

Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic –The Luanda Initiative

New York, December 5, 2006- The Permanent Committee of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic met in New York on December 5, 2006 to consider the Luanda Initiative, which constitutes a roadmap for the preparatory process of the 6th Ministerial Meeting that will take place in Luanda- Angola in June of 2007.

The Permanent Representatives of the Member States of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic agreed on a calendar of workshops to be carried out during the first half of next year. An agenda has been set up for each workshop, which focus on issues related to peace and security, economic cooperation, sustainable development, law of the sea and the environment, and shared resources in the South Atlantic zone.

These workshops will consider recommendations to be reflected in the Final Declaration and the Plan of Action to be adopted by the 6th Ministerial Meeting in Luanda, Angola.

The Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic is composed by Angola, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, and Uruguay.

The Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic is currently chaired by Argentina.