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Republic of Angola and PLC celebrate 20th anniversary

In February 1961, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) initiated an armed struggle against Portugal which had colonized the large southwestern African country for over 500 years. After the MPLA led the embattled country to independence in 1975, they then had to fight an additional 14 years against two rival groups—the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and the National Union for Total Liberation of Angola (UNITA)—supported by the United States, several of its western allies and the former apartheid regime in South Africa.

The People’s Republic of Angola was founded by the MPLA on November 11, 1975 in Luanda, the country’s capital, and the Patrice Lumumba Coalition was formed simultaneously in New York to develop support among various sectors of the African population in the U.S. for the revolutionary Angolan nationalist organization. To offset the intervention of South Africa in support of UNITA and Mobutu’s Zaire on behalf of FLNA, the MPLA put out an international call for aid which was responded to by such African countries as Ahmed Seku Ture’s Guinea, Samora Machel’s Mozambique, Marien Ngouabi’s Congo and Murtala Muhammad’s Nigeria, among others.

It was the response of Fidel Castro’s Cuba, however, and the impact that the revolutionary Latin African Caribbean island had in not only consolidating the MPLA government in Angola but facilitating the decolonization of southern Africa which became the major bone of Cold War politics. It still represents a bitter memory of why many U.S. policy makers continue to this day to rule against any rapprochement with the Cuban leader.

Special invited guest of honor will be H.E. Afonso Van Dunem “Binda”, Angola’s ambassador to the United Nations; other special guests of honor include representatives from both the Namibian and Cuban missions to the UN. Invited as special guest speakers to deliver solidarity messages are Deborah Jackson, Esq., American Association of Jurists; Samori Markman, African & Caribbean Rights Organization and WBAI Program Director; Don Rojas, former press secretary for the late Grenadian Prime Minister Maurice Bishop (and former Amsterdam News Editor and NAACP Media Director); and Elombe Brath, Patrice Lumumba Coalition chairman and program moderator.

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