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Subject: Angola

Mr. Harney –

We met back in April to discuss a Macau/licensing issue. I am reaching out today on behalf of another client, the Government of Angola. Both Squire Patton Boggs and I are registered under FARA for the Angolan Presidency.

We are working with the Angolan Embassy on Angolan President João Lourenço's trip to Washington later this month. I understand that Angolan Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo extended an invitation to Secretary Raimondo to meet with President Lourenço during a roundtable event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The invitation is attached for your reference.

As you may know, President Lourenço is working to improve bilateral relations with the United States and is particularly interested in expanding opportunities for American businesses to invest and operate in Angola. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these efforts with the Secretary.

I wanted to reach out to confirm if Secretary Raimondo received the invitation and ask if you anticipate she will be able to attend the roundtable? We would also be happy to try and arrange a separate one-on-one meeting between her and the President (perhaps at the Willard where the roundtable is being held) if that would work better for the Secretary's schedule.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Thank you,

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
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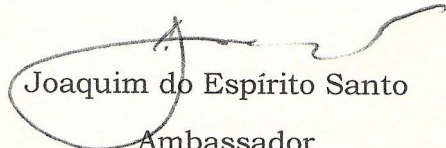
Dear Secretary Raimondo:

His Excellency the President of Angola, João Lourenço, is traveling to Washington, DC to speak at the International Conservation Caucus Foundation's *US Congressional International Conservation Leadership Awards Dinner* on September 20. The President welcomes an opportunity to meet with you during a roundtable discussion hosted by the US Chamber of Commerce earlier that day.

Since his election in 2017, President Lourenço has led a difficult but necessary reform agenda built on economic reform and modernization, recovery from current and historic crises, and improved governance and democratic accountability. The President is thankful to the US and others who are providing critical support to Angola in this effort. He is particularly committed to strengthening commercial, diplomatic, and cultural ties between Angola and the United States, and looks forward to discussing these developments with you. I am confident a discussion between you and the President would prove most valuable in the effort to strengthen the important and fast-growing partnership between our countries.

On behalf of President Lourenço and the Angolan people, I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Joaquim do Espírito Santo

Ambassador