

MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER F.W. DE KLERK AND LT. GEN. ANTONIO DOS SANTOS FRANÇA NDALU, LEADER OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION TO THE CAPE TOWN JC TALKS ACCOMPANIED BY ANGOLAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MR VENANCIO DA SILVA MOURA - H.F. VERWOERD BUILDING 27/4/89

Minister De Klerk welcomed his visitors and expressed the hope that their visit to Cape Town would be successful.

Lt. Gen. Ndalú thanked the Minister for the opportunity to meet him. He then referred to the regional peace initiatives now underway and the efforts being made to solve regional problems. He also said that Angola had internal problems but that once the external influences on these problems had been removed, Angola would be able to solve these problems. He said that in this regard the New York Agreements were relevant and were a good basis on which to start.

He said that Angola had now closed down the ANC bases there which was not a popular action in the eyes of some other African countries, but peace was more useful than war. Conflicts had to be solved in peaceful ways and now conditions were right to solve conflicts in the region.

Lt. Gen. Ndalú then said that Angola had begun to work with SWA in regard to water supplies and he hoped that through the Administrator General it would be possible to extend this co-operation but Angola would shortly propose a meeting between the Foreign Ministers of South Africa and Angola to pursue the co-operation idea.

Minister De Klerk said he had listened with interest to what Lt. Gen. Ndalú had said. Recent events in the region were a triumph for negotiation politics where there were no losers. Minister De Klerk said he intended to proceed with the policy that saw the whole of the Southern African area as one region. The objective would be sound co-operation between all states to be achieved as soon as possible. South Africa wanted to broaden the accords with its neighbours and remove the obstacles to this.

Southern Africa, while not in opposition to the rest of Africa, needed to become a regional economic force within the world economy. Standing together would facilitate an economic alliance. South Africa's motto of "Unity is Strength" is relevant here because unity does not disturb diversity or stop countries working together. Such economic alliances would not mean that countries would be abandoning their sovereignty. Minister De Klerk said he saw a new dawn coming in relations in the region and hoped that nothing would happen to cloud this.

He said it had been a pleasure to meet Lt. Gen. Ndalú. The first test would be to make a success of the New York and Geneva Agreements. If this test was passed it would be the most significant development of the last 25 years. Minister De Klerk

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assured his visitors that South Africa would do all it could to ensure their success.

Lt. Gen. Ndalú said it was an honour to meet the Minister who was now the object of great interest in Angola. As requested he would convey Minister De Klerk's greetings to President Eduardo dos Santos.