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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Angolan peace process**

The European Union notes with considerable concern the failure of UNITA to make any significant progress towards meeting the demilitarization demands set out in paragraph 13 of UN Security Council Resolution 1118 of 30 June. Over six weeks have elapsed since that Resolution was adopted, but despite frequent reminders, notably in statements by the Security Council President and the peace process Mediation and Troika of Observers on 23 July and 4 August respectively, UNITA have still not provided credible information regarding its armed personnel.

It is also to be highly regretted that UNITA has not yet enabled the process of extending state administration throughout Angola to be resumed, that it has not yet taken the measures to transform VORGAN into a non-partisan radio station and that it continues to disrupt the smooth running of the demobilization programme.

The European Union welcomes the active participation of UNITA in the Government of Unity and National Reconciliation and the National Assembly but believes that the continuing reluctance of the movement's leadership to complete its Lusaka Protocol obligations, resorting instead to delaying tactics, is calling into serious question the genuineness of its commitment to the peace process. Noting that the Angolan situation is once more shortly to be considered by the Security Council on the basis of a report from the UN Security General. The European Union calls upon UNITA to demonstrate clearly that such fears are unfounded by meeting its remaining tasks without further delay.

In particular, the European Union appeals to the UNITA leadership to provide immediately and fully the information that has been demanded on its military personnel and to arrange for its complete verification by MONUA and subsequent demobilization.

It is the view of the European Union that further failure on UNITA's part to meet their obligations will almost certainly make unavoidable the imposition of additional measures as outlined in earlier Security Council Resolutions, notably No. 864 (1993) of 15 September 1993.

Meanwhile, the European Union is disturbed by the persistent tension in various parts of the country and strongly urges the Government of Angola and UNITA to do all that they can to bring about an improvement in the situation, in particular refraining from the use of force in accordance with their Lusaka Protocol commitments.

Finally, the European Union commends the efforts of the UN Secretary General's Special Representative and the Troika of Observers towards helping achieve a lasting peace in Angola.
