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Dear readers,

This edition number 12 of *The Peacemaker Newsletter* highlights the celebrations of the 49th anniversary of national independence, with coverage of the central act, which took place in the province of Malanje, presided over by the Minister of State for Social Affairs, Maria do Rosário Bragança, and the message from the Minister of External Relations, Ambassador Tété António, on the occasion of 12 November, day dedicated to Angolan diplomats.

This newsletter also covers the activities carried out by some of the Republic of Angola's diplomatic and consular missions abroad, as well as congratulatory messages from foreign governments to the people and government of the Republic of Angola.

Happy reading!



Raising of the national flag in honour of the 49th anniversary of National Independence



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The Minister of State for Social Affairs, Maria do Rosário Bragança, on Monday 11 November in Malanje province, considered National Independence to be the greatest prize achieved by Angolans in 1975, with the determined struggle and resistance they decided to wage from 1961 onwards to end colonial subjugation. Speaking on behalf of the President of the Republic, João Lourenço, at the Central Act of the 49th anniversary of National Independence, marked on 11 November, the government member, who gave a brief historical review of the date, recalled that the bravery of Angolans to put an end to the colonialist yoke culminated in the freedom of the people in 1975.

“And this tradition of resistance has always characterised the Angolan people, so on this date I reiterate a simple tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives for the freedom and dignity of the Angolan people, because without this sacrifice we would have been far from achieving Independence”.

She recognised the support provided by Angola's friends and allies who helped the Angolan fighters to achieve their longed-for independence.

The State minister pointed out that as we move forward as a free nation, we must honour those who believed in and supported Angola's right to self-determination and freedom.

On this date, she recalled some relevant aspects that had markedly affected the country's development, namely the massive and indiscriminate flight of staff from the most diverse fields of knowledge and levels of socialisation, who ensured the functioning of the public administration and other sectors.

She recognised that in 1975 the country had an illiteracy rate of 85 per cent and in order to change this scenario, in addition to hiring foreign advisors for almost all duties, Angola's first president, Agostinho Neto, launched a broad literacy campaign in 1976 and began the massive training of staff, sending thousands

of young people to various countries, a task that continues to this day.

“It was with these cadres and those who remained in the country that we began to redefine our own destinies and build Angola without discrimination of any kind and which should make all its children proud”

On the other hand, the Minister of State for Social Affairs, Maria do Rosário Bragança, pointed to the province of Malanje as one of the great symbols of resistance against colonial occupation, slavery and humiliation, extolling the figure of sovereigns Ngola Kiluanje and Nginga a Mbande, who fought incessant battles against the Portuguese colonialists in this territory.

She made it known that it was in Malanje that one of the most significant and symbolic uprising of the anti-colonial struggle took place on 4 January 1961, in Baixa de Casanje, and that the Government is therefore committed to building the monuments of the kingdom of Ndongo and Matamba, in the town of Muculu-a-ngola, in the municipality of Marimba, with the aim of honouring these heroes.

Reconstruction and National Reconciliation

The Cabinet minister recalled that the Government had launched a wide-ranging programme of reconstruction and national reconciliation, which had made it possible, on the one hand, to recover infrastructures that serve as a basis for promoting the country's progress and, on the other hand, to forgive each other in order to move together towards Angola's development.

She recognised that national reconciliation is a fundamental pillar for progress and national unity, that is why it is a commitment to truth and justice, and represents an invitation to all Angolans to put aside the animosities of the past and embrace the multicultural diversity that characterises the country.

In this vein, she reiterated that national reconciliation is not just a task for one generation, but for all and that it must be consolidated in everyday life, even with small gestures that help to heal wounds and overcome mistrust.



State Minister for Social Affairs

Maria do Rosário Bragança

She made it known that the country's path since 1975 has been to build a united Angola for all its citizens, where differences of origin, ethnicity, belief and others are respected and celebrated as part of the national strength, without leaving anyone behind.

As she said, unity must be the greatest strength and the cornerstone on which commitment and strength are reaffirmed, and only through it can a prosperous, democratic and peaceful nation be built, valuing the rich cultural mosaic and preserving peace, a valuable asset that must be defended by all.

Witnessing the event, which took place in the Palanca Negra Gigante games pavilion, under the slogan '11 November, National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development', were the provincial governor, Marcos Nhunga, ministers and secretaries of state.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF 12 NOVEMBER, ANGOLAN DIPLOMAT'S DAY

Angolan diplomacy celebrates Today, Tuesday 12 November, Angolan Diplomat's Day, a date honoured and remembered with satisfaction by all the national cadres who for 14 years have continued to contribute with determination to the cause of the strategic objectives of the foreign policy of the Republic of Angola.

On this very important day, we cannot fail to mention the illustrious figures who stood out so that Angola could achieve the peace, national unity and stability that we enjoy today, as well as marking, with the high respect and dignity that is required, the new generations of diplomats whose names time will never erase in the history of Angolan diplomacy.

The Angolan government, led by His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic, has been conducting diplomacy that is increasingly focused on economic objectives, prioritising the diversification of its economy.

The country is seeking to attract foreign investment in various sectors, such as agriculture, tourism and renewable energy, in order to stimulate sustainable

economic growth.

Diplomatic efforts are also directed towards strengthening Angola's democratic institutions and governance systems, involving judicial reforms, increased transparency and the promotion of human rights, with the aim of building international credibility and trust among citizens.

A significant aspect of Angola's diplomacy involves improving the infrastructure that aids regional connectivity and integration. This is essential for promoting economic collaboration and trade between African nations.

Angola plays a key role in regional peace efforts, especially in the Great Lakes Region and other areas marked by instability.

Its diplomacy revolves around conflict resolution, peacekeeping and mediation to ensure regional stability, which is crucial for its national security and economic development.

Angolan Diplomat's Day, which is being marked today, is associated with the 49th Anniversary of National Independence, the greatest achievement of the Angolan people, celebrated this year in a particularly important environment as we gain economic infrastructure to serve Africa and the world. Internally, the Ministry of External Relations will continue with its ongoing reforms, aiming for a more active and assertive diplomacy.

It will also continue its programme of resizing diplomatic missions and consular posts, thus adjusting their functioning to the country's current economic and financial situation.

Welcome to Angolan Diplomat's Day;

Congratulations to all Diplomats.

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AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA HIGHLIGHTS ANGOLA'S EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY ECONOMY AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Corridor and the Energy Cooperation and Visa Waiver Agreements, which foster economic growth between the two neighbouring countries. The diplomat also praised the Angolan community living in Solwezi and mentioned social programmes that show Angola's commitment to the well-being and development of its people.

He concluded with an appeal for continued friendship and cooperation between Angola and Zambia, with a view to a future of shared peace and prosperity.



The Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency Albino Malungo, on Monday 11 November in Lusaka, highlighted Angola's efforts to diversify the economy and promote sustainable development under the leadership of His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola. The Angolan diplomat was speaking at the official event celebrating the 49th anniversary of national independence, which brought together in Lusaka the Angolan Embassy in Zambia and its Consulates General in Solwezi and Mongu.

Under the slogan 'National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development,' various political, cultural and recreational activities marked the 49th anniversary of Dipanda Day, which was attended by His Excellency Robert Lihefu, Minister of the North West Province, Solwezi District Mayor Remmy Kalepa and members of the Angolan community in Solwezi.

On the occasion, His Excellency Albino Malungo expressed his gratitude to Zambia for its historic support and ongoing cooperation, emphasising joint projects such as the Lobito









Ambassador Vicente Muanda stresses leadership of the Nation's Founder for national independence

The Angolan Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, and non-resident in the Central African Republic, Vicente Muanda, Monday 11 November in Brazzaville said that 'thanks to the leadership of the then President Antonio Agostinho Neto, Angola is celebrating today the 49th anniversary of National Independence, attained in 1975 from the clutches of the then Portuguese colonial regime'. The diplomat, who was speaking in the presence of the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Congo, Charles Richard Mondjo, representing the Congolese government, parliamentarians, heads of diplomatic missions, consular missions and international organisations accredited in Brazzaville, said that after 14 years of armed struggle, in 1975 'Angola turned the page on 500 years of colonial submission and Portuguese humiliation, taking responsibility for our destinies'.

'We also began a new era of economic, political and social life, based on the legacy left by the late President António Agostinho Neto, that the 'most important thing is to solve people's problems.

In his speech, Ambassador Vicente Muanda also pointed out that in the face of the 27-year civil war imposed on us by Angola's enemies, after national independence, which ended on 4 April 2002, the Republic of Angola began the process of rebuilding the country and of national reconciliation between the Angolans who were at odds.

"Today, after 22 years of peace, we can say that we Angolans have reached the maturity and determination to assert ourselves as one people and one nation".



Five-a-side soccer match between diplomats and Angolan community marks 49th anniversary of national independence in Brazzaville



The Angolan Embassy in the Republic of Congo held various sport, political and cultural activities with the resident Angolan community in Brazzaville on Saturday 9 November to mark the 49th anniversary of national independence, celebrated on 11 November 2024.

The first indoor football match, which marked the sporting activities in honour of the anniversary, was played by a mix of diplomats and local

recruitment staff from the Angolan embassy in Congo against a strong and experienced team from the resident Angolan community. Despite the fact that the embassy's team played the ball well and dominated the midfield in the first thirty minutes of the game, fortune went to the visiting team from the Angolan community, who won the friendly by 1-0.

In the women's category, our ladies from the Angolan Women's Organisation (OMA) lost 5-2 to the ladies from the Congolese Labour Party (PCT) Women's Organisation.

Angolans in Bangui celebrate 49th anniversary of the proclamation of national independence under the slogan: '11 November - National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development'.



The Consul General of Angola in the Central African Republic, Minister Counsellor Nkosi Mankenda, on Monday 11 November in Bangui, extended a warm welcome to all those who honoured him with their presence at this event, which marked the central act of the

celebration of the 49th Anniversary of the Proclamation of National Independence, an event of paramount importance and high historical meaning for all Angolans, which this year is being commemorated under the slogan: '11 NOVEMBER - NATIONAL UNITY, PRODUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'.

Minister Counsellor Nkosi Mankenda, on behalf of His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, addressed a very special and fraternal greeting to the people and leaders

of the Central African Republic who have welcomed us so well since the opening of our Consular Mission here in Bangui.



'Our greetings are particularly addressed to His Excellency Faustin-Archange Touadera, CAR President and Head of State.'



AMBASSADOR JOVELINA IMPERIAL HIGHLIGHTS ANGOLA'S GAINS IN VARIOUS SECTORS OVER 49 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE



of the agreement for the construction of the Baynes Binational Hydroelectric Power Plant on the Lower Cunene River, a project of strategic importance for SADC.

The Head of the Angolan Diplomatic Mission in Namibia stressed that the country has been drastically reducing the import of essential agricultural goods, as well as the import of oil derivatives, with the construction of new refineries, the improvement of old ones and the broadening of its industrial base, in line with the vision of the Founder of the Nation and First President of Angola, Dr António Agostinho Neto, that 'agriculture is the basis and industry the decisive factor'.

The ceremony was attended by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia, Jenelly Matundu, representing Minister Peya Mushelenga, members of the Namibian government, the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Namibia and the Angolan community living in Windhoek.

As part of the celebrations for National Independence Day on 11 November, the Angolan Embassy in Namibia also held an agricultural products fair on Saturday, 09 November, which showcased a range of national products from small Angolan entrepreneurs living in Windhoek.



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola to the Republic of Namibia, Jovelina Imperial, highlighted Angola's gains over the 49 years of independence in various sectors.

Speaking to those present at the event, Ambassador Imperial said that the country was celebrating its 49th anniversary at a time marked by challenges that included the defence of economic interests, a strategy for diversifying the economy, boosting tourism, attracting direct investment, as well as the continuous training of human capital, a fundamental factor for the country's development.

As for the relations with Namibia, the Angolan Ambassador spoke about the strengthening of cooperation in various areas, with emphasis on the preparation of the Inaugural Session of the Binational between the two countries, the opening of the One-Stop-Border-Post at the Common Border of Santa Clara and Oshikango and also the signing





AMBASSADOR TO GHANA CONSIDERS 11 NOVEMBER MEMORABLE DATE FOR ALL ANGOLANS



In celebration of the 49th anniversary of national independence, the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in Accra, Ghana, held the official opening of an exhibition on Angola, on 11 November at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel.

The exhibition, made up of national art objects, illustrative images of Angola and Angolan literary works, ran until the 14th of this month and was available to anyone interested in learning more about Angola and its economic, tourist and infrastructure potential.

At the opening of the event, His Excellency João Baptista Domingos Quiosa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola to this West African country, said that 11 November is a memorable date for all Angolans, and that the occasion should serve to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, solidarity and good coexistence between Angolans, while recognising the achievements of those who fought for Angola's independence.

During the opening of the exhibition, a video was shown about the Republic of Angola's

productive potential and infrastructures, highlighting the Dr António Agostinho Neto International Airport and the Lobi-to Corridor, and those present were told about the progress the country has made under the leadership of His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola.

Attending the official opening of the exhibition were Ambassadors from African countries accredited to Ghana, including Their Excellencies Grace Jeanet Mason, Ambassador of South Africa, Fortunato Albrinho, Ambassador of Mozambique, Konate Oumar, Ambassador of Mali, and Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, Ambassador of Namibia, as well as Ghanaian businesspeople, officials from the Angolan Embassy in Ghana, members of the Angolan Resident Community and other guests.

The event was organised as part of a partnership between the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in Ghana and the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel in Accra.







AMBASSADOR TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE HIGHLIGHTS MOST IMPORTANT FACTS THAT HAVE INDELIBLY MARKED THE ANGOLAN STATE



The Angolan Embassy in Côte d'Ivoire on Monday 11 November, in Abidjan, organised a commemorative activity to mark the 49th anniversary of national independence.

The ceremony was presided over by the Angolan ambassador to West Africa, Domingos Pacheco, in the presence of central and local recruitment officials. Beforehand, a video was shown on the journey of the national liberation struggle until Angola's independence.

During the event, the head of the Diplomatic Mission, who was the speaker at the event, addressed the theme: 'Angola 49 years of independence, challenges and prospects,' according to a press release.

At the event, the diplomat gave a holistic and summarised account of the country's journey before and after independence, highlighting the most important facts that have indelibly marked the state, as well as future prospects and challenges.



“The recognition by the African Union of the Angolan Head of State, João Lourenço, as Champion of Peace is the clearest proof that Angola is a tenacious defender of the peaceful and negotiated way out of all conflicts, categorically condemning all changes of regime through undemocratic and unconstitutional means”.

In the view of Ambassador Domingos Pacheco, 11 November is therefore a date for celebration and reflection.



Angola's Ambassador to Egypt, Nelson Manuel Cosme, on Monday 11 November, in Cairo, highlighted the consolidation of peace, achieved in 2002, as the most significant of the challenges faced by the country over the 49 years of national independence.

Speaking at the local ceremony marking the 49th anniversary of National Independence, the diplomat pointed out that this achievement had allowed for national cohesion, a return to agricultural fields and industries, opening the way for the creation of conditions for increased production and the sustainable development of Angola, with everyone's contribution.

'Speaking before diplomats, members of the Egyptian government and the Angolan community, the diplomat said that the central motto of the celebration, 'National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development, aims to reaffirm to all Angolans and the world Angola's cohesion as a nation, as well as the commitment to work to make the country more prosperous and welcoming.

This unity has made it possible to consolidate the democratic state and the rule of law and to lay the foundations for an increasingly dynamic and inclusive market economy, boosting national wealth,' he said, emphasising that it guarantees the reduction of social inequalities, one of the premises that has been reiterated by the Government, which has not been easy, due to some consequences of the war that are still felt, as well as the current global economic and political context. He emphasised that the Government has sought to create essential infrastructures for economic development, to guarantee access to drinking water, energy, health and education, and for greater efficiency in government action, that is why it has prioritised transparency, the fight against

AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT NELSON COSME TALKS ABOUT ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDEPENDENCE



corruption and impunity in its public policies.

He pointed, by way of example, to the construction of the António Agostinho Neto International Airport and the redevelopment of the Lobito Corridor, a landmark whose strategic importance transcends Angola's borders.

"It is the first strategic economic infrastructure for global investment, and an important logistics corridor that stretches across Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, Tanzania, and connects the Atlantic and Indian Oceans," said Ambassador Nelson Cosme, referring to the Lobito Corridor".

With regard to the diversification of the economy, he highlighted investments in the tourism sector, saying that there is currently great potential for development, such as the increase in hotel units, the improvement of infrastructure in natural parks, and historic tourist sites, such as the Historic Centre of Mbanza Kongo, and he invited those attending the event to invite Angola.



AMBASSADOR BALTAZAR DIOGO CRISTÓVÃO HIGHLIGHTS HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF INDEPENDENCE



As part of the act commemorating the 49th anniversary of National Independence, the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in the Kingdom of Morocco held a political and cultural activity in Rabat on Monday 11 November under the slogan ‘11 November, National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development’.

The event brought together, among other personalities, His Excellency Ahmed El Bouari, Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests of the Kingdom of Morocco, as well as members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco and the Angolan community living in that North African country.

In his speech, Ambassador Baltazar Diogo Cristóvão highlighted the historical aspects that led to Angola’s independence, called for national unity and emphasised the importance of the relations that link the Angolan people to Morocco, which began in the early days of the national liberation struggle in the 1960s, highlighting the need to strengthen collaboration between the two states, focusing on economic diplomacy.

The Angolan diplomat also highlighted the fact that His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic, in his Message on the State of the Nation, had presented the country’s situation in the most diverse spheres, emphasising the importance of diversifying the economy.

In this context, he referred to the strategic investment in the Lobito Corridor, which will boost trade between the DRC, Zambia and Angola, as well as other countries on the continent, and which will later be extended to the Indian Ocean.

Finally, the Head of the Diplomatic Mission of the Republic of Angola to Moroccan territory called for foreign investment into the country in a wide range of areas, namely agriculture, the agri-food, mining and pharmaceutical industries, tourism, fisheries and transport, considering Angola to be a fertile land of opportunity.

For his part, the Minister of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Morocco emphasised his country’s interest in continuing to cooperate with Angola in the different sectors of mutual interest, especially the agricultural sector.



He also mentioned the Third Joint Bilateral Commission held in Rabat, which culminated in the signing of various cooperation instruments, and hoped that the two countries would continue to work with open arms to deepen relations between the two peoples.

During the meeting, videos and images were shown about bilateral relations between the two countries, as well as Angola’s economic potential.







AMBASSADOR SIANGA ABÍLIO PRAISES ACHIEVEMENTS OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE



The Angolan Ambassador to Kenya and Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations Offices in Nairobi, Eng. Sianga Abílio, on Monday, 11 November, in this capital city, highlighted the gains made with National Independence, celebrated under the slogan, '11 November: National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development', stressing that, 'after its long years of armed conflict, it managed, through external funding and its own resources, to carry out national reconstruction, as well as creating the foundations for sustainable development. As a result of this effort, Angola has seen remarkable economic and social growth in all areas.

Ambassador Sianga Abílio said that as part of the country's major transformations, the Angolan Government, as of 2017, had launched a policy to diversify the economy, in order to make its development more sustainable, based on the potential of the country's natural and human resources. Likewise, he stressed that legislative packages had also been approved to encourage private investment, whether national or foreign, based on a new paradigm that favours private initiative, the entrepreneurial capacity and innovation of people and companies, with the aim of promoting economic growth, jobs and social promotion.

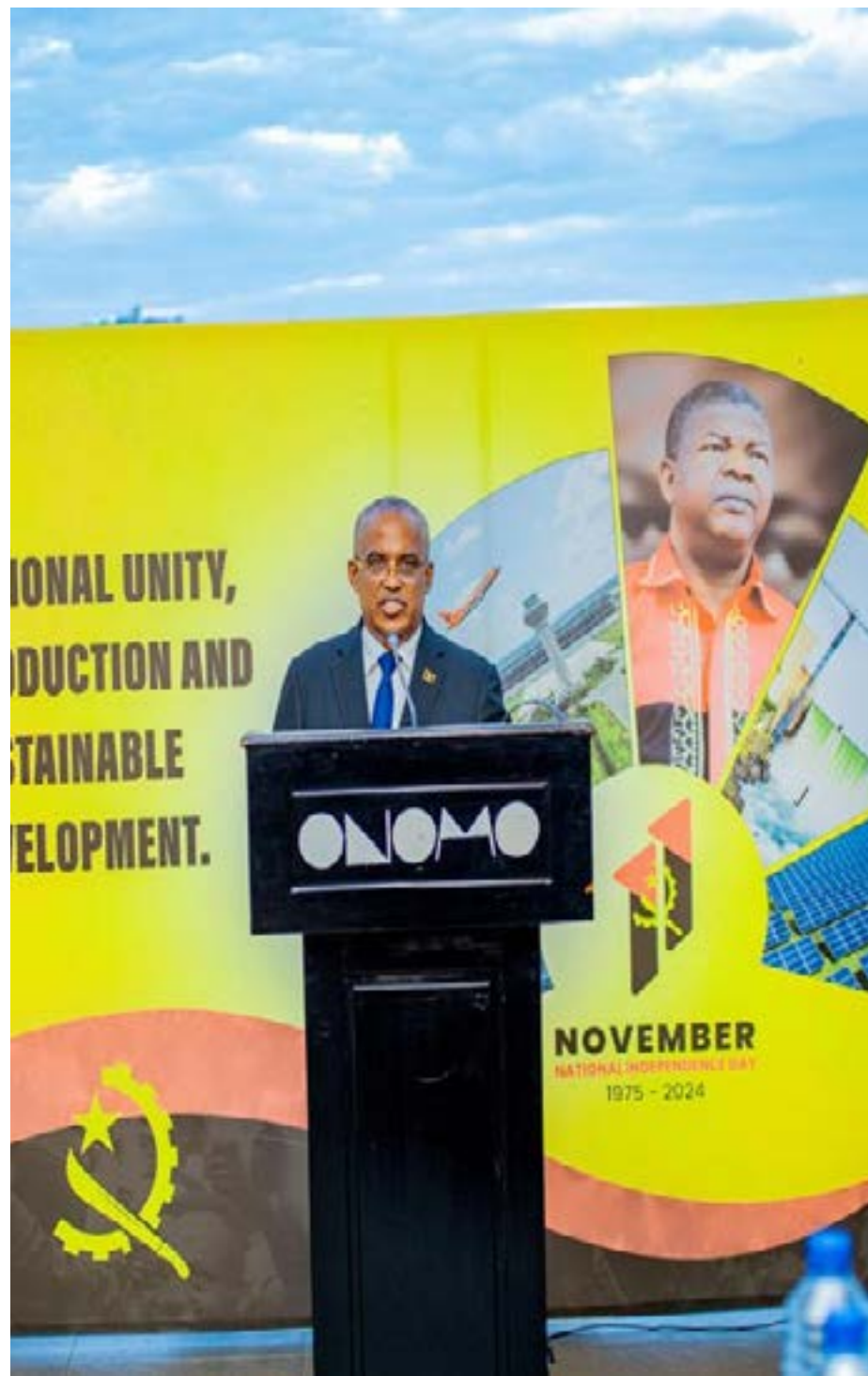


The event was attended by the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Kenya, members of the Angolan Diplomatic Mission and the Angolan community living in the East African country.

On the sidelines of the event, university professor Priest Bonifácio Tchimboto took the opportunity to launch his literary work entitled 'Languages and Cultures' - an introduction to Ethnolinguistics African Oralities'.







AMBASSADOR EDUARDO OCTÁVIO HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT JOÃO LOURENÇO'S CONTRIBUTION TO NORMALIZATION OF DRC AND RWANDA RELATIONS

The Angolan Embassy in the Republic of Rwanda celebrated the 49th Anniversary of Angola's Independence in the city of Kigali with the 'Angolan Gastronomy Week', which took place from 10 to 13 November and was attended by a considerable number of members of the Angolan community and foreign citizens who sampled Angolan delicacies. On 11 November, the celebrations culminated in an official ceremony held at the Onomo Hotel, attended by members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of international and regional organisations accredited to Rwanda, friends of Angola and members of the resident Angolan community, who took part in the political and cultural moment with poetry recitations and a display of music and dance. After the singing of the national anthems of the Republics of Rwanda and Angola, His Excellency Ambassador Eduardo Filomeno Bárber Leiro Octávio, in his speech, as well as referring to the historical importance of Angola as an independent country, highlighted the valuable contribution of His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, to the peace process in the Great Lakes Region in general and, in particular, to the normalisation of relations between the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Rwanda. He also summarised the state of political-diplomatic relations and cooperation between the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Rwanda, highlighting the importance of implementing the legal instruments in force, and

assured that the Government of the Republic of Angola would continue to work hard to preserve peace in the region and to strengthen political-diplomatic relations and economic cooperation between the two countries (Angola-Rwanda).

The government of the Republic of Rwanda was represented at the ceremony by General James Kabarebe, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Regional Affairs, who in his speech thanked the invitation to take part in this important event for the Angolan people.

The Rwandan leader also stressed the following: 'We honour Angola's path to independence, paying tribute to the courage and resilience of past generations who paved the way for Angola's liberation. Almost five decades of self-determination have brought remarkable achievements and progress, and today I want to recognise Angola's resilience and growth.'

Also taking part in the ceremony was Angola's Minister of Education, Dr Luísa Maria Alves Grilo, who is in the Republic of Rwanda taking part in the Africa Foundational Learning Exchange Forum (FLEX 2024).

The commemorations of the 49th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Angola in the Republic of Rwanda took place in an atmosphere of patriotism, cordiality and fraternity, with the diplomatic corps, friends of Angola and the resident community showing solidarity with the event.





AMBASSADOR MARIA DE JESUS FERREIRA APPEALS TO COMMUNITY LIVING IN PORTUGAL TO DEFEND VALUES



Ambassador Maria de Jesus Ferreira appealed to the Angolan community residing in Portugal to continue to have their country at heart, to defend and express their culture and way of life, away from conflicts, committed to ensuring peace and dialogue, as well as respect for the law.

In a message addressed on the occasion of the 49th anniversary of National Independence, the diplomat also urged the Angolan community to continue its commitment to consolidating its insertion into Portuguese society, respecting the law and, through legitimate forms of struggle, for better living conditions. 'Despite the difficulties, which are the result of financial constraints, which have worsened in an adverse international context marked by a series of international conflicts,' the Angolan diplomat assured that they can continue to

count on the Embassy's support so that their aspirations and achievements have the expected result, submitting their respective achievements and aspirations to the national authorities.

Maria de Jesus Ferreira also guaranteed that they would continue to work together in the community in this common struggle to honour the name of Angola in Portugal.

'Together, let's be proud to celebrate the 49th anniversary of our Independence, in the certainty that we will continue to be united,' she said.

The ambassador also stressed the importance of the date for the community in Portugal, encouraging young people not to give up on their dreams and to hold firm to the ideals of the heroes of 11 November.

Still on the subject of defending the values of Independence, Maria de Jesus Ferreira called on young people to never give up on their dreams and to defend their homeland, preserving national culture and identity.

ANGOLAN COMMUNITY IN SERBIA CELEBRATES NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY



The 49th anniversary of national independence was celebrated with great joy on Monday 11 November in the city of Belgrade, marked by a political and cultural event presided over by His Excellency Ambassador Emilio de Carvalho Sobrinho.

The ceremony, which began with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a patriotic message, highlighted the gains of our country's historic and revolutionary journey, the government's commitment to diversifying the national economy and Angola's development prospects.

"Our honourable tribute to our valiant heroes and to all our compatriots who, with arms in hand and eyes full of hope, gave their lives for our independence from Portuguese colonial rule, which allowed us to embark on the path of peace, unity and national reconciliation, as well as to embrace the goals of democracy, economic development and sustainable progress in Angola".

The ceremony was attended by the illustrious Inspector General and Director of Human Resources of the Ministry of External Relations, Ambassador Belo Manguera and Minister Counsellor Jacira Barbosa respectively, as well as diplomats and officials from the Angolan Diplomatic Mission accredited to Serbia, and

was brightened by the effusive participation of the resident Angolan community and the student community.

Participants in the festivity enjoyed a moment of socialising in a setting where Angolan paintings and handicrafts were on display.



AMBASSADOR TO HUNGARY CALLS FOR EVERYONE'S INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA'S BUILDING PROCESS



The Embassy of the Republic of Angola in Hungary celebrated the 49th anniversary of national independence on Monday 11 November at an event that brought together the staff of the diplomatic mission, the Angolan diaspora and the student community at the Official Residence of Angola in Budapest. The Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to that Central European country, José Filipe, emphasised in his speech the importance of the event, not only as a moment of celebration, but also as an opportunity to reflect on the role of each Angolan in the ongoing construction of the country. ‘The process of building Angola is a task that should involve all of us on a daily basis, and

each one of us, wherever we are, should feel that we are an active part of creating a stronger and more prosperous Angola,’ he said, emphasising the crucial role of the diaspora and, in particular, Angolan students. The ceremony also included a talk on mental health by Angolan psychologist Fátima Fernandes, who joined the event via videoconference. Aimed at the Angolan community, especially students, the lecture addressed the relevance of mental health care in today’s world, with the specialist emphasising the importance of maintaining emotional balance and the need for everyone to continue taking care of themselves.



To enrich the celebration, the programme also included the participation of young students. Mateus Bulezi recited his poem ‘Le-va-nos de Volta’, while Joana Marcela and Afonso Agostinho, accompanied by Hungarian guest Botond Banhídi, performed a selection of songs celebrating Angolan culture. The commemoration of the 49th anniversary of National Independence not only strengthened ties between the Angolan community in Hungary, but also emphasised the importance of the collaboration and involvement of scholarship students and others in building Angola’s future, and served as a prelude to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the country’s most important historical milestone.





AMBASSADOR AGOSTINHO VAN-DÚNEM REAFFIRMS PRESIDENT JOÃO LOURENÇO'S DETERMINATION FOR REGIONAL SECURITY AND STABILITY



Angola's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America (USA), Agostinho Van-Dúnem, reaffirmed on Wednesday 13 November in Washington, D.C., the determination of Angola's Head of State, João Lourenço, to maintain the peace that has been achieved, to foster sustainable development and to contribute to regional security and stability.

During his speech, addressed to the US authorities, the diplomatic corps accredited in the US and the Angolan community, on the occasion of the celebrations for the 49th anniversary of National Independence, the diplomat also reaffirmed the commitment to progress and global cooperation.

He made it known that in 2025 Angola will take over the rotating chairpersonship of the African Union (AU) and that one of the priorities, as a condition for the continent's development, will continue to be the promotion of peace and stability, facilitating conflict mediation, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Central African Republic (CAR).

In addition, the Republic of Angola has been an advocate of strengthening African institutions, such as the AU, and believes that the continent should play a more significant role in global issues, especially in relation to trade, security and world peace.

For Agostinho Van-Dúnem, cooperation with the US on security matters strengthens the mission to tackle terrorism, piracy and human trafficking.

The diplomat said that Angola is preparing to receive with great expectation and satisfaction the visit of President Joe Biden, the first trip by a US President, an event of great importance not only because of the bilateral relations between the two states, but also because of the symbolism and commitment of the US to strengthening the partnership with the African continent.

We therefore believe that US support, through projects such as the Lobito Corridor, could boost trade, stimulate industrial growth and integrate the economies of the southern African region,' he said.

The Angolan diplomat added that Angola was looking forward to a future of cooperation and progress with all friendly countries and that the partnership with the US was more than an exchange of interests, it represented a common vision for a safer, more prosperous and more inclusive world that would transform potential into prosperity and well-being for our peoples.

The opportunity also served to invite those present to take part in the 17th US-Africa Business Summit, co-organised by the Angolan government and the Corporate Council on Africa, to be held from 23 to 27 June 2025 in Luanda.

There was also room in the speech to reiterate Angolan President João Lourenço's congratulations to US President-elect Donald Trump.

May this 11 November be a symbol not only of Angola's heroic past, but also of our commitment to a future of peace, development and solidarity between nations

Angolan culture was highlighted with the launch of the book, *Despertadas*, by Angolan writer Suzana Vandik, and an exhibition of paintings and handicrafts depicting our country.







AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE GAINS



Angola's Ambassador to Argentina, Azevedo Xavier Francisco, on Sunday 10 November in Buenos Aires, highlighted Angola's gains with the achievement of independence and encouraged young people to cultivate patriotic sentiment.

The Angolan diplomat was speaking after a walk to commemorate the 49th anniversary of Angola's independence, organised by the Angolan embassy in Argentina.

Addressing those present, Ambassador Azevedo Xavier Francisco emphasised that patriotism is a 'voluntary sentiment that reveals a willingness to give oneself to the cause of the homeland', stressing that every Angolan has the commitment 'not to let the love for their cradle die'.

As well as representatives from the Africa directorate of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

International Trade and Worship, namely Mariano Goicoechea and Hermán Bubenik, the ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo to Argentina, Daniel Mauris Cibango Kasongo, diplomats from the Kingdom of Morocco, Egypt, Brazil, Tunisia, members of the Angolan community and citizens who are friends of Angola joined in the activity.

Also as part of the programme organised by the Angolan embassy in that Latin American country to commemorate our independence day, the Angolan community in Paraguay was given full support for a recreational and cultural activity that took place in the capital, Asuncion.

It should be remembered that the Angolan embassy in Argentina also covers Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile.





AMBASSADOR TO CUBA CALLS FOR UNITY AND COHESION AMONG ALL ANGOLANS AHEAD OF CHALLENGES



The Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to Cuba, Maria Cândida Pereira Teixeira, on Monday, 11 November, called for unity and cohesion among all Angolans in the face of the challenges facing the country, especially in terms of diversifying its economy and rebuilding and building the infrastructure.

The Angolan diplomat was speaking at the ceremony marking the 49th anniversary of national independence, which took place at the Angolan House of Culture in Havana before an audience of students, officials from the diplomatic mission in the Cuban capital and other members of the Angolan community.

“National unity is undoubtedly the foundation of any nation that aspires to progress. Without unity, there is no cohesion, no strength. Angola, with its rich cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity, is well aware of the importance of remaining united.” Emphasised Ambassador Maria Cândida Teixeira”.

The event, which this year is being celebrated under the slogan ‘National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development’, also included the participation of Deputy Roberto Leal Monteiro ‘Ngongo’, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence, Security, Home Affairs and Former Veterans of the Homeland, and academic António Quino.

Both speakers addressed issues such as the challenges of the present and future, Angola’s struggle for emancipation, the historical value of the victories achieved in the war and the construction of a new society.

The event was also attended by the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Angolan Communities, Ambassador Domingos Custódio Vieira Lopes, who headed the Angolan delegation at the 40th Havana International Fair, held from the 4th to the 9th of this month.

On the occasion, the Angolan government official emphasised the executive’s ongoing commitment to supporting and strengthening links with our communities abroad.



AMBASSADOR TO PHILIPPINES DANIEL ROSA ADVOCATES STRENGTHENING BILATERAL COOPERATION



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola to the Philippines, Daniel António Rosa, on Thursday 14 November in Manila, defended the need to strengthen cooperation between Angola and this Southeast Asian country, especially in the economic and business fields, through the Chambers of Commerce of both countries.

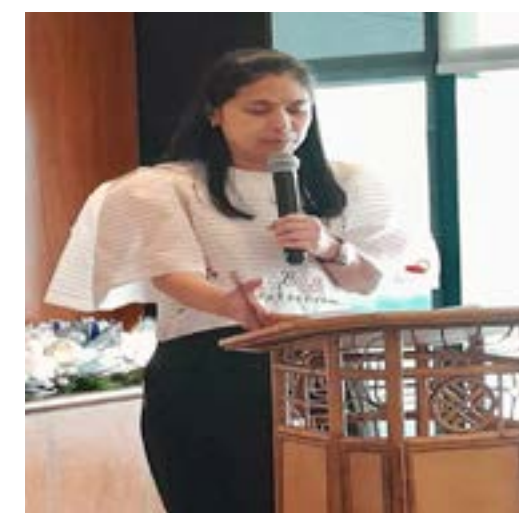
The Ambassador expressed this wish when he was speaking at the ceremony commemorating the independence dates of six countries accredited in the Philippines, organised by the of Makati City Council, the central commercial area of Manila, the capital of the Republic of the Philippines.

On the occasion, the Head of Angola's Diplomatic Mission promoted Angola Brand, giving an overview of the achievements, gains and also the challenges still to be overcome. According to Ambassador Daniel Rosa, this year, under the slogan 11 November, National Unity, Production and Sustainable Development, Angola marked 49 years since it gained national independence and began to tread the path of an active player in the international arena, unavoidable in resolving regional, continental and global issues.

The diplomat also said that, since 2017, the country has chaired important sub-regional, regional and intercontinental organisations, such as SADC, ICGLR, CPLP, is still leading the ECCAS commission and the OACPS general secretariat, and that next year, in 2025, it will take over the rotating chairpersonship of the largest political body on the continent - the African Union.

His Excellency Ambassador Daniel Rosa was speaking to an audience made up of the heads of the Diplomatic Missions of East Timor, Panama, Cambodia and Oman, the Governor of Makati City, Mar-Len Abigail Binay, diplomats and members of the Makati City Council.

The Head of Angola's Diplomatic Mission also said that over 49 years of independence, Angola has overcome several stages: from the conquest of Peace to National Unity, from Reconstruction to Production, and today the biggest challenge is sustainable development.





AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN TEODOLINDA COELHO REAFFIRMS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Angola to Japan, Her Excellency Teodolinda Rosa Rodrigues Coelho, Saturday 16 November reaffirmed the commitment of the Angolan Government led by His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic, to improving the socio-economic conditions of the Angolan population. The Angolan diplomat, who was speaking at the commemoration of the 49th anniversary of national independence, pointed to the construction and rehabilitation of road infrastructures, hospitals, ports, airports and housing centres in most provinces, which have contributed positively to improving connectivity, health, the social well-being of our populations and the integration of infrastructures into the country's macro-economic system. Her Excellency Teodolinda Rosa Rodrigues Coelho also mentioned the importance of the redevelopment of the Lobito Corridor, as well as the

Dr António Agostinho Neto International Airport, which will contribute to greater African interconnectivity and lay the foundations for our country to become a regional and global hub, offering advantages to the continent's circular economies.

The Angolan Ambassador to that Asian country spoke the same words while giving a presentation on the gains of independence, peace and development, aimed at members of the Angolan community living in Japan, encouraging them to create small projects aimed at publicising our country and developing initiatives that contribute to its economic and social affirmation.

Angola's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan took the opportunity to call on Angolans to remain united and take advantage of the opportunities that Japan offers to form partnerships that will enable our country to catapult itself to the top of the

development ladder, both on the continent and in the world.

The Independence Day event was marked by various moments, such as the presentation of a lecture by a resident Angolan academic, the artistic display of traditional dances and a fashion show with costumes produced by a national citizen, the focus of the programme being aimed at members of the resident Angolan community.

The celebration allowed those present to witness the country's progress, to socialise and remember the cultural and gastronomic charms of our country, as well as to promote the identification of cultural and recreational initiatives within the community, with a view to their participation in programme events at the level of the African group and the national independence jubilee to take place next year.

It should be remembered that the Angolan community in Japan is mainly made up of students and migrant workers who settled in Japan a few years ago.





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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONGRATULATES ANGOLA ON 49 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE



US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken congratulated Angola on the 49th anniversary of its independence, celebrated on 11 November.

In a congratulatory message, Mr Blinken highlighted the ‘exceptional’ partnership between the two countries in recent years.

“We have expanded trade and investment, increased our security cooperation, developed our collaborative efforts in the area of health and strengthened our bilateral relationship,” reads the State Department message, quoted by Lusa”.

‘As I said when I visited Luanda at the beginning of the year, the future of America and the future of Africa are united. Our peoples are united, our prosperity and success are linked,’ he added.

The United States of America has strengthened its diplomatic and economic relations with Angola since President João Lourenço came to power, and a visit by his US counterpart, Joe Biden, the first US head of state to visit Angola, is expected in the first week of December, the same source said.



BRITISH EMBASSY IN ANGOLA HAILS ANGOLANS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The British Embassy in Angola congratulated the Angolan people on the country’s 49th anniversary of Independence, celebrated on 11 November.

In a message posted on Facebook, the diplomatic mission wished ‘a happy Independence Day to all Angolans’.

The new ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Angola, Bharat Suresh Joshi, handed over his credentials at the end of October, marking the start of his duties in the Southern African country.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES CONGRATULATES ANGOLA ON NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

The President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, on 11 November, congratulated the Republic of Angola on 49 years of national independence.

The congratulatory message was addressed to the President of the Republic, João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, and published on the website of the Emirates New Agency (WAM), consulted by JA Online.

Relations between the two countries were established in 1997.

An Angolan delegation led by the Minister of State for Economic Coordination, José de Lima Massano, was on 7 November in Abu Dhabi to explore new investment opportunities and strengthen economic ties with the United Arab Emirates (UAE).





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