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Secretary of State Warren Christopher
United States State Department
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Christopher:

Our Task Force on Southern Africa of the Church Council of Greater Seattle urges you to establish full diplomatic relations with the newly-elected Angolan government immediately. The apartheid policy followed by Reagan and Bush of refusing to recognize the democratic forces in Angola should be abandoned now. The Clinton administration must move swiftly to recognize the properly elected Angolan government.

In addition, the United States must insist that the terrorist UNITA organization and its leader, Jonas Savimbi, abandon violence and participate peacefully in the political process. We urge the United States to support effective action to bar the flow of arms and fuel to UNITA and to implement such sanctions against any country, company, individual or organization that violates the ban. The United States must bear responsibility for arming UNITA in the first place and is compelled to take action now to save the remaining Angolan lives.

Finally, the United States has a moral obligation to send sufficient and appropriate aid to the Angolan government for economic reconstruction. Your attention to these matters is urgently needed.

Thank you for what we hope will be your positive response.

Sincerely,

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