



REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

INTERVENTION BY THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION AT THE 75TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, GENEVA, SWISS CONFEDERATION, FROM 14 TO 18 OCTOBER 2024.

Excellency Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Excellency Katharina Stasch, President of the 75th Session of the UNHCR Executive Committee,

Your Excellencies, Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All Protocol Observed.

We are gathered at this 75th Session of the UNHCR Executive Committee which aims to analyze, among other issues, the end of the **#IBELONG** campaign, take the balance of the results achieved and its good practices, as well as update the actions carried out for the materialization of the commitments resumed in 2023. We take this opportunity to congratulate **H.E. Filipo Grandi** for his relentless engagement at the helm of UNHCR. Angola aligns itself with the statement given on behalf of the African Group.

Excellencies,

The Republic of Angola continues to be a host country, guaranteeing protection to more than 52,596 (fifty-two thousand, five hundred and ninety-six) foreign citizens of different nationalities, allowing them access to all the basic and primary services, on equal footing with national citizens.

In 2023, as you know, Angola launched the general registration and allocation of identification documents, which aims to guarantee the full recognition of refugee rights and prevent citizens in these conditions from being in a vulnerable situation.

Regarding local integration, the process of granting residency permit titles to former Rwandan, Liberian and Sierra Leonean refugees covered by the clause of terminating refugee status, remains active.

The aforementioned registrations are carried out throughout all the national territory and also covers the families of refugees, with emphasis on their children born in Angola, who benefit from birth certificates.

Within the scope of the **Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons “1954”** and the **Convention to Reduce Cases of Statelessness “1961”**, the Angolan Government continues to **expand the civil registration base of citizens residing in Angola and abroad**, particularly in neighboring countries, in an inclusive and participatory process.

For the Republic of Angola, the creation of policies that aim to eradicate susceptible cases of statelessness continues to be a priority, whose evaluation has been conducted by an Inter-ministerial Commission, which counts with the helpful collaboration of the UNHCR.

Excellencies,

Angola reaffirms its commitment to fulfilling the responsibilities assumed as a member of the UNHCR Executive Committee, as well as the recommendations of the Global Forum for Refugees.

In a clear demonstration of its engagement at all levels, Angola paid the voluntary contribution in the amount of USD 100,000.00, as promised in the last EXCOM session, with the aim of supporting projects for refugees and stateless people around the world.

Excellencies,

The **#IBelong** Campaign, which ends this year, had a positive impact on the Republic of Angola, as it boosted the process of eradicating cases of statelessness.

In this regard, Angola supports UNHCR in the implementation of the **Global Alliance that aims to end statelessness**, understanding that, in essence, it has the same purpose. Therefore, Angola promises to join this **New Initiative**.

**Finally, Excellencies,
We reiterate that,**

WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIFE, TO A HOMELAND, TO AN IDENTITY AND TO A GESTURE OF LOVE.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.