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

PERMANENT MISSION OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

1 February 1978

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that on 1 February 1978, the Government of the People's Republic of Angola and the Government of Canada have issued simultaneously a joint communiqué concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. the text of which is as follows:

> The Government of the People's Republic of Angola and the Government of Canada have agreed to establish bonds of friendship and cooperation on the basis of the 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 3 February 1978.

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.

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His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General United Nations