

## **Resolution on the current situation in Angola**

After the general elections held in Angola on August 24, 2022, and in view of the manifest irregularities verified throughout the electoral process that have deprived the Angolan people of a change of government voted by a majority at the polls after 47 years of exercising absolute power for the benefit of corrupt elites that have systematically violated the most basic fundamental rights and public liberties and eliminated all traces of democracy and the rule of law in the country.

Considering the positive political impact provided by the last IDC-DCI Executive Committee and General Assembly held in July 2022 in Angola,

The IDC-DCI:

- Congratulates the people of Angola for holding peaceful elections, despite the numerous circumstances that could have led to a violent reaction by the citizens when they were deprived of their popular sovereignty.
- Also congratulates UNITA and its leader Adalberto Costa Jr. for the enormous generosity shown in putting the stability of the country before their personal or partisan interests.
- Demands all the necessary guarantees from the Angolan electoral institutions to ensure transparency in all electoral processes in the future.
- Demands that the Angolan Government respect the rule of law, fundamental rights and public freedoms of all Angolan citizens and especially representatives of the political opposition.
- Urges all the IDC-DCI Member parties to express their strongest condemnation against governments that use electoral fraud to perpetuate themselves in power; Electoral fraud is equivalent to a coup even without the use of weapons.
- Emphasizes the need to obtain unwavering and effective political support, as well as the solidarity of the IDC-DCI in favor of its member parties during the electoral processes.

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