presented his point of view and explained to the new **President of the Angolan Red Cross** the diplomatic procedures to run for these positions.

The new leader of the Red Cross in Angola was elected in May this year and is assisted by nine members.



MINISTER TÊTE ANTÓNIO RECEIVES SPECIAL ENVOY FROM ISRAEL



His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António**, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, on **8 November**, in Luanda granted audience to His Excellency **Roey Dilad**, Special Envoy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel.

The meeting served to discuss the situation in the Middle East, especially the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, as well as issues related to the regional and international agenda.

On the occasion, the Israeli diplomat **explained to Minister Tête António** the Israeli government's standing on the conflict, as well as giving details of the casualties following the ongoing clashes.

His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António** reiterated the position of the government of the Republic of Angola, referring to the speech by His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, on the occa-

sion of the **State of the Nation**.

He also emphasised the need to **apply United Nations resolutions** in order to find a lasting solution based on the **peaceful coexistence** of two states, Israel and Palestine.

He also evoked the **“sacred-holy”** principles of the right to self-determination and inviolability of territorial integrity, as well as **non-indifference to the countless victims of the conflict**.

The two entities also discussed issues related to bilateral cooperation between Angola and Israel, and both recognised the progress made in this area.

The working meeting, which took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Relations, was attended by the Director of International Cooperation, Ambassador **Carlos Sardinha**, the Angolan Ambassador to Israel, **Oswaldo Varela**, among other senior diplomats.



ANGOLA AND PALESTINE REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING BILATERAL COOPERATION TIES



His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António**, Minister of External Relations, met in Luanda on **8 November** with the Palestinian Ambassador to Angola, **Jubrael George Bishara Shomali**.

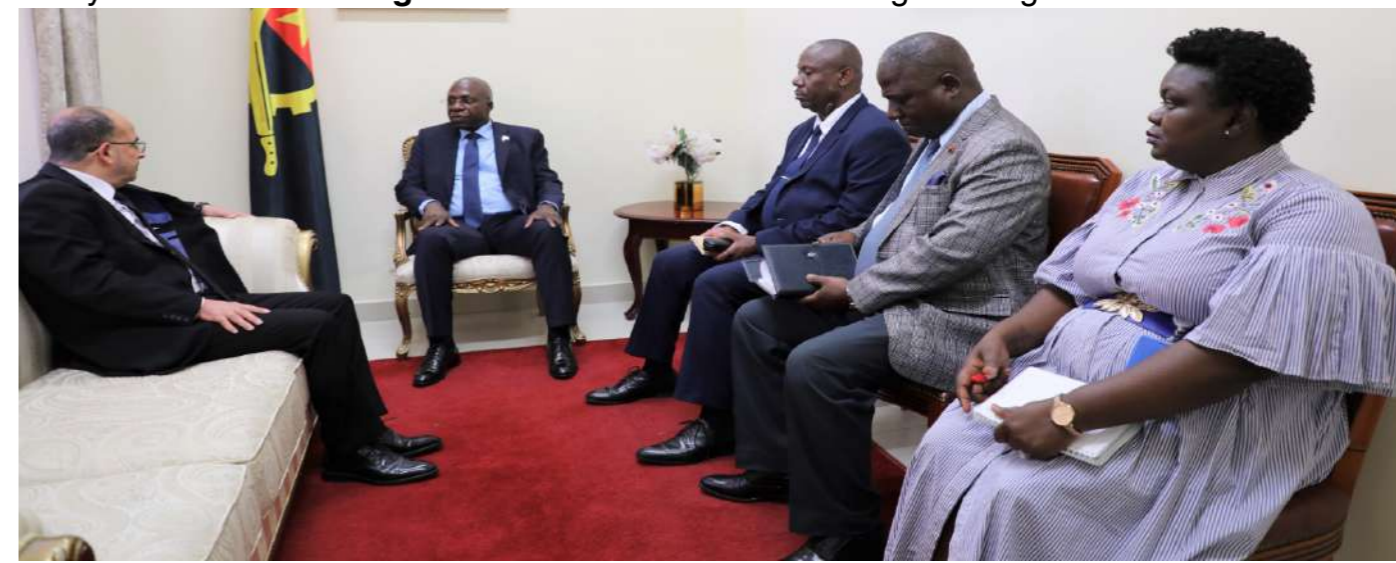
The meeting, which took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Relations, in Mutamba, downtown Luanda, served as an opportunity for the two entities to analyse the **current situation in the Middle East**, with particular emphasis on the **conflict involving the State of Israel and Hamas**.

During the audience, Ambassador **Jubrael George Bishara Shomali** took the opportunity to **thank the Angolan Government**

for its noble stance towards Palestine, recalling the appeal of His Excellency **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, at the **United Nations** for the world not to forget the suffering of the Palestinians, defending the implementation of the two-state principle.

The Palestinian diplomat also praised the **State of the Nation speech** addressed by President **João Lourenço** at the opening of the parliamentary year, where he also addressed the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Relations between Angola and Palestine are longstanding.



MINISTER TÊTE ANTÓNIO CONFERS WITH ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR



His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António**, Minister of External Relations, on **6 November** in Luanda, **granted audience** to His Excellency **Abdelhakim Mihoubi**, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Angola.

During the meeting, which took place at **MIREX headquarters** (in Mutamba) in downtown Luanda, **issues of bilateral, regional and international interest** were discussed.

ANGOLA AND EGYPT DETERMINED TO DEEPEN BILATERAL RELATIONS

His Excellency Ambassador **Tête António**, Minister of External Relations, on **8 November**, received the **Copies of Credence** from the new Ambassador-designate of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Angola, **Naveen El-Husseiny**.

The **reception of this legal instrument took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Relations**, in downtown Luanda, thus enabling the creation of conditions for the new diplomat-designate to carry out her duties as Head of Egypt's Diplomatic Mission in the Southern African country.

During the meeting, the new Ambassador-designate of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Angola **thanked** the Angolan people for their **warm welcome** and conveyed the greetings of brotherhood from the Egyptian people and government to the Angolan people and government.

She also expressed her desire to **work closely with the Angolan government** to achieve common goals in areas of mutual interest and to strengthen ties between the two African countries.

Political and diplomatic cooperation relations between Angola and Egypt were formalised on 26 March 1987 in Luanda with the signing of the General

With regard to **bilateralism**, Minister **Tête António** and Ambassador **Abdelhakim Mihoubi** expressed the importance of further strengthening the **bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries**, as well as reiterating their commitment to continuing to **promote dialogue and partnership between Angola and Algeria**, for the benefit of their peoples and in line with the principles of diplomacy and mutual respect.

Friendly relations between Angola and Algeria existed before Angola's independence, when the Arab country provided **diplomatic, material and military support** in its struggle for independence.

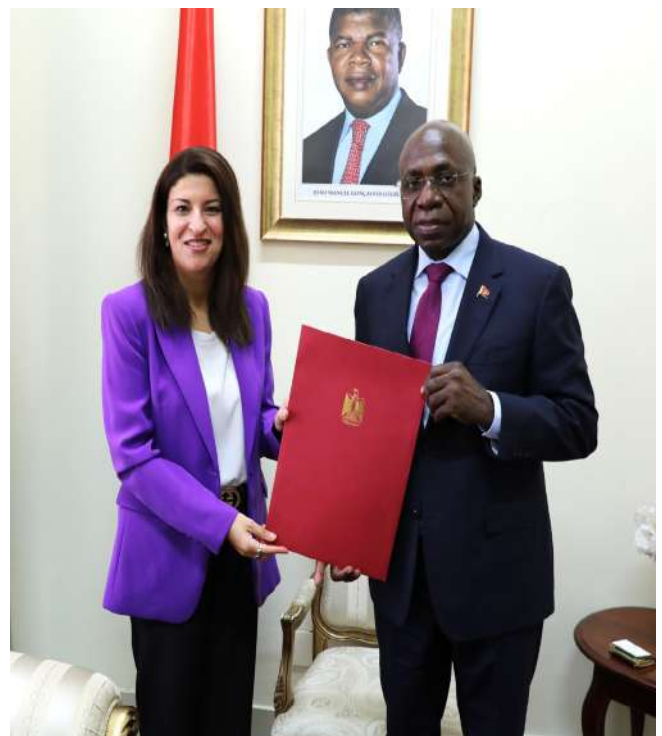
In the post-independence period, **Algeria's support was crucial for training the first Angolan cadres**, particularly in the oil sector.

Minister **Tête António** was in Algiers, from 17 to 18 October, where he took part in the **20th Meeting of Foreign Ministers from Africa and the Nordic countries**.

This meeting aimed to **strengthen dialogue and cooperation between African and Nordic countries** on a wide range of issues relating to **international peace and security**, sustainable development and efficient partnerships.

Algeria, located in North Africa, is the largest country on the continent and the tenth largest in the world in terms of land area.

Its capital is **Algiers** and it borders the **Mediterranean Sea, Tunisia, Libya, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Western Sahara and Morocco**.



Agreement for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation.

ANGOLA AND MOROCCO DEEPEN BILATERAL COOPERATION



His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations, **received on 6 November**, in Luanda, Her Excellency **Saadia El Alaoui**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to Angola.

During the meeting, which **took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Relations**, the two entities discussed **issues related to the bonds of friendship and solidarity that unite the two countries**, as well as the need to **strengthen bilateral cooperation** in the most varied areas of **political, diplomatic and commercial life** between the **Republic of Angola and the Kingdom of Morocco**.

The meeting also served as an opportunity for the two interlocutors to discuss **issues of regional and multilateral interest**, emphasising the importance of mutual collaboration towards **peace, security and development**.

Their Excellencies **Minister Téte António** and **Ambassador Saadia El Alaoui** took the opportunity to talk about the **3rd Angola/Morocco Joint Commission**, which took place in **Rabat** on 11 July 2023, as well as their **Joint Communiqué**, which addresses various aspects of bilateral relations.

It should be recalled that the **3rd Angola/Moroc-**

co Joint Commission marked a new stage in the **consolidation of bilateral cooperation** and partnership between the two countries, which are experiencing significant development in each of their respective regions, as well as playing a recognised role on the African continent.

The **Republic of Angola and the Kingdom of Morocco** intend to establish a multifaceted partnership covering various areas, particularly **agriculture, fishing, tourism, mining and energy, education and vocational training, infrastructure, logistics, health and the pharmaceutical industry**.

Political and diplomatic relations between Angola and the North African country date back to the beginning of the National Liberation Struggle of African peoples against colonial domination.

Following Angola's independence, the two governments decided to establish diplomatic relations by setting up embassies in Luanda and in Rabat.

The two countries signed in October 1988 the **General Agreement on Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation**, which enabled the holding of the **1st Session of the Angolan-Moroccan Bilateral Joint Commission** in Rabat in October 1989.



SECRETARY OF STATE ATTENDS UNITED NATIONS MEETING ON SECURITY IN CENTRAL AFRICA



The State Secretary for External Relations, **Esmeralda Mendonça**, on 24 November in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, participated in the **56th Meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Issues in Central Africa (UNSAC)**.

Under the theme “**Preventing and Combating Unconstitutional Change in the Central African Region**”, this session was preceded, from the 21st to the 23rd of this month, by a meeting of experts that analysed the geopolitical and security situation in Central Africa, the monitoring of the situation in Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Gabon, as well as issues of climate security and the humanitarian situation in Central Africa.

With regard to Unconstitutional Changes in the Central African Region, Her Excellency **Esmeralda Mendonça** highlighted the proactive and reconciliatory approach of the leaders of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the African Union (AU) in the face of these changes.

She emphasised the importance of respect for democratic principles and the rule of law, calling for international collaboration to restore constitutional normality.

The Angolan diplomat also reinforced the African Union’s commitment to the principle of non-indifference, advocating the engagement of all in the face of irregular constitutional situations or other anomalies.

The chairpersonship of UNSAC was taken over by the Republic of Rwanda for a period of six months, succeeding the Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

At this meeting, the Republic of Angola was elected first vice-chairperson of the committee, while the Central African Republic holds the position of second vice-chairperson and Chad the post of rapporteur of the committee.



It should be noted that the Fifty-Seventh Session is scheduled for May 2024 in Luanda, where Angola will assume the chairpersonship of the UNSAC Bureau Committee.

UNSAC was created on 28 May 1992 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Resolution 46/37 B adopted on 6 December 1991 by the UN General Assembly.

This decision was a positive response to the request made on 28 November 1986 by the member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), emphasising the need to create this Committee.

UNSAC is made up of the eleven member states of ECCAS, namely Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and São Tomé and Príncipe.

In addition to the member states, regional, sub-regional and international organisations attend the Committee’s sessions as observers.

The Angolan inter-ministerial delegation was led by H.E. **Esmeralda Mendonça**, Secretary of State External Relations, representing H.E. **Téte António**, the head of Angolan Diplomacy.

Her Excellency **Esmeralda Mendonça** was accompanied at the event by Ambassador **Sara Silva**, Director for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of External Relations; **Lizeth Pena**, Angolan Ambassador to Gabon and Minister-Counsellor Luis dos Santos, representing His Excellency **Eduardo Octávio**, Angolan Ambassador to Rwanda, as well as senior officials from the Ministries of the Interior and Defence.



LUANDA HOSTS VI MINISTERIAL MEETING OF ANGOLA-EUROPEAN UNION JOINT WAY FORWARD



H.E. Domingos Custódio Vieira Lopes
Secretary of State for International Cooperation
and Angolan Communities

The city of Luanda will host in the first half of December this year, the **6th Ministerial Meeting of the Angola-European Union Joint Way Forward**, initially scheduled for June last year.

This information was disclosed on **20 November** at a consultation meeting held at the headquarters of the **Ministry of External Relations**, with the aim of rescheduling the meeting.

Led by His Excellency **Domingos Custódio Vieira Lopes**, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities, the meeting brought together representatives of the sectors covered by the Angola-European Union Joint Path Agreement, namely **Economy and Planning, Fisheries, Transport,**

Youth and Sport, Environment, Education, Culture and Tourism, Social Action, Family and Women's Promotion, Health, Energy and Water and the Luanda Provincial Government.

The occasion was used by the attending officials to discuss the updating of the proposals for the Cooperation Mechanism Action Plan, previously presented as part of the **6th Ministerial Meeting of the Angola-European Union Joint Pathway.**

The programme for the **6th Ministerial Meeting in December** included **strengthening cooperation and partnership relations between the European Union and Angola**, looking at issues linked to **shared values and common interests.**

The Angola-European Union Joint Pathway was established on **23 July 2012** with a view to promoting dialogue on public policies in mutually advantageous areas, guided by the principles of democracy, the rule of law, human rights and good governance, equity, ownership and joint responsibility.

The **European Union and Angola** gradually renew their mutual commitment to maintaining the Joint Path as a platform for dialogue and constructive cooperation.



SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ADMINISTRATION ATTENDS 17TH EDITION OF BUILDING MATERIALS FAIR



Her Excellency **Maria Auxiliadora Fragoso Pascoal Ramiro**, Secretary of State for Administration, Finance and Asset at the Ministry of External Relations, **witnessed** on 23 November in Luanda the opening of the 17th edition of the Building Materials, Public Works, Urban Planning, Architecture and Interior Decoration Fair, which ran until 26 November in Luanda Bay.

Secretary of State **Maria Auxiliadora** took part in the inaugural event on behalf of His Excellency Ambassador **Téte António**, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola.

The **international fair** is organised by the business group **Eventos Arena** with the institutional support of the **Ministry of Public Works, Urbanism and Housing**.

In an enclosed space by the sea, equipment and services for **civil construction, public works, urban planning, architecture, interior decoration and real estate** are on display, and this edition is being organised under the slogan “**Designing the Future, Building the Present.**”

At the opening ceremony, Secretary of State **Maria Auxiliadora** was flanked by His Excellency **Márcio Daniel**, Secretary of State for Local Authorities at the Ministry of Territorial Administration.

After the opening ceremony, MIREX’s **Secretary of State for Administration, Finance and Assets** made a brief visit to the exhibition stands, where she **learnt about the quantity and quality of materials and equipment made in Angola**.



Dr. António Agostinho Neto Memorial (MAAN), also known as the Foguetão, is a monument built in the capital of Luanda in honour of Dr. António Agostinho Neto, Angolan doctor, writer and politician.



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