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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 29 October 1976 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Declaration on
the Development of Relations of Friendship and Co-operation between the People's
Republic of Bulgaria and the People's Republic of Angola, signed in Sofia on
16 October 1976, by Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the Communist Party of the
People's Republic of Bulgaria and President of the State Council, and
Antonio Agostino Neto, Chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of
Angola and President of the People's Republic of Angola.

In bringing the above Declaration to your attention I request you to circulate
it as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the agenda
of the thirty-first session, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the
Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Alexander YANKOV
Deputy Foreign Minister, Permanent Representative
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DECLARATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

The People's Republic of Bulgaria and the People's Republic of Angola, on the
basis of their relations of close friendship and co-operation, established and
developed during the struggle of the Angolan people for liberty and national
independence,

Aware that the development and expansion of friendly relations between them
correspond to the interests of both peoples and serve the cause of world peace
and understanding among nations,

Considering that relations between the two countries must be based, as has
been the case so far, on the principles of proletarian internationalism,

Convinced that the unity of the socialist and the developing countries, of
all progressive forces, is an important factor in the struggle against imperialism,
colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and apartheid, and for the consolidation
of the independence of the newly-liberated countries and that this unity exerts a
positive influence on the international situation as a whole,

Striving to make their contribution to the further affirmation of the process
of détente, which is conducive to the strengthening of peace, the development of
international co-operation, the economic and social progress of nations and
to the consolidation of the independence of newly-liberated countries,

Conscious of the exceptional importance and the urgency of the problem of
disarmament, the solution of which is of vital interest to the peoples of all
continents,

Reaffirming their unreserved solidarity with the legitimate struggle of the
African peoples still struggling under foreign domination and racial oppression,
for the realization of their right to self-determination and independence,

Unanimous in their conviction that the remnants of colonial rule are
incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations and with the Declaration on
the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Inspired by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Declare that in their relations the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the
People's Republic of Angola shall:

Expand and further promote the relations of friendship and close co-operation
in the political, economic, scientific, technological and cultural fields, in the
interest of both nations and of world peace, on the basis of respect for the
principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in domestic
affairs, equality and mutual benefit,
Encourage the development of contacts between the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), between public, scientific and cultural organizations of the two countries.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria and the People's Republic of Angola shall:

Continue to give their contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security. They shall render full support to the United Nations and shall help to enhance its efficiency by means of strict compliance with its Charter,

make all efforts towards a general and complete disarmament and towards the conclusion of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations,

work steadfastly for the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as well as other decisions of the Organization on the problems of peace, disarmament and international co-operation.

Both parties shall consult with each other and shall co-operate at all levels in resolving the question pertaining to bilateral relations and on important international issues.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria and the People's Republic of Angola state that the present Declaration does not affect the obligations of both countries stemming from international agreements which they have concluded up to now, and that they shall not undertake any actions inconsistent with the present Declaration.

(Signed) Todor ZHIVKOV
First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, and President of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria

(Signed) Antonio Agostino NETO
Chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and President of the People's Republic of Angola

Sofia, 16 October 1976