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Mr. President,

Thanks for giving me the floor!

Mr. President,

The ECOSOC Segment for Humanitarian Affairs is convened once again in difficult circumstances.

Our collective effort to help those in need continues to face new and old challenges, as old and new crises push us into an unprecedented situation on the humanitarian front, aggravated by millions of people forced to abandon their usual areas of residence, mainly due to the conflict situations in Africa and in the world in general.

Angola praises the efforts of the President of the Humanitarian Affairs Segment, in updating the resolution on "Strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations".

Mr. Vice President

Humanitarian needs in Angola remain largely due to the persistent climate challenges that we all face today. Food and nutrition insecurity due to climate shocks, assistance to children and water shortages as a direct
consequence of the drought affected thousands of people who had their water, sanitation and hygiene conditions worsened by COVID-19.

Humanitarian Action for Children including the provision of essential medicines, vaccines, nutrition and infection prevention and control continues to be needed in Africa.

The impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable groups of the population in Angola has exacerbated inequalities and increased the complexity of their participation in programs and plans against climate action.

Mr. President,

To mitigate the severe effects of the drought that affects the south of the country, the Government of Angola recently built a river channel, known as “Canal do Cafu”, which transfers water from the Cunene River to benefit about 230,000 people and 255,000 cattle, and to serving for irrigation, encouraging the practice of agriculture, in an extension of 160 kilometers.

Similar projects are underway to benefit even more populations from Cunene and the Provinces of Namibe, Huila and Cuando Cubango, in a tremendous effort by the Government.
Mr. President

OCHA warns us that health emergencies, including measles, polio, malaria and the COVID-19 pandemic, will increase humanitarian needs and deepen the complexity of the situation in 2022.

It is in this devastating scenario that Angola decided to contribute with ten million dollars to the Humanitarian Fund of the African Union, announced by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenço, during the Humanitarian Summit held last May in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

The donation can help to structure an African Union fund with significant value, but not enough to contribute to the solution of the growing humanitarian crises that are emerging on the continent. More than these contributions are the eradication of the root causes that give rise to the crises, the which requires common efforts to combat terrorism, improve governance and equip countries with human resources.

Mr. President,

To conclude, Angola welcomes the support received from the Central Emergency Response Fund, of the Portuguese-speaking countries during the extreme drought that cyclically hits the south where the greatest impact was observed in the provinces of Namibe, Huila and Cunene, affecting millions of people,
We await the results of these meetings.

Thank you very much