

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL SCIENTIFIC,
TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA.**

The Republic of Liberia and the Republic of Angola, herein referred to as the
"PARTIES";

Desirous of developing and strengthening the economic, commercial, technical-
scientific and cultural relations between the two countries, based on equality,
mutual respect and of reciprocal advantages;

Recognizing that the cooperation between the two states will ensure their socio-
economic development of the well being their peoples;

Guided by the United Nations Charter and by the norms and principles
enshrined in the Charter of the African Union;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Objective**

The present agreement with the objective of strengthening and expanding
relations between the two countries in the economic, commercial, scientific,
technical and cultural areas seeks to promote mutual assistance based on the
principles of equality, of mutual respect and reciprocity of advantages.

**Article 2
Extent**

The cooperation between both parties as contained in Article 1 of the present
agreement will be extended to the following areas, among others:

- a) Exchange of scientific and technical information;
- b) Exchange of officials or experts on the diverse areas of the economy,
commerce, science and technology and culture.
- c) Stages of formation and professional specialization, scientific studies and
human resource capacity building that would contribute to economic and
social development;
- d) Conducting feasibility studies and preparing documentation for the
projects in the areas covered by the present agreement.

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**Article 3
Implementation**

The implementation of the economic, commercial, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation programs, stated by the present agreement, will be the object of agreements, protocols, memorandums, contracts, programs or other legal instruments for separate sectors to be concluded by the competent entities of the parties.

**Article 4
Exchange of Officials**

The officials, experts/consultants and all personnel seconded by any of the parties to the present agreement should be identified for a program of work to be concluded by the competent authorities of the parties.

**Article 5
Competent Authority**

- 1- For implementation of the present agreement, the Government of the Republic of the Government of the Republic of Liberia designates its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of the Republic of Angola designates its Ministry of External Relations as their competent authority.
- 2- Each of the Parties may designate as competent authority another entity in addition to the entities referred to in the above paragraph for a program in a particular area of cooperation or may substitute the above entities, by communicating in writing to the other party through diplomatic means or another acceptable means.

**Article 6
Restrictions**

Every individual acting under the authority of one of the parties on the territory of another, during the present agreement or of another agreement, protocol, memorandum, contract program or another separate legal instruments, concluded in the context of the present agreement, should have his/her activities and actions restricted to the limits of the respective territory and conform with the Laws and regulations of the host country.

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Article 7
Participation of Third Countries

- 1- Experts and specialists in the areas of science and technology as well as agencies and governmental institutions of third parties, may participate at the invitation of one of the parties, in the implementation of programs under the present agreement.
- 2- The participation of third parties should be specified in a prior agreement between the Parties to the present agreement.

Article 8
Treatment of Information

The parties undertake to keep confidential all documents, information, matters or other elements in their possession during the process of implementation of the present agreement and not to divulge those documents nor its copies to third parties without the previous written consent of the other side.

Article 9
Joint Commission

- 1- The parties, under the present agreement, shall create a Joint Commission, composed of representatives of both Parties, whose functions shall be defined by specific agreements. The Joint Commission should be co-chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia and the Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola.
- 2- The Joint Commission shall meet every two years, alternately on the territory of one of the Parties, and may also meet in extraordinary sessions when necessary. The agenda of the meetings shall be established by both Parties within a period of two months prior to the meeting and communicated through diplomatic channels.

Article 10
Functions of the Joint Commission

The Joint Commission shall have, among others, the following functions:

- a) Analyze the evolution and perspectives of bilateral cooperation in relations of the previous areas mentioned on the present agreement;
- b) Define, conduct and follow the programs of cooperation between the parties in the specific areas, as established on this agreement;

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- c) Evaluate the results achieved and if necessary make modifications
- d) Examine the programs of exchange and cooperation, as well as review the modalities for their implementation;
- e) Propose new areas of cooperation and set realistic goals for their implementation;
- f) Review any other matter submitted by either party

**Article 11
Resolution of Disagreements**

Any disagreement that emerges from the interpretation, application and implementation of the provisions of the present agreement shall be resolved through friendly means of consultation and direct negotiations between the Parties.

**Article 12
Amendment**

The present agreement shall be amended in writing by consensus of the Parties. The adopted amendments shall enter into force after the exchange of notes between the Parties, by diplomatic means, expressing their acceptance.

**Article 13
Termination**

- 1- Either of the Parties shall, at any time, terminate the present agreement through written notification to the other Party, by diplomatic means. Termination shall come in to effect six (6) months after the receipt of the referred notification.
- 2- Termination of the present agreement at any time shall not affect the conclusion of the projects or programs that are already signed and under execution except where the parties agree in writing to act otherwise.

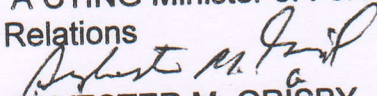
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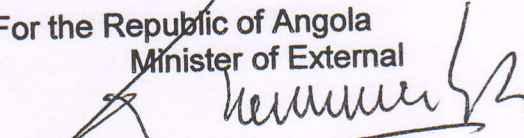
**Article 14
Entry into Force**

The present agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the second notification by which the parties shall inform one another about the completion of their internal legal formalities for it to take effect, and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years, renewable automatically by equal successive periods, and if none of the Parties informs the other by writing, through diplomatic mean, and for at least six (6) months about the intention to terminate on its final date.

IN FAITH THAT, the plenipotentiaries specifically authorized sign the present agreement.

Done in Luanda, on this 12th...Day.... of September A.D. 2011....., in two (2) original samples, in English and Portuguese language, all the texts being authentic and of same force.

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