

**TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Angola, henceforth designated as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party":

Desiring to strengthen and enhance the bonds of friendship and spirit of cooperation, to expand trade, to strengthen economic relations between the Parties, and to work together to improve international economic relations;

Recognizing the importance of fostering an open and predictable environment for international trade and investment;

Recognizing the benefits the Parties can derive from increased international trade and investment, and that trade-distorting investment measures and protectionist trade barriers can reduce these benefits;

Seeking to promote transparency and to eliminate bribery and corruption in international trade and investment;

Recognizing the essential role of private investment, both domestic and foreign, in furthering growth, creating jobs, expanding trade, improving technology, and enhancing economic development;

Recognizing that liberalization of foreign direct or indirect investment will have beneficial effects for their economies;

Recognizing the increased importance of trade in services between their economies;

Taking into account the desirability of reducing non-tariff trade barriers in order to facilitate increased access to each other's markets and to realize related benefits;

Recognizing the importance of providing adequate and effective protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights and of membership in and adherence to intellectual property rights conventions;

Recognizing the importance of providing adequate and effective protection and enforcement of worker rights in accordance with each Party's labor laws and of improving the observance of internationally recognized labor rights;

Recognizing the importance of protecting and preserving the environment in accordance with each Party's environmental laws, and desiring to ensure that trade and environmental policies are mutually supportive in the furtherance of sustainable development;

Desiring to encourage, motivate, and facilitate contacts between enterprises and other private sector groups in each other's territories;

Acknowledging the desirability of resolving trade and investment problems between them as expeditiously as possible through amicable negotiations between the Parties;

Desiring to reinforce the multilateral trading system by entering into further reciprocal and mutually advantageous arrangements under the auspices of the World Trade Organization ("WTO"), which was established pursuant to the *Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization*, done at Marrakesh on April 15, 1994;

Noting that the Parties are Members of the WTO and affirming that this Agreement is without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the Parties under the agreements, understandings, and other instruments related to or concluded under the auspices of the WTO;

Seeking to create a mechanism for further dialogue on initiatives to expand trade and investment through enhanced cooperation and more comprehensive trade-related agreements,

AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

The Parties affirm their desire to promote an attractive investment climate and to expand and diversify trade in products and services between the Parties.

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ARTICLE TWO

For the purpose of this Agreement:

1. The Parties hereby establish a United States-Angola Council on Trade and Investment ("Council"). The Council shall consist of representatives of each Party. The Angolan side shall be chaired by the Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of Angola; and the United States' side shall be chaired by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative ("USTR"). Both Parties may be assisted by officials of their government's other entities as circumstances require.
2. The Council shall meet at such times, in such places, and through such means as the Parties may agree. The Parties shall endeavor to meet no less than once a year.

ARTICLE THREE

The Council shall:

1. monitor trade and investment relations between the Parties, identify opportunities for expanding trade and investment, and identify relevant trade and investment issues, such as those related to the protection of intellectual property rights, worker rights, and labor or environmental issues, that may be appropriate for negotiation in an appropriate forum;
2. consider specific trade and investment matters of interest to the Parties;
3. identify and work to remove impediments to trade and investment between the Parties; and
4. seek the advice of the private sector and civil society, where appropriate, on matters related to the Council's work.

ARTICLE FOUR

A Party may refer a specific trade or investment matter to the Council by delivering a written request to the other Party that includes a description of the matter concerned. The Council shall take up the matter promptly after the request is delivered, within 30 days where possible, unless the requesting Party agrees to postpone discussion of the matter. Each Party shall endeavor to provide an opportunity for the Council to consider a matter before taking actions that could adversely affect trade or investment interests of the other Party.

ARTICLE FIVE

This Agreement shall be without prejudice to the law of either Party or to the rights and obligations of either Party under any other agreement to which it is a party.

ARTICLE SIX

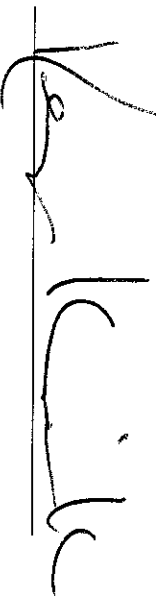
1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date that the Parties notify each other in writing that they have completed any internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, which period shall be automatically extended for equal and successive periods.
3. At any time, either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination to the other Party. The termination shall take effect on a date the Parties agree or, if the Parties cannot agree, 180 days after the date on which the termination notice is delivered.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Agreement.

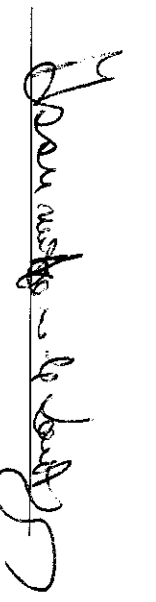
DONE at Washington, this 19th day of May 2009.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA:



Ambassador Ronald Kirk
The U.S. Trade Representative



H. E. Assunção Afonso de Sousa dos Anjos
Minister of External Affairs