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on 8 October 1976**

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TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of Angola,

Considering that the further development and strengthening of the relations of friendship and all-round co-operation which have evolved between them as a result of the struggle for the freedom and independence of Angola are in accord with the vital national interests of the peoples of the two countries and serve the cause of peace throughout the world,

Inspired by the ideals of the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism in all their forms and manifestations and by the unswerving desire to give every manner of support to peoples struggling for freedom, independence and social progress,

Determined to promote the strengthening of international peace and security in the interests of the peoples of all countries,

Reaffirming their loyalty to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Supporting the unity of all progressive forces in the struggle for peace, freedom, independence and social progress and considering that the development of friendly relations and broad co-operation between the socialist countries and the developing States is in accord with their common interests,

Taking account of the Declaration on the principles of friendly mutual relations and co-operation between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of Angola of 26 May 1976 and desiring to strengthen the existing relations of friendship and mutually advantageous co-operation between the two States and peoples,

Have decided to conclude this Treaty of friendship and co-operation and have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties declare that indestructible friendship will exist between the two countries and their peoples and that all-round collaboration will be developed in the political, economic, trade, scientific, technical, cultural and other fields on the basis of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-intervention in each other's internal affairs and equal rights.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties declare that they shall co-operate closely and in every way possible to ensure conditions favourable to the maintenance and further development of the social and economic achievements of their peoples and to respect for the sovereignty of each of them over all their natural resources.

Article 3. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics respects the policy of non-alignment pursued by the People's Republic of Angola, which is an important factor in the maintenance of international peace and security.

¹ Came into force on 9 September 1977 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Luanda, in accordance with article 15.

The People's Republic of Angola respects the peace-loving foreign policy pursued by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as a socialist State.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to support peace throughout the world, the furtherance of international détente and its embodiment in specific forms of mutually advantageous collaboration between States, the settlement of international problems by peaceful means, the conclusion of a universal agreement on the non-use of force in international relations and the achievement of general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under effective international control.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to wage a steadfast struggle against the forces of imperialism and for the final elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid* and to promote the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.¹

The Parties shall co-operate with each other and with other peace-loving States in supporting the just struggle of peoples for their sovereignty, freedom, independence and social progress.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties, expressing profound concern for the maintenance of universal peace and security and attaching great importance to co-operation between themselves in the international arena to achieve these goals, shall regularly exchange views with each other on important international questions and also on questions concerning bilateral relations.

Such consultations and exchanges of views shall encompass:

- International questions, including situations giving rise to tension in different regions of the world, with a view to promoting détente, the development of co-operation and the strengthening of international security;
- Questions which are the subject of multilateral negotiations, including those being considered in international organizations and at international conferences;
- Questions of a political, economic and cultural nature and other questions concerning the relations between the two countries.

Such consultations and exchange of views shall take place at various levels, *inter alia*, by means of meetings between leading State officials of the Parties, in the course of visits of official delegations and special representatives and through diplomatic channels.

Article 7. In the event of a situation arising which constitutes a threat to the peace or a breach of the peace, the High Contracting Parties shall immediately contact each other for the purpose of co-ordinating their positions in the interests of removing the said threat or of restoring peace.

Article 8. Attaching great importance to economic, technical and scientific co-operation between themselves, the High Contracting Parties shall continue to expand and intensify such co-operation and exchange of experience in industry, transport, agriculture, animal husbandry, fishery, exploitation of natural resources,

¹ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/4684)*, p. 66 [resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960].

the development of power systems and communications and the training of national specialists, as well as in other areas of the economy.

The Parties shall expand trade and shipping between themselves on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual advantage and most-favoured-nation treatment.

Article 9. The High Contracting Parties shall promote the further development of contacts and co-operation between themselves in science, art, literature, education, health, the press, radio, cinematography, television, tourism and sport as well as in other fields.

The Parties shall promote the expansion of co-operation and direct contacts between political and social organizations, enterprises and cultural and scientific institutions so that the peoples of the two countries may become better acquainted with each other's lives, work and achievements.

Article 10. In the interests of strengthening their defence capability, the High Contracting Parties shall continue to develop co-operation in military matters on the basis of appropriate agreements concluded between themselves.

Article 11. Each of the High Contracting Parties declares that it will not enter into any alliances, join any group of States or participate in any actions or measures directed against the other High Contracting Party.

Article 12. The High Contracting Parties declare that their obligations under international treaties currently in force do not conflict with the provisions of this Treaty and undertake not to conclude any international agreements which are not consistent therewith.

Article 13. Any questions which might arise between the High Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Treaty shall be resolved bilaterally in a spirit of friendship, mutual respect and understanding.

Article 14. This Treaty shall be valid for a term of 20 years from the date of its entry into force.

If neither of the High Contracting Parties gives notice of its intention to terminate the Treaty one year prior to the expiry of the above-mentioned term, it shall be extended for successive five-year terms until such time as one of the High Contracting Parties gives written notice of its desire to terminate it one year before the expiry of the current five-year term.

Article 15. This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Luanda.

This Treaty has been drafted in duplicate in the Russian and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Moscow on 8 October 1976.

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