



REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations

**STATEMENT BY**

**HER EXCELLENCY**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

**AT THE**

**57<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

**COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**29 APRIL 2024**

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**STATEMENT BY HER EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF  
STATE FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO THE 57TH SESSION OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

**1. YOUR EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR NOEMÍ ESPINOZA  
MADRID, CHAIR OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF  
THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT;**

**2. YOUR EXCELLENCY, AMINA JANE MOHAMMED,  
DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL;**

**EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

**1. IT IS WITH DISTINGUISHED HONOR THAT, ON BEHALF OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, I  
ADDRESS THIS MAGNA SESSION AND I TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU MADAME  
PRESIDENT AND WISH EVERY SUCCESS DURING YOUR  
TERM.**

**2. THE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS MADE SINCE THE 3RD  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND**

DEVELOPMENT FORM THE BASIS OF OUR GLOBAL COMMITMENT, IN LINE WITH THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE 2063 AGENDA OF THE AFRICAN UNION, WHICH ESTABLISH A COMMON VISION FOR A MORE PROSPEROUS AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD, FOR THE BENEFIT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**EXCELLENCES,**

3. THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS IN THE SOCIAL FIELD, NAMELY IN EDUCATION, WOMEN'S HEALTH, SCHOOLING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, GENDER BALANCE, AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, DEMONSTRATING OUR DETERMINATION TO ADDRESS THE CRUCIAL ISSUES OF POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.
4. IN THIS REGARD, LET ME POINT OUT THAT IN THE **EDUCATION SECTOR**, NOTABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, WITH AN INCREASE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT RATE TO 76% BY 2022.

5. **IN THE HEALTH SECTOR**, THE INDICATORS SHOW A POSITIVE TREND, WITH A POPULATION COVERAGE RATE OF 70% IN 2022; INFANT MORTALITY FELL FROM 65.3% PER THOUSAND LIVE BIRTHS IN 2014 TO 55.8% IN 2022; THE VACCINATION COVERAGE RATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OLD WITH THE PENTA VACCINE ROSE FROM 40% IN 2017 TO 61% IN 2022.

6. THE PROTECTION OF SOCIAL GROUPS IN SITUATIONS OF VULNERABILITY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE POLICIES OF THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT, AND IT IS THEREFORE WORTH STRESSING THAT IN 2022 THE **"KWENDA" CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM** WAS LAUNCHED, WHICH TODAY BENEFITS MORE THAN 1 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS IN RURAL AREAS, THE AIM IS TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES WHICH, IN MANY REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY, ARE FACING PROLONGED CYCLES OF DROUGHT AS A RESULT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, FOR THE MITIGATION OF WHICH **THE PROGRAM TO COMBAT THE EFFECTS OF DROUGHT IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE COUNTRY** IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. THIS HAS LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF

THE CAFU CANAL IN 2022, IN THE PROVINCE OF CUNENE, AMONG OTHER ONGOING ACTIONS, WITH BENEFITS FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS.

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

7. I WOULD CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMS ITS INTERNATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL COMMITMENTS IN THE AREA OF POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VISIONS, STRATEGIES, OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS SET OUT IN ITS MAIN INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNANCE, WITH A VIEW TO THE PERMANENT ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN CAPITAL AND THE PROMOTION OF A PROSPEROUS AND DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY, AN INCLUSIVE, FAIR SOCIETY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**