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MEETING OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MPLA  
AND FNLA HELD AT THE KILIMANJARO HOTEL  
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1972 FROM 9.15  
P.M. TO 11.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

1. His Excellency Mwalimu J. K. Nyerere .. .. Tanzania
2. His Excellency President K. Kaunda .. .. Zambia
3. His Excellency President N. Nguabi .. .. Congo
4. Hon. K. Mutwale Minister for Civil Service . Zaire
5. Hon. J. Malecela Foreign Minister .. .. Tanzania
6. Hon. E. Mudenda Foreign Minister .. .. Zambia
7. Hon. H. Lopes Foreign Minister .. .. Congo
8. His Excellency O. Mwenda Ambassador .. .. Zaire
9. Dr. Augustino Neto President of MPLA
10. Mr. Johnny Eduardo Representative of FNLA.

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. His Excellency Nzo Ekangaki Administrative Secretary-General  
OAU.
2. Major Hashim I. Mbita Executive Secretary OAU Liberation  
Committee.

President Nyerere opened the Meeting by asking Representatives of MPLA and FNLA to give a progress report following the report of President Nguabi at the East and Central African Summit on the declaration of Unity made by the two parties made in Brazzaville.

Dr. Neto of MPLA was first to speak and he stated that

in Brazzaville they reached agreement on principles requiring MPLA and FNLA to unite their combatants. But since the embroilment between Dr. Neto and Mr. Roberto in Rabat there had been no further contact. He added that they were expecting to meet under a Commission appointed by the OAU.

That the movements were also required to set mixed Committees which would go into details of unification.

Dr. Neto ended by informing the Heads of State that MPLA has already prepared its programme on how to bring unity; and has also started informing its followers through Meetings and radio on the programme for unity.

Then Mr. Johnny Eduardo of FNLA started by apologising for Mr. Holden Roberto's absence. He said Mr. Roberto was absent because FNLA thought that the work that had to follow the Brazzaville declaration was not for top leadership of the movements but for their technicians.

He also agreed that no progress had been made. As Dr. Neto said, FNLA and was also waiting for the appointment of a Committee to be set by the Heads of State of Zambia, Zaire, Congo and Tanzania and be called to make follow up steps. He ended by saying that his delegation had full mandate to discuss all aspects of unity and that they also have their own proposals worked out.

After the two movements had made their initial statements it was agreed that the proposals be laid before the Foreign Ministers of Zambia, Zaire, Congo and Tanzania who would later report to the Heads of State. OAU should continue to be in attendance.

Lastly it was agreed that the Foreign Ministers should meet within seven days in Kinshasa or Brazzaville as would be decided by Presidents Nguabi and Nobutu.

The need for unity was emphasized to the two movements by the Heads of State and they were asked not to forget that while they continued with Meetings their brothers and sisters were getting killed by the Portuguese in Angola.