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Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 11:32 AM
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Cc: Kapla, Robert <robert.kapla@squirepb.com>; Andrews, Tommy <tom.andrews@squirepb.com>; Street, Caren B. <caren.street@squirepb.com>; Eissenstat, Everett H. <everett.eissenstat@squirepb.com>
Subject: request for call/virtual meet re: Angola & AGOA

Joe, Christopher, Elizabeth:

Happy October. Wanted to see if it would be possible to schedule a call or virtual meeting soon with you/your team to talk about significant new actions by Angola to embrace AGOA – specifically, the formation of a Multisectoral Commission that demonstrates Angola’s commitment to increasing Angola’s utilization of AGOA and continuing to improve the country’s business environment (see attached official document + unofficial translation of said document) – and the implications of this action both for the upcoming POTUS visit to Angola and AGOA reauthorization in Congress.

We’re aware of the joint statements Chairman McCaul and RM Meeks have made over the past year with respect to the importance of AGOA reauthorization, including the letter to Speaker Johnson noting Kenya’s efforts to embrace AGOA, and would very much appreciate the chance to brief you in detail about what President Lourenço are planning in this regard in advance of President Biden’s early December visit to Angola. We’d be happy to do a bipartisan discussion that includes your HFAC minority counterparts, or to do separate discussions; whichever works better for you. Would you have a few minutes in the next week or two for us on this? Thanks for considering and hope all is well.

Dave Schnittger
On behalf of the Presidency of the Republic of Angola



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From: Kapla, Robert
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 3:57 AM
To: 'chughes@usaid.gov' <chughes@usaid.gov>; 'elawrence@usaid.gov' <elawrence@usaid.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Thank you

Dear Cullen and Ted,

I'm forwarding this chain to you per Richard's out-of-office message. As noted below, my law firm represents the Office of the Presidency of Angola and is registered under the US Foreign Agent Registration Act.

Sincerely yours,

Robert

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From: Kapla, Robert
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 3:35 AM
To: Richard Nelson <rnelson@usaid.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: Thank you [I-AMS.FID2149054]

Richard,

I'm in Luanda, returning over the weekend. I'll be back for the POTUS visit.

The Presidency has established a Multisectoral Commission tasked with developing and implementing a National AGOA Utilization Strategy. We are counseling the Commission and were here this week to meet with the Commission's Technical Group. This all-of-government effort will prioritize products for export to the US and sectors/industries for support to increase export competitiveness. It is a high priority of the President himself. Attached is the notice that appeared in the gazette and unofficial translation of same.

I've not heard from your colleagues but remain eager to help support regional transmission efforts.

Robert

From: Richard Nelson <rnelson@usaid.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 8:46 AM
To: Kapla, Robert <robert.kapla@squirepb.com>
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: Thank you

Great. I've forwarded your email to a few of my colleagues. One of them will be reaching out to you.

Thanks.

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On Mon, Oct 14, 2024 at 4:02 PM Kapla, Robert <robert.kapla@squirepb.com> wrote:
Richard,

That would be terrific. Thank you.

Robert

From: Richard Nelson <rnelson@usaid.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 5:40 PM
To: Kapla, Robert <robert.kapla@squirepb.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Thank you [I-AMS.FID2149054]

Hello Robert,
Thank you for the email. We are talking with several private sector companies who are eager to work on (or are currently working on) regional transmission interconnectors. It would be good to connect you to

a few of my colleagues who can follow up with you on your work there. They could connect you with some of these project developers as well.

Richard

On Sun, Oct 13, 2024 at 4:41 PM Kapla, Robert <robert.kapla@squirepb.com> wrote:

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Dear Richard,

It was a pleasure meeting you in New York recently during UNGA. We chatted for a moment after the USAID/Proper Africa/Power Africa/MCC event at Bank of America. As you may recall, my law firm has represented the Office of the Presidency of Angola since 2019 and is registered under the US Foreign Agent Registration Act. We work closely with the US Department of State and others and are encouraged by the transformational changes that have taken place in the bilateral relationship. One of our mandates for President Lourenço is to increase American trade and investment, including in renewable energy. The President wants Angola to be a net exporter of renewable energy in the region, but that requires considerable investment in transmission. We are eager to find ways for the US to support such investment.

I'm in Angola often and look forward to staying in touch as the US and Angola continue to strengthen their ties.

Sincerely yours,

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