

## **Angola Elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission**

New York, 05/12 - The Republic of Angola guaranteed on Friday, in New York, United States of America, a seat in the new Peacebuilding Commission, after being endorsed by the African Group.

This decision is part of the recommendations taken from the Summit of Heads of State and Government, and from the Resolution A/RES/60/180 of the UN General Assembly, regarding the need of creating this inter-governmental advisory body, that will have as main functions: collect financial resources on the part of the International Community to help the economic recovery in the post-war period, national reconstruction and sustainable development, in countries emerging from armed conflicts.

Besides Angola, were also elected, for a mandate of two years, Guinea Bissau, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Poland, Brazil and Belgium. This term will begins when the Commission holds its first meeting.

The Peacebuilding Commission will be comprised by 31 members. The General Assembly and the Security Council adopted joint resolutions last year launching the Peacebuilding Commission in time of the 31 December 2005 deadline set by the World Summit.

The texts set out the panel's membership as follows: seven from the Security Council, including the five permanent members -- United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia and China; seven from the Economic and Social Council, elected from regional groups; five top contributors to the United Nations budget; and five top providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions.

The General Assembly will elect seven additional members, with special consideration for States that have experienced post-conflict recovery.