

JOINT U.S. - ANGOLA AVIATION DECLARATION

At a meeting between the Republic of Angola's Minister of Transport, Andre Luis Brandao, and United States Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater on July 11, 1998 in Luanda, views were exchanged on transportation issues of common interest. Among the topics addressed were the development and maintenance of safe, efficient transportation systems and the formulation of national transportation policies which facilitate the movement of goods and passengers in a manner which supports economic growth and international commerce. The meeting was held as a result of President Clinton's Africa initiative, and specifically to discuss the "Safe Skies for Africa" portion of that initiative.

The Minister and the Secretary recognized the importance of transportation in the economic and social wellbeing of each country's economy. During the meeting, the representatives of Angola and the United States discussed:

- Improving regional transportation systems through strategic investment in transportation infrastructure elements. Angola is specifically interested in and committed to establishing direct air transportation links between the two countries.
- Mobilizing public and private capital for local and regional transportation infrastructure projects.
- Increasing cooperative efforts to enhance safety and security in the transportation sector.

With Respect to Aviation Safety and Security:

The Minister and the Secretary agreed that safe air travel and secure airport facilities are prerequisites for Angola's integration into the global economy. "Safe skies" are necessary for increasing trade, attracting investment,

encouraging tourism and weaving together an integrated regional society.

Recognizing the importance of safe and secure airports to Angola's development, the Minister and the Secretary expressed their intention to help marshal the political will and long-term resource commitments necessary to meet "safe skies" goals.

The United States intends to assist Angola in achieving the stated objectives of the safe skies initiative, first by helping identify internal sources of revenue which will make individual programs self-funding, e.g., air traffic control fees, landing fees, airport service fees, etc. In addition, the United States intends to provide short-term technical advice and financial support, in cooperation with regional institutions, international financial institutions and international civil aviation organizations. Angola looks forward to cooperation with the United States in technical assistance.

Signed:
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