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Subject: meeting request on behalf of Angolan Ambassador

Kathryn & Mary:

Happy Friday and hope things are great with you, all things considered. On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola, we wanted to see if there might be any chance of scheduling an introductory meeting in the weeks ahead between Congressman Smith and [Ambassador Agostinho Van-Dúnem](#) – or, alternatively, between senior members of the Embassy staff and the most appropriate member of your staff.

Ambassador Van-Dúnem is the new ambassador to the US from Angola. He and his team are eager to open a line of communication with Congressman Smith, given his influence on the House Foreign Affairs Committee (including the Africa subcommittee), with the critical role it plays in the US-Angola bilateral relationship. We've been in touch throughout the year with staff for HFAC Chairman McCaul and Africa Subcommittee Chairman James. More recently, we've met with Rep. Baird and the office of Rep. Kean, and we're eager for the opportunity to formally connect the Ambassador and Congressman Smith.

We recognize there is a lot going on and a lot of uncertainty on the Hill at this moment. We'd be grateful for any time the Congressman or your office can spare for a brief introductory meeting. The bilateral relationship between the US and Angola has never been better nor more important, and we're eager to establish a dialogue between Congressman Smith and the Ambassador at this critical time. Thank you for considering, and thank you for the service your team is providing to America.

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On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola.



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Arian & Lisette,

Happy Friday and hope things are great with you, all things considered.

On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola, we wanted to see if there might be any chance of scheduling an introductory meeting in the weeks ahead between HFAC Africa Subcommittee Chairman James and [Ambassador Agostinho Van-Dúnem](#). Ambassador Van-Dúnem and his team are eager to open a line of communication with Chairman James, given his leadership on the subcommittee and the critical role it plays in the US-Angola bilateral relationship. As you know, we've been in touch throughout the year with your team as well as with staff for HFAC Chairman McCaul. More recently, we've met with Rep. Baird and the office of Rep. Kean, and we're eager for the opportunity to formally connect the Ambassador and Chairman James.

We recognize there is a lot going on and a lot of uncertainty on the Hill at this moment. We'd be grateful for any time the Congressman can spare for a brief introductory meeting. The bilateral relationship between the US and Angola has never been better nor more important, and we're eager to establish a dialogue between Chairman James and the Ambassador at this critical time. Thank you for considering and for your friendship, and thank you for the service your team is providing to America.

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Caleb, Catherine, Derick:

Happy Friday! On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola, we wanted to see if there might be any chance of scheduling an introductory meeting in the weeks ahead between Rep. Mills and [Ambassador Agostinho Van-Dúnem](#) – or, alternatively, between members of the senior staff of the Embassy of Angola and the most appropriate member of Congressman Mills' staff. Ambassador Van-Dúnem and his team are eager to open a line of communication with Congressman Mills, given his service on the House Foreign Affairs Africa Subcommittee. We have been in touch throughout the year with staff for HFAC Chairman McCaul and Africa Subcommittee Chairman James, and more recently with Rep. Baird and the office of Rep. Kean, and we're eager to connect with you.

We recognize there is a lot going on and a lot of uncertainty on the Hill at this moment. We'd be grateful for any time the Congressman or your team can spare for a brief introductory meeting. The bilateral relationship between the US and Angola has never been better nor more important (more on that below), and we're eager to establish a dialogue between Congressman Mills and the Embassy at this critical time. Thank you for considering, and thank you for the service your team is providing to America.

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Sebastian & Alex,

Happy Friday! On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola, we wanted to see if there might be any chance of scheduling an introductory meeting in the weeks ahead between Rep. Kim and [Ambassador Agostinho Van-Dúnem](#) – or, alternatively, between members of the senior staff of the Embassy of Angola and the most appropriate member of Congresswoman Kim’s staff. Ambassador Van-Dúnem and his team are eager to open a line of communication with Congresswoman Kim, given her service on the House Foreign Affairs Africa Subcommittee, as well as Angola’s history with Congresswoman Kim’s predecessor and former boss, former HFAC Chairman Ed Royce.

We recognize there is a lot going on and a lot of uncertainty on the Hill at this moment. We’d be grateful for any time the Congresswoman or your team can spare for a brief introductory meeting. The bilateral relationship between the US and Angola has never been better nor more important, and we’re eager to establish a dialogue between Congresswoman Kim and the Embassy at this critical time. Thank you for considering, and thank you for the service Team Kim is providing to America!

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Head of Mission



Augustine Van-Dúnem

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Angola to the United States of America

Agostinho de Carvalho dos Santos Van-Dúnem was born in Sambizanga (Luanda), in Angola.

On March 28, 2023, he was appointed by President João Lourenço to the role of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Angola to the United States of America.

With a degree in International Relations from the University of Minho, Agostinho Van-Dúnem began his career in 1998 as an Assistant to the Diplomatic Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Angola. In this capacity, for more than 20 years, he actively collaborated in structuring relevant dossiers on the international relations of the Government of the Republic of Angola, mainly on the African continent.

Agostinho Van-Dúnem has a Master's degree in Governance and Public Management (FGV). He served as Secretary General of MIREX (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), having played a fundamental role in the design and implementation of new management models for diplomatic missions, alongside participation in foreign policy and diplomacy dossiers.

Elected Deputy of the National Assembly (Parliament of the Republic of Angola) in the IV Legislature (2017-2022) and V Legislature (2022-2027), Agostinho Van-Dúnem was successively a member of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee and Vice-President of the Committee of Foreign Relations and

International Cooperation and Angolan Communities Abroad, having also been elected member of the Peace and Security Commission of the CIRGL Parliamentary Forum (International Conference of the Great Lakes Region).

The Angolan community in the United States of America and in other countries with diplomatic coverage will be at the center of attention of the Diplomatic Mission, which will reinforce dialogue and the defense of its interests in the countries of coverage.

With a notable technical, political and diplomatic career, Agostinho Van-Dúnem considers that, by strengthening bilateral relations, his main mission is to place the United States of America as Angola's main strategic partner, especially in the areas of peace, defense and security in African regions, as well as in the area of sustainable development, international trade, environment and renewable energy.

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Pompeo Stresses Economic Ties, Fight Against Corruption in Angola

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Cindy Saine

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with Angolan President Joao Lourenco in Luanda Monday, with talks focused on strengthening economic ties and supporting Angolans in their fight against corruption.

Lourenco became president in 2017 when former President José Eduardo dos Santos ceded power after leading the country for nearly four decades. Lourenco has surprised many by appearing to tackle corruption head-on. Dos Santos' daughter, Isabel dos Santos, who is estimated to be Africa's richest woman, is now under investigation for rampant financial crimes, including embezzlement.

At a joint news conference in Luanda, Foreign Minister Manuel Augusto said he "wants to believe that Pompeo's presence is a sign of President Donald Trump's support," and hopes it signals a new chapter, a whole new relationship between the two countries.

Pompeo said he could not answer a question about when Trump might visit Angola, saying he is very busy, especially in an election year.

Asked about U.S. competition with China in Angola and elsewhere in Africa, Pompeo said he would leave others to analyze how the U.S. model differs with China's way of business, adding, "When we come, we hire Angolans."

Pompeo told Augusto his visit comes at a pivotal moment in Angola's history because business, civil society, and the Angolan people are clearly ready for change.

Pompeo said he and Angola's leaders talked first about moving beyond the corruption that has stunted the nation for a long time, and praised Lourenco for his efforts.

"He has pursued bad actors. I am optimistic that he will continue to liberate Angolans from corruption," said the secretary of state.

Pompeo also highlighted the success of U.S.-backed health programs, including PEPFAR and malaria initiatives. He said the number of malaria victims in Angola has been cut in half in recent years.

Pompeo arrived in Angola late Sunday after a productive visit to Senegal, where he witnessed the signing of five memorandums of understanding on private sector partnerships between Senegalese and American companies. The venture includes the building of a major road in Senegal and a new burns center hospital.

Both Pompeo and Senegal's Foreign Minister Amadou Ba expressed concern about sharply increasing terrorism in West Africa. Ba said terrorism "knows no borders, and is costly." Asked about a likely reduction of American troops in West Africa, Pompeo said the U.S. will consult with West African countries, France and others on the security issue to make sure that "we will get it right collectively."

In both Angola and Senegal, Pompeo met with women entrepreneurs and spoke with them about how far along they are with their businesses.

From Luanda, Pompeo will travel on to Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia and Oman, on a sweeping nine-day trip to six countries.