Agreement with UNITA-Renovada Updating the Lusaka Protocol Concerning the Reinstatement of Government Administration over the National Territory

The Protocol of Lusaka, signed by the Government and UNITA, aims at fostering true reconciliation among the Angolan people, to be translated into unity, democracy and reconstruction and development for the country;

The free circulation of people and goods and the reestablishment of the administration of the state over the whole of the national territory, is one of the most important goals in the achievement of a definite peace in Angola;

In that sense, the creation of the GURN and the incorporation of the members of UNITA into their parliamentary seats, were important steps towards national reconciliation. These steps were taken by the signatories of the Lusaka Protocol, with due respect for the Constitution and the laws, the Peace Agreements and its respective Protocol as well as all other international principles relative to the consolidation of the Peace Process;

The government with the cooperation of UNITA, assumed the responsibility of reestablishing the administration of the state over the whole of the national territory. This objective has not yet been attained due to the constant non-compliance by the then Chairman of UNITA, Jonas Savimbi, who once again has chose the use of force, in total violation of the agreed principles. As a result of this behavior he was unseated from the leadership of the party, during UNITA's IX Congress held from 11 to 15 January 1999 in Luanda;

The new UNITA leadership is thereby considered the only valid interlocutor for the continuation of the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol, which it accepts and pledges to respect.

Thus, given the need for both the government and UNITA to comply with its terms in what has to do with the normalization of the administration of the state over the whole of the national territory, with due respect to the constitution and the principles enshrined in the Lusaka Protocol;

AGREE:

1. To consider the areas that are not under Government control as not being under UNITA, but in the hands of organized armed groups under the leadership of Jonas Savimbi and outside the framework of the Lusaka Protocol.

2. Consider concluded the normalization of the administration of the state over the whole of the national territory under the terms of the Lusaka Protocol.

3. The obligations derived form the above, should be undertaken with full respect to the constitution of the Republic of Angola and for Human Rights.

4. The organs of the state, in the exercise of their sovereign powers must assist the populations held captive by the groups organized under the leadership of Jonas Savimbi.

Luanda, 18 February, 1999.

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