

Agreement with UNITA-Renovada Updating the Lusaka Protocol Concerning the Appointment of UNITA Cadres to Government Positions

The government of the Republic of Angola and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), in good faith and in compliance with the provisions of the Lusaka Protocol, consider that:

1. The Government of the Republic of Angola and UNITA are ready to comply in letter and spirit with the Lusaka Protocol.
2. After the creation of the GURN (Government of Unity and National Reconciliation), the President nominated through Presidential Decrees the Governors and Vice Governors that had been postulated by UNITA.
3. The designated individuals were prevented from taking office by the successive obstructions created by the then Chairman of UNITA, Jonas Savimbi, and his militaristic wing.
4. Additionally, at the beginning of last December, Jonas Savimbi launched into conventional warfare, aiming at taking power by force, having as his immediate objective taking the cities of Huambo, Kuito and Malange. This was not achieved because the immediate intervention of the Angolan Armed Forces thwarted those aggressive attempts.
5. At the moment, the whole of the national territory has been plunged into an unprecedented war, thus the administration of the state cannot be carried out under normal circumstances.
6. Taking into account the new political developments derived from the IX UNITA Congress, which led to the election of a new leadership, the Government and UNITA agree to the following:
 - a) Accept the new names proposed by UNITA, to occupy the positions of governor of the Provinces of Uige, Lunda Sul and Kuando Kubango and initiate the legal provisions necessary to void prior nominations.
 - b) In the above terms allow the designated officials to take office in those regions as soon as the circumstances allow it, with the alleviation of the military tension prevailing over the whole of the national territory.
 - c) Those individuals designated by UNITA and accepted by the government under the terms of paragraph (a), while they do not take office will still benefit from the privileges due to the position they will occupy, specifically in what has to do with salary and lodgings.

Luanda, 18 February, 1999.

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