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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

25 October 1977

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that on 25 October 1977, the Governments of the People's Republic of Angola and Austria have issued simultaneously a joint communique concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the text of which is as follows:

> The Governments of the People's Republic of Angola and Austria have agreed to establish bonds of friendship and cooperation on the basis of principles of mutual respect of national sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of each other, and equal rights.

Desiring to obtain this objective, the two Governments have decided to establish formal diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, with effect from 25 October 1977.

The Governments of both countries express the hope that the establishment of diplomatic relations will lead to the development of mutually beneficial cooperation.

We would request you to transmit this communication to States Members of the United Nations, and we take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

Elisio de Figueiredo

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Angola to the United Nations

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Peter Jankowitsch Ambassador Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General