

Annex

Letter dated 8 May 1991 from the Minister for External
Relations of Angola to the Secretary-General

As you are aware, the Government of the People's Republic of Angola and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) signed on 1 May 1991 a set of documents that establish the principles for the implementation of peace in Angola.

Accordingly, I would like formally to communicate this fact and, in the meantime, I would like to request that Your Excellency take action in order to ensure the participation of the United Nations in verifying the implementation of the Accords, to which both sides have agreed.

Therefore, I would like to request Your Excellency to inform the Security Council of the necessity to keep the forces of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM) until the realization of the general elections that will take place between September and November 1992.

Although the said Accords will be in force after the formal signature at the end of this month, the cessation of the hostilities must be verified "in fact" as of 15 May 1991, at which date the mechanisms of verification should be started.

Attached please find a copy of the rubricated Accords.

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Enclosure

Peace Accords for Angola

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), with mediation by the Government of Portugal and the participation or observers from the governments of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Accept as binding the following documents, which constitute the Peace Accords for Angola:

(a) The cease-fire agreement (including annexes I and II thereto) [see attachment I];

(b) Fundamental principles for the establishment of peace in Angola (including the annex thereto regarding the Joint Political-Military Commission) [see attachment II];

(c) Concepts for resolving the issues still pending between the Government of the People's Republic of Angola and UNITA [see attachment III];

(d) The Protocol of Estoril [see attachment IV].

These peace accords were initialled on 1 May 1991 by the respective heads of delegation and subsequently approved by the Government of the People's Republic of Angola and UNITA (as evidenced in the communication addressed to the Prime Minister of Portugal not later than 12 midnight on 15 May 1991, which entailed the de facto suspension of hostilities in Angola beginning on that date), and will enter into force immediately following their signature.

President of the People's
Republic of Angola

Lisbon, ... May 1991

President of the National
Union for the Total
Independence of Angola