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The Republic of Angola to the United Nations

STATEMENT BY

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**AT THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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**FROM HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR MARIA DE JESUS DOS REIS
FERREIRA , PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA ,
DURING THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Monday, October 10, 2022 | 15:00

Mr. President,

The Republic of Angola voted in favor of this resolution in accordance with its convictions on the well-founded of the sacrosanct principle of territorial integrity enshrined in its own Constitution, which defines Angola as a unitary and indivisible State, whose territory is inviolable and unalienable.

Our position is also in line with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitutive Act of the African Union (AU). Indeed, the predecessor organization of the African Union, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), did lay down the basis for the same principle when the founding fathers wisely decided, in 1964, to maintain the principle of the intangibility of the borders inherited from colonialism.

Mr President,

Since the 60s, the Russian people have always shown their friendship and solidarity with the Angolan people, having played a decisive role in our liberation struggle against colonialism and the invasion of Angolan territory by the army of the Apartheid regime of South Africa.

Today, we have a close relationship of friendship and cooperation with the Russian Federation in several areas of common interest.

With Ukraine, the Republic of Angola also enjoys good diplomatic relations and cooperation.

These relations constitute one of the facts that justify the deep concern constantly expressed by the Republic of Angola about the war between the Russian Federation and Ukraine which, in addition to causing countless human casualties, has generated thousands of displaced people and refugees never seen since the second world war, as well as the destruction of important infrastructures of Ukraine, the same war has also had serious consequences on world peace and security, as well as on the economy of all countries in general.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Angola, therefore, reiterates its appeal to the Parties to cease hostilities and strive for a peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue, in full respect of international law.

The call of the Republic of Angola for a peaceful resolution is in line with the AU principle of non-indifference, as well as with the efforts of H.E. **João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola, to promote peace and security in Africa in his capacity as Champion of the African Union for Peace and Reconciliation in Africa.

Thank you very much!