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C/o His Excellency Mr. Wu Hailong
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Subject: China’s endorsement of the «Colonial Pact» is an overt war against Africans.

Mr. President,

China’s unclear «Africa policy» is the major problem the Cabinda people, Angolan people, and Africans at large are justly worried about today. China’s fervor to frequently lend Angola’s President José Eduardo dos Santos huge amounts of money has forced us to search for what is underlying the strange «China-Angola strategic relations». We came to the conclusion that the Portuguese version of the «Colonial Pact»¹ is without doubt what underlies the weird relations between China and Angola. Inasmuch as the purposely less talked-about «Colonial Pact» is by far more deadly than the two «Opium Wars» China had experienced in the past, we assume the right to urge the Chinese government and people to refrain from frustrating Black People’s hope for happiness, well-being, and ultimate triumph over racial obstacles.

«Criticism and debate», so we have been taught, constitute the principle that characterizes not only a democracy worthy of the name but also a genuine intellectual. We are thus working on the assumption that China is a vibrant democracy conceived and taken care of by authentic Chinese academics. Also, China happens to be one of the five Permanent Members of the UN Security Council on which the UN Charter confers primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security; China is an eminent Member of the UN Special Committee on Decolonization or C-24, which is the UN body fully devoted to the issue of decolonization with the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the GA Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, about the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; and China, along with Portugal and France (EU), the Russian Federation, Cuba, and the United States of America, is the nation that benefit the most from Angola’s prevailing colonial rule over Cabinda.

Mr. President, you are beyond doubt acquainted with the truth that the cause of the many hardships Cabindans, Angolans, and Africans at large are suffering, up to now, is the fact that «Western Europe’s very existence depends on the resources of Africa and the continued control exercised by the Western European powers over this continent»². Such dependence had subsequently caused France (EU) to invent the extremely harmful «Colonial Pact», which is but a total usurpation of African countries’ economies by France and the European Union it belongs to. The dependence also caused Portugal to set up its own version of the French «Colonial Pact», i.e. the «Belligerent Occupation of Cabinda by Angola». The then Soviet Union³ (today Russian Federation and BRICS nation) played a critical part in the illegal occupation of Cabinda by Angola in 1974/1975. Both the lethal «Colonial Pact» and its Portuguese edition divest Africans in general and Cabindans in particular of the legitimate right to dispose of our own means of subsistence and to develop self-government.

1 Related link: http://journal-neo.org/2014/09/22/will-france-and-germany-challenge-nato/
The fact is that the illegal occupation of Cabinda by Angola, instigated by the masterminds of the «Colonial Pact», is a flagrant violation of the obligation prohibiting «the maintenance by force of colonial domination»¹. Such occupation entails the raiding of Cabinda’s natural wealth and resources, e.g. crude oil, diamonds, uranium, gold, hardwood, phosphate, manganese, and so forth. Apart from that, the occupation involves «War Crimes», «Crimes against Humanity» and «Crimes of Genocide». As a result, Angola is a country with absolute lack of an effective human rights regime, and of institutions likely to sustain the rule of law, justice and accountability.

Mr. President, the UN General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 declares that the subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations, and is an impediment to the promotion of world peace and co-operation. It also sustains that inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence. The UN General Assembly resolution 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 declares, in its paragraph 1, that “the right of peoples and nations to permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources must be exercised in the interest of their national development and of the well-being of the people of the State concerned”. For its part, the «1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights», in its Article 1, not only maintains that all peoples have the right of self-determination but also asserts that in no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence. What is more, the UN Charter reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.

In order to thwart China in its fervor to contribute to the fulfillment of international order of justice and peace in Cabinda, Angola, and Africa at large, the architects of the «Colonial Pact» and its Portuguese version have cunningly prompted China to succumb to oil concessions and other briberies given the Chinese officials by Angola’s tyrannical ruler. The fact that the latter has become China’s borrower par excellence cannot help being cause for alarm. China knows

¹ Doc. of the 17th Session of the UN General Assembly - 4th Committee A/C. 4/SR 1391 of 20 November 1962, & Annexes, Agenda item 54, documents A/5160 and add. 1 and 2;
that President Dos Santos’s government is only committed to putting oil and diamonds money into “its own pockets”, rather than into the integral development of the Angolan people¹, not to mention the Cabinda people. Outsized amounts of the billions of US dollars Angola’s dictator repeatedly borrows from China and of the generous taxes and fees routinely paid by Western companies to Angola’s state oil company, Sonangol, end up vanishing purely and simply. Most Western media usually claim that the vanishing money is controlled by the “Futungo”, a circle of close family members, acquaintances and officials that surrounds the long-time President, Eduardo dos Santos. And yet the truth is that the disappearing money goes to subsidize the “former” colonial Masters, i.e. Portugal and the EU it belongs to, in pursuance of the «Colonial Pact». A daughter of Angola’s autocrat, in this instance Isabel dos Santos, has all of a sudden become the richest woman in Africa and owning nearly everything in Portugal. In a country (Angola) living on less than «US $2 per day», she has managed to bank US $3 billion for none but she alone. Is this the proper way to restore dignity to a long-time debased African people?

Mr. President, China’s foreign policy is claimed to be characterized by a win-win problem solving. In other words, a policy that strives for a multilateral framework that brings within its sights all practices that are totally in line with the spirit of international responsibility-sharing. As a high-ranking «subject of international law», China is definitely acquainted with the truth that the «legal-political disagreement» between Cabinda and Angola is of the nature referred to in Article 34 of the Charter of the United Nations. With reference to the legal-political status of Cabinda, i.e. as a sovereign country and nation, we are very keen that the Chinese government should consider the “colonial” Constitution of Portugal, which had been put at the disposal of the United Nations by a noted US lawyer, in this instance Mr. Amos J. Peaslee², ever since the mid-1960s. In Cabinda, Angola, and Africa at large, China is so far failing to act in compliance with the core values articulated in the tools of international law. Put simply, China is failing to

¹ See: «$2bn in oil cash as Angola starves», news.scotsman.com, published on Sunday 4 August 2002; Please have also a look at: http://www.hrw.org/news/2011/12/20/angola-explain-missing-government-funds;
² Mr. Amos J. Peaslee’s «Constitutions of Nations», the first ever compilation of all the national constitutions of the world published in English to be put at the disposal of the United Nations, includes the 1933 Constitution of the Portuguese Republic supplied together with the 1959 amendments by the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in December 1965; It is worth knowing that Mr. Peaslee was a member of the American Bar Association and served as US Ambassador - Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary - to Australia, from 1953 to 1956;
set itself up as a country and people that wholeheartedly push for the establishment of a more just and reasonable international political and economic order. And all because China wittingly endorses the «Colonial Pact» and its Portuguese adaptation, i.e. the «Belligerent Occupation of Cabinda by Angola»! How come China, one of the nations that had played a positive part in the 1955 Asian-African Conference, i.e. the «Bandung Conference», meant to oppose colonialism or neo-colonialism by any imperialist nation, is now incapable to urge both Portugal and Angola to restore Cabinda’s political sovereignty, and incapable to insist on the European Union to put an end to the exceedingly destructive «Colonial Pact»?

As long as China colludes with the masterminds of the «Colonial Pact» and its Portuguese edition, BRICS cannot help being the greatest danger ever to Africa and all of its dark-skinned Children. Without a doubt, it rests with China to either step in to end once and for all injustice in Cabinda or continue to side with President Dos Santos’ regime in its atrocious undertaking aimed at oppressing and decimating the people of Cabinda. For our part, as we are the genuine holders of the legal and inalienable title to Cabinda and its inestimable natural resources, we remain committed to regaining Cabinda’s political sovereignty for the sake of rightfulness. We believe that the Cabinda people’s hopes of achieving self-determination and independence are succeeding in the not too distant future; because people like Mr. Amos J. Peaslee, who long for a proper international order of justice and peace do exist; because the American oil corporation (Chevron) did not enter Cabinda by the «back door»; because the United States does not figure among the nations militarily involved in the belligerent occupation of Cabinda by Angola; and because a world with a globalized economy requires that justice be likewise globalized.

We would appreciate it if you, Mr. President, would look into these matters at your earliest convenience with a view to fulfilling Black People’s ultimate triumph over racial obstacles.

Yours faithfully,

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“Yes, the Blacks will one day live like other men. I hope for the Negro’s happiness, well-being and ultimate triumph over racial obstacles.” - Pope Pius XII

"Injustice in Cabinda is a threat to justice everywhere!"