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NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Members of the Afro-Asian group have been talking about a draft resolution on Angola, but nothing is concrete.

Some members of the group are in favour of a strong draft resolution, while others think that the wise course would be simply an endorsement by the Security Council of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly.

A drafting committee of three including Ethiopia and the United Arab Republic is preparing a draft which will be presented to the group for discussion. Among the ideas advanced for inclusion in the draft resolution are the cessation of military action by Portugal in Angola and the granting of the right of self-determination and independence to Angola.

It was also suggested that the Security Council should ask the Sub-Committee of the General Assembly to proceed to Angola, but some doubted whether the Security Council could send a request to a Committee which was set up by the General Assembly.

It appears that the draft resolution will not be ready before Tuesday next.

It is heard that Ethiopia, Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Guinea, Congo (Brazzaville) and Congo (Leopoldville) may request participation in the discussion, and that Togo, Niger and Pakistan may join as co-sponsors of the 42-Power request.

It is also learned that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal will come to New York to present the case of Portugal.

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