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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,

Robert

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President of the Republic

Presidential Decree° n. 211 24/..... 11717

The term of office of Janeth Sofia Alberto dos Santos Matana from the position of Executive Administrator of the Port Company of Lobito, E.P.

Presidential order n. 231 24/°..... 11718

Authorizes the expense and formalizes the opening of the public tender for the acquisition of computers for employees of the National Agency for Oil, Gas and Biofuels, and delegates to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Agency for Oil, Gas and Biofuels, with the possibility to delegate, for the approval of the parts of the procedure, the establishment of the Evaluation Committee, as well as for the verification of the validity and legality of all acts performed under the said procedure, including the conclusion and signing of the corresponding Contract.

Presidential order° n. 232 24/..... 11719

Authorizes the expense and formalizes the opening of the simplified contracting procedure, by material criterion, for the conclusion of the Contract for the Acquisition of Equipment and Installation of the Security System with CCTV, Access Control, Patrol Drones, Control Room and Artificial Intelligence in the Port of Luanda, it delegates competence to the Minister of Transport, with the right to subdelegate, for the practice of decision-making and protective approval under the said procedure, including the conclusion and signature of the said Contract.

Presidential order° n. 233 24/..... 11721

Authorizes the execution of the expense and formalizes the opening of the public tender procedure for the acquisition of Management and Maintenance Services of the buildings CIF LUANDA ONE and CIF Luanda TWO, and delegates competence to the Minister of Finance, with the faculty to subdelegate, for the approval of the parts of the procedure, the establishment of the Evaluation Committee, verification of the validity and legality of the acts performed under the said procedure, including the conclusion and signature of the Contract.

Presidential order° n. 234 24/..... 11722

Authorizes the expense and formalizes the opening of the Emergency Contracting Procedure for the realization of the Works for the Design and Construction of the Water Supply Systems of the Municipal Sede of Soyo and the Municipality of Musserra, in the Municipality of Nzeto, Zaire Province, for the conclusion of contracts and the acquisition of Supervision Services of the said Works, and delegates competence to the Provincial Governor of Zaire, with the right to

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PRESIDENT OF REPÚBLICA

Presidential Order n.º- 235/24

Of 14 October

Whereas the U.S. Law on Growth and Opportunities for Africa (AGOA) provides tax-free export to the US market of produced goods in eligible sub-Saharan African countries ;

Having regard to the fact that, under the said law, the beneficiary countries are recommended to adopt national strategies for the use of AGOA for the best benefit of the inherent benefits;

There is a need to implement strategies for using AGOA, aligned with the Long-Term Development Strategy «Angola 2050', in order to ensure the increase in the volume of exports to the United States of America (USA), as well as national production and diversification of exports;

The President of the Republic shall determine, in accordance with the combined provisions of Article 120(d)° and ° Article 125(6)°, both of the Constitution of the Republic of Angola, the following:

1. The Multisectoral Commission is set up to draw up the National Strategy for the Use of AGOA, coordinated by the Minister of State for Economic Coordination and integrates the following entities:

The} Minister of Foreign Affairs;

b) Minister for Finance;

c) Minister of Planning;

d) Minister for Justice and Human Rights;

e) Minister of Public Administration, Labour and Social Security;

f) Minister for Agriculture and Forestry;

g) Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources;

h) Minister for Industry and Trade;

/} Minister of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas;

Y} Minister of Public Works, Urbanism and Housing;

(K) Minister for Energy and Water;

/} Minister for Transport;

M} Minister for Telecommunications, Information Technologies and Media;

N) Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology and

Innovation; the} Minister of Health;

p) Minister of Tourism;

q) Minister for the Environment;

r) Secretary of the President of the Republic for Diplomatic Affairs and International Cooperation;

s) Secretary of the President of the Republic for the productive sector;

t) Secretary of the President of the Republic for Economic Affairs;

u) Secretary of the President of the Republic for State Reform;

v) Economic Advisor to the Vice-President of the Republic.

2. The multi-sectoral committee established has the following tasks:

O} Identify strategic sectors and goods for export to the US under AGOA to increase and diversify the export of domestic products to the US market;

b) Develop the schedule of strategic actions and recommendations to attract US investment or trading partners to produce goods in Angola for domestic consumption and export;

c) Identify opportunities for promoting and strengthening trade relations with the US;

d) To propose legislative reforms, especially in customs and certification processes, to increase the efficiency of export and import activities, in particular in the chains for processing products to be exported to the US;

e) Identify, within the framework of the AGOA, actions to strengthen cooperation with neighboring countries in order to optimize bilateral and regional trade agreements, in particular at the level of the Southern African Development Community and the African Continental Free Trade Area;

f) Assess and propose financing mechanisms for support of the Private Sector, including the use of existing international funds and the establishment of bilateral or multilateral funds with relevant partners;

g) Identify actions aimed at strengthening the institutional and technical capacity of public and private sectors for the implementation of the AGOA strategy;

h) Promote awareness campaigns of AGOA opportunities in the Business Sector;

/} To exercise the other duties determined above.

3. The multisectoral committee meets, ordinarily, quarterly and extraordinarily, whenever convened by its Coordinator.

4. The Multisectoral Committee is supported by a Technical Group, coordinated by the Secretary of the President of the Republic for Economic Affairs, and which includes representatives of the entities mentioned in point 1, specifically indicated no later than three days after the date of publication of this Presidential Order.

5. The Technical Group meets and reports monthly to the Coordinator of the Multisectoral Committee, without prejudice to the holding of extraordinary meetings, whenever appropriate.

6. The Coordinator of the Multisectoral Committee may, on a proposal from the Coordinator of the Technical Group, create subgroups, by specialty, invite or consult other public and private entities, as well as hire services or specialists, necessary to fulfill their duties.

7. It is the responsibility of the Multisectoral Committee Coordinator to approve the regulation on the organization and operation of the Technical Group and its sub-groups.

8. The Ministry of Finance shall ensure the financial resources necessary for the implementation of the work of the Multisectoral Committee, the Technical Group and its sub-groups.

9. The Multisectoral Commission has a duration of 270 days, after which the Coordinator presents to the Executive Branch the Final Report of Activities, along with the proposal for a National Strategy for Use of AGOA, and will be extinguished after its approval.

10. The doubts and omissions resulting from the interpretation and application of this Presidential Order are resolved by the President of the Republic.

11. This Presidential Order shall enter into force on the day following its publication. Publish yourself.

Luanda, on October 11, 2024.

The President of the Republic, JOAO MANUEL GONÇALVES Lourenço.

(24-0366-F-PR)

PRESIDENT OF REPÚBLICA

Presidential Order n.º- 236/24

Of 14 October

By convenience of service;

The President of the Republic shall, in accordance with Article 120(d)° and Article 125(6)°, determine both of the Constitution of the Republic of Angola, in conjunction with Article 43(1)° and Article 46(2)°, both of which of Law No 11 13/°°°, of 3 September — Basic Law of the Public Business Sector, the following:

1. She is appointed Katila Vanessa Monteiro da Silva Neto to the position of Executive Administrator of the Port Company of Lobito, E.P.

2. The Minister of Transport is delegated competence to confer possession on the entity currently appointed.

Publish yourself.

Luanda, on October 11 , 2024.

The President of the Republic, JOAO MANUEL GONÇALVES Lourenço.

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