PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Yesterday the MPLA Steering Committee sent the following cable to the Léopoldville Provincial Security, to His Excellency the Minister of Interior and to the Board of the National Security of the Democratic Republic of Congo, after having received a telegram from the Léopoldville Interprovincial Board stating that the MPLA militants are preventend from going into Brazzaville without permission from the so-called "grae",

"REF. 1319 YOUR TELEX N.053/S.EXT/1498/1965
MPLA STEERING COMMITTEE PROTEST STRONGLY REMIND EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION GRAE NATIONALIST ORGANISATIONS PART OAU POLICY STOP OAU ALSO RECOGNIZES MPLA STOP AFRICA STATES OAU MEMBERS OUGHT RESPECT OAU DECISIONS NAMELY ACCRA SUMMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FREEDOM ACTION RECOGNIZED NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS AMONG WHICH MPLA STOP BIASED ATTITUDE CONGO IEO AUTHORITIES DETRIMENTAL OAU EFFORTS SPEED UP LIBERATION ANGOLA STOP ACHIEVEMENT UNITY GRAE MPLA DEPENDS EXCLUSIVELY COMMITTEE THREE CHARGED AFFAIR BY HEADS STATE AND NOT CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT STOP DEMAND REMOVAL MEASURES FIHA EMPLOYEES HEACH STOP YOUR TELEGRAM FORWARD OAU SECRETARY GENERAL AFRICA LIBERATION COMMITTEE AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE INTERVENE DISCRIMINATING MEASURES CONGO REPUBLIC STOP HIGH CONSIDERATION

AGOSTINHO NETO
MPLA PRESIDENT"
The MPLA Steering Committee reminds the Léopoldville Security paragraph 2 of the decisions of the Accra Conference of Heads of State and Government:

"Requests all neighbouring African states of the Portuguese colonies to allow a greater freedom of action of men and the necessary material for the fast success of the liberation movement struggle."

Moreover, in a letter to His Excellency the Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Dar es Salaam, last 23rd November, the Executive Secretary of the African Liberation Committee, has informed the Léopoldville authorities that MPLA is receiving assistance from the African Coordinating Committee. Therefore, the Executive Secretary invites the Republic of Congo to grant MPLA a similar aid through bilateral negotiations.

Furthermore, the MPLA Steering Committee reminds the Léopoldville authorities the fact that positions taken by Mr. Adoula, Mr. Tshombé and some African Heads of State supporting non-African interests, have contributed for the lack of development of the Angolan people's struggle.

The MPLA Steering Committee is proud of the statements from the present regime of the Congo Léopoldville Republic and calls on the latter for a better understanding of the Angolan problem.

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