

1.8.74
PROCLAMATION

TO THE FIGHTING ANGOLAN PEOPLE!
TO THE M.P.L.A. GUERRILLAS!
TO THE SOLDIERS OF FREE ANGOLA!

The fighting Angolan people have won a decisive victory.

The country is on the eve of the objective for which, for thirteen years, you have been fighting, for which half a million patriots have died and hundreds of thousands remain crippled.

PATRIOTIC SOLDIERS!

In the savannalands, in the bush, in the towns and in the prisons, you were the determining factor during the long march towards this victory.

Your courage, your determination, patriotic sacrifice, your arms for the cause of our people and MPLA, forced the enemy to recognise the right of Angola to be independent.

PEOPLE'S FIGHTERS!

At this moment when the people is called upon to take on their historic responsibilities in independent Angola, hidden interests are working to try and divert from its course what you have fought for thirteen years.

COMRADES!

With the same decision and steadfastness shown in the most difficult moments of the liberation struggle, take on your present responsibilities!

Continue to fight to keep the victories, for the total liberation of the country, to defend the interests of the most exploited classes, for a democratic, popular and progressive regime, for one undivided Nation, for territorial integrity, for sovereign and independent participation in the free association of nations.

SOLDIERS AND COMMANDERS!

On the ruins of KARIPANDE and MICONJE, reflecting the will of all those who fought with arms in hand, faithful to the memory of our dead, in agreement with that is stated in the regulation of the military organisation,

WE PROCLAIM:

- the PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (F.A.P.L.A.) is constituted as an autonomous institution subordinated to the political orientation of MPLA
- all the military, para-military and people's defence forces are integrated in the FAPLA
- our unchangeable decision to continue the fight, by all means, for the objectives we wish to achieve.

LONG LIVE TO THE F.A.P.L.A.!
LONG LIVE M.P.L.A.!
VICTORY IS CERTAIN!

Angola, 1st August 1974.-

(The PROCLAMATION is signed by eighty two column and squadron commanders.)