Annex III

Agreement signed by the Government of the Republic of Angola and UNITA Renovada on 18 February 1999

The presidential elections were held on 29 and 30 September 1992.

Since the candidate that obtained the majority of the votes did not attain the percentage stipulated by the law (50% +1), the two candidates with the highest number of votes would face each other on a second round of elections.

This second round should have taken place within 30 days of the publication of the results of the first round.

The second most voted candidate however, obstructed the process and effectively prevented the holding of the second round within the legally established time frame.

Although the electoral law established the principles for the holding of the second round in the presidential election, the Lusaka Protocol, which is the juridical and political element that regulates the Angolan Peace Process, establishes in it, Annex 7, that the elections should take place as soon as military, political, material and security conditions allow it, that is to say:

a) The attainment of the extension of the administration of the state to all of the national territory and guarantee that it can function, as well as the resettlement of the population in the whole country

b) Guarantee of the security and free circulation of people and goods over the whole national territory

c) The guarantee of the fundamental freedoms of the citizens over all of the national territory

d) The approval of the future constitution of the Republic of Angola

e) The amendment of the electoral law

f) The census of the Angolan population over the whole national territory

g) The new electoral registry for the whole of the national territory
Given the objective and subjective impossibility of holding the second round of the 1992 Presidential elections, and given the time that has elapsed since then, and the significant changes among the voters that participated in the 1992 elections as well as the new outbreak of war and military instability,

Given that the United Nations has declared that it feels that it cannot continue to supervise the Peace Process, due to the lack of the necessary political and military conditions in view of the re-initiation of warfare, a fact that determines the need for the sovereign organizations of the Republic of Angola to take up the development of the tasks inherent to the conclusion of the Electoral Process, the Government and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola agree to the following:

a) Point 11.5, Annex 7, of the work agenda of the Lusaka Protocol relative to the conclusion of the electoral process is considered concluded;

b) The National Assembly, through its normal legislative process, and under the initiative of the interested parliamentary groups, shall approve the pertinent amendments that regulate this issue, in the spirit of this agreement.

Luanda, 18 February 1999

For the Government of Angola
(Signed)

For UNITA
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