

International partners optimistic about economic stability



Luanda, 01/11- International partners believe in the stability of the Angolan economy, as Government's credits are now being granted on a non oil pre-financing basis, it was revealed on Wednesday by the Deputy Minister for the Prime Minister, Aguiinaldo Jaime.

Speaking to the state-run, Angola National Radio (RNA), he said the Government's efforts in areas such as reconstruction, national reconciliation and the value of the national currency, are convincing the more skeptics into believing the re-launch of the economy and debiting their investments in the country.

Economic stability, supported by the value of the currency (Kwanzas), he explained, is only one mean Angola is using in order to attract more investments, to create more growth and improve people's standard of living.

The perspective in the increase in oil production and the efforts to diversify non-mineral productive basis for the reinforcement of the economy, are creating trust amongst investors, and this allows international partners into lending money to Angola.

Aguiinaldo Jaime said that in the past debts were only done on real guarantees, through pre-financing with oil, but now loans are being held with sovereign guarantees, as other countries do.

According to the Minister, Angola's foreign debt estimated at eight US billion dollars, at no time is excessive and unsustainable, as the country has been getting loans under normal terms that facilitate repayment.

The minister explained that the current state of the country's debt is not ruinous, as it is not to fund consumption and current expenses, but has been done to create wealth and increment investments and increase productive capacity.

Increase in production from non-oil sector will increase national wealth, which will facilitate the reimbursement of loans.

Commenting on the contribution of commercial banks to the development of national businesses, he said despite the fact that they provide credits in considerable amount, the banking sector is still offering little opportunities, taking into account the needs of the country.

For that reason, he added, the Government is studying the possibility of creating, in the near future, a development bank, which will fund projects in non-attractive areas for the banking sector or where refunding is not so rapid.

The efforts of diversification of the national financial sector, he said, will continue in coming years with the creation of the societies of capitals of risk, among other patterns.

As to the participation of the private sector in projects whose financing depends on China's loan, he explained that the Government has set the principle of obligatory sub-contract of Angolan firms so that they can get capitals.