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**INDIA-ANGOLA  
FIRST JOINT COMMISSION MEETING**

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**

1 - The Angola-India Joint Commission held its 1<sup>st</sup> session on 07 September, 2020 through video-conferencing. The session was co-chaired by the External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, and the Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, Ambassador TétéAntónio.

2 - The meeting was held in a warm and cordial atmosphere. The two Ministers satisfactorily acknowledged the excellent bilateral cooperation between the two countries and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen bilateral ties based on the principles and values of democracy.

3. The two Ministers reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations in the areas of political, economic, trade and investment, defence and security and development cooperation. They also exchanged views on regional and global developments of mutual interest, including counter-terrorism and security.

4 - The two sides noted that bilateral exchanges had acquired a renewed push, following the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President João Lourenço at Johannesburg in July 2018 on the side-lines of the BRICS summit. The meeting set the way forward for intensification of bilateral economic relations through partnership in trade & investments, agriculture & food processing, diamond trading, pharmaceuticals, IT & Telecommunication, oil and natural gas etc.

5 - The Indian side offered to share India's expertise to support the Angolan Government's economic diversification plans through capacity building, infrastructure development in key areas of health, education, solar electrification, mining, agriculture, fisheries, food processing etc, while also leveraging Angola's strengths in the petroleum and diamonds sector.

6 - Both sides also agreed to encourage Indian investments in the Information Technologies and telecommunications and cooperate in the field of space so as to benefit the Angolan health and education sectors.

7 - The Joint Commission noted that Angola-India development partnership could be further strengthened through Lines of Credit and Buyer's Credit arrangements to enhance capacity of Angolan entities in areas like Agriculture, Defence, Energy, Industry, and Sustainable Water projects, Health and Pharmacy etc.

8 - Both sides expressed satisfaction at the tangible outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Commission in the form of signing of the following documents:

i. Agreement on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and service passports;

ii. -MoU for cooperation in the field of Health; and

iii. MoU for cooperation between Ministry of External Relations of Angola and Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service.

9 - The Angolan Minister of External Relations congratulated his Indian counterpart on India's election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the term 2021-22. On his turn, the Indian Minister of External Affairs thanked the Angolan Minister for continuing support of Angola to India at the UN and other multilateral bodies and appreciated the positive leadership provided by Angola in facilitating the resolution of disputes and conflicts in Africa through dialogue and negotiation.

10 - Both Governments shared the view that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is a global scourge and resolved to combat it through coordinated regional and global efforts, including at the UN.

11. It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held in New Delhi in 2022 on a mutually convenient date.

**New Delhi**  
**September 07, 2020**