

The Gbadolite Declaration on Angola

- 1) At the invitation of Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko, Founder President of the Popular Movement of the Revolution and President of the Republic of Zaire, an historic meeting took place in Gbadolite, Zaire on Thursday 22nd June 1989.
- 2) The following Heads of State attended this important conference: His Excellency Mr. Kenneth David Kaunda Doyen of our region of Central and Southern Africa and President of the Republic of Zambia

Others in attendance were (in alphabetical order by country)

His Excellency Mr. José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Peoples Republic of Angola

His Excellency Doctor Quett K.J. Masire, President of the Republic of Botswana

His Excellency Major Pierre Buyoya, President of the Republic of Burundi

His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of Cameroon

His Excellency Mr. Aristides Pereira, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

His Excellency Hissene Habre, President of the Republic of Chad

His Excellency General Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Peoples Republic of the Congo

His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Republic of Gabon

His Excellency General Joao Bernardo Vieira, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

His Majesty Hassan II, King of Morocco; representative Mr. Ahmed Osman, President of the House of Representatives

His Excellency Mr. Joaquim Chissano, President of the Peoples Republic of Mozambique

His Excellency General Ibrahim Babangida, President of the Republic of Niger

His Excellency General Mayor Juvenal Habyarimana, President of the Republic of Rwanda

His Excellency Mr. Manuel Pinto de Costa, President of the Republic of Sao Tome and Principe His Excellency Mr. Idris Abdul Wakil, Second Vice-President of the Republic of Tanzania and President of Zanzibar

His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

- 3) This meeting is part of efforts made by the President of Angola and other African heads of State, notably the President of Gabon, and is also a result of decisions adopted during the Luanda Summit on 16 May 1989 to hold a second meeting in Zaire in August of 1989.
- 4) Taking into account the positive evolution of events, which has permitted the expectation of Peace and National Reconciliation, the Presidents of Angola and Zaire have determined to suggest to their colleagues and brothers that this meeting should be brought forward to this date.

- 5) At the conclusion of their discussions , the Heads of State meeting in Gbadolite has adopted, with due satisfaction and legitimate pride, the principles of restoring peace and National Reconciliation in Angola, which will further the process in Namibian Independence.
- 6) To this end, taking into account the peace plan of the Government of Angola and the proposals of the President of Zaire and his efforts of mediation, the following fundamental principles were accepted by all Angolans:
 - A. The wish of all Angolans to put an end to the war and proclaim to the world their National Reconciliation
 - B. Cessation of all hostilities as well as the proclamation of a ceasefire which will be effective from 0000hrs on 24 June 1989
 - C. The forming of a mixed commission charged with finding ways of implementing this plan to establish National Reconciliation under the mediation of the President of the Republic of Zaire.
- 7) The Heads of State are satisfied with the substantial and rapid progress made towards Peace and National Reconciliation in Angola as a result of the willingness of all Angolan People to put an end to several years of civil war, and to commit themselves to the development of their great country.
- 8) To this end, the Heads of State congratulate and thank the President of Zaire for his exceptional efforts in making possible the historic events of today.
- 9) The Heads of State were gratified by the spirit and atmosphere of friendship and fraternity that prevailed throughout the conference.
- 10) The Heads of State have also decided to meet shortly in Zimbabwe with the aim of evaluating the progress of the current initiative.
- 11) Finally the Heads of State decided to express their gratitude to the Founder President of the Popular Movement of the Revolution, President of the Republic of Zaire, Marshal Mobuto Sese Seko for his authentic African hospitality and warmth, during their entire stay, and the wish to take this opportunity to send a message of friendship, fraternity and solidarity from their respective citizens to the people of Zaire as represented by the welcoming population of Gbadolite.