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SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

By resolution 1603 (XV), the General Assembly decided to appoint a sub-committee consisting of five members to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly and instructed this sub-committee to examine the statements made before the Assembly concerning Angola, to receive further statements and documents, to conduct such inquiries as it may deem necessary and to report to the Assembly as soon as possible.

The President has nominated the following five countries as members of the sub-committee:

Bolivia
Dahomey
Federation of Malaya
Finland
Sudan.

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COMMUNIQUE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S
SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

On 23 July, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Situation in Angola, Ambassador Carlos Salamanca, returned to New York from Lisbon where he had spent one week at the invitation of the Portuguese Government.

The Subcommittee when deciding that he ought to accept this invitation had specified that he should do so only in his capacity as its Chairman. He was explicitly recognized in that capacity by the Portuguese Government during his visit.

He held conversations with Prime Minister Salazar and with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alberto Franco Nogueira. He also met the Minister for Overseas Territories, Adriano Moreira. In the course of those conversations, the Chairman conveyed personally the concern of the Subcommittee in obtaining the full cooperation of the Portuguese Government, as called for by the Security Council.

The Subcommittee held meetings on Monday and Tuesday to hear the results of the conversations.

With regard to a visit by the Subcommittee to Angola, which the Subcommittee holds to be of the utmost importance in order to obtain all possible factual evidence and arrive at an objective appraisal of the prevailing situation, the Portuguese Government emphasized that it did not consider it feasible "under the present circumstances," to give its agreement to such a visit.

As a result of the conversations, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has communicated to the Chairman documentary information relating to Angola, including material on the events in northern Angola. The Portuguese Government stressed that the above information was not to be understood as transmitted under the terms of Article 73 of the Charter or to be used for the purpose of that article, nor was it being furnished within the framework of resolutions recently adopted regarding matters covered by Article 73.

The information furnished by the Portuguese Government will be examined by the Subcommittee in the course of the fulfillment of its mandate.

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COMMUNIQUE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S
SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

The United Nations Subcommittee on the Situation in Angola is sending three of its members to the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) to gather first hand information from Angolan refugees. The three members are the Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee, Ambassador Enckell of Finland, Ambassador Adeel of the Sudan and Ambassador Ignacio-Pinto of Dahomey.

The Government of the Congo (Leopoldville) has consented to the visit and has offered its cooperation.

On their arrival in Leopoldville, the members of the Subcommittee plan to hear representatives of Angolan groups. Plans are also being made for the members of the Subcommittee to travel to some of the more important centers where Angolan refugees are being cared for by various relief agencies.

Ambassador Enckell and Ambassador Adeel, together with Secretariat members, plan to leave New York next Tuesday, 8 August 1961, for Leopoldville where they will be joined on 9 August 1961 by Ambassador Pinto who is going directly from Dahomey.

The other two members of the Subcommittee, the Chairman, Ambassador Salamanca of Bolivia, and the Rapporteur, Ambassador Kamil of the Federation of Malaya, will remain in New York to undertake the preliminary work on the report which the Subcommittee will submit to the Security Council and the General Assembly.

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