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His Excellency
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Excellency,

I write, on behalf of the Members of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP), to thank you for a very productive consultation meeting under the enhanced monitoring mechanism held between the Government of Angola and the Committee, on 31 May 2023, in line with paragraph 8 of ECOSOC Resolution E/2023/L.14 (attached). The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for the two sides to engage in a frank discussion on the crucial issue of Angola's upcoming graduation from the list of Least Developed Countries (LDC) category in February 2024, in particular in the context of the country no longer meeting the LDC graduation criteria. Through this letter, I am pleased to share the findings of the consultation. Our full consideration of the situation of Angola will be submitted to ECOSOC through the Committee's report on its 26th session, to be held 4-8 March 2024.

The Committee presented three scenarios for discussion at the consultative meeting and we are pleased that your Government favours the scenario that would stop the graduation of Angola from the LDC category in February 2024, and takes the country out of the graduation process. The Committee believes that this scenario is the most appropriate course of action given the current socio-economic realities of the country.

The CDP will continue to observe the socio-economic progress that the country achieves. If Angola meets the graduation criteria in the future for two triennial

reviews, the country will again be considered for graduation from the LDC category in accordance with the established procedures.

The members of the Committee acknowledge and commend the Government of Angola for its strong commitment to pursue policies to diversify the economy and address the challenges of the population boom. The effective implementation of the National Development Plan, once it is finalized by the end of June, will serve as a crucial roadmap for guiding the country's socio-economic progress. The Committee members also recognize the importance of the Government's commitment to working towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and meeting the LDC criteria by 2030. I assure you that the Committee will continue to support Angola within and through the established

frameworks and procedures, as the country strives for accelerated progress in socio-economic sectors and reach its developmental aspirations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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