

**PERMANENT COMMISSION OF
THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**

**Law No. 24/1991
of 12 July**

The formal signing on 31 May 1999 of the Peace Accord between the Angolan Government and UNITA constitutes a historical and political event of great proportions for the Angolan People and represents the culmination of a long journey in the search for just and durable solutions to establish peace, reconciliation and national harmony.

The Laws no. 17/88, of 24 December, no. 2/90 and 3/90, both from 3 February, constitute important instruments of natural justice that will serve as a base for a policy of reconciliation and harmony for the Angolan People.

Expecting to create psychological conditions needed to introduce a multiparty democracy, a spirit of tolerance, humanism and social justice that should accompany the political process underway in the Country;

Taking into consideration that this new era of Peace and National harmony calls upon Angolan citizens to contribute in an active, responsible and positive way to efforts in the rebuilding of the country, and the economic, social and political development of Angola;

In these terms, as covered in section (f) of article 51 and article 61 of the Constitutional law, and under the authority given to me by section (q) of article 47 of the same law, the Permanent Commission of the Assembly of the People approves and subscribes to publish the following:

AMNESTY LAW

Article 1

Amnesty applies to all crimes against the internal security of the State and all others so related [crimes], committed up to the 31st May 1991.

Article 2

Amnesty applies to all military crimes committed up to the date mentioned in the previous article, except for crimes of violence resulting in death, which are referred to in section 3 of article 6 and section 3 of article 26 of Law No. 16/78 of 24 November.

Article 3

Amnesty also applies to all common crimes punishable with jail terms and infractions, committed by military personnel and civilians up to the date referred to in article 1 of the present law.

Article 4

1. Punishments applied in relation to crimes not granted amnesty under the present law, are granted reduced sentences by 1/8.
2. The previous section covers all pending cases up to 31st May 1991, including those that have been initiated by acts committed before that date.

Article 5

The benefit of reduced sentences is granted under the [resolved/determined] condition that the beneficiary does not re-commit nor intentionally commits violent crimes punishable by a prison term of more than one year, during a period of three years following the date of publication of this law, or the date when the punishment is completed, or during which it is being completed.

Article 6

Civil liability applies for facts committed under the terms of section 1 of article 125 of the Penal Code.

Article 7

Hereby revoked is whatever conflicts with the present law.

Article 8

This law immediately enters into force.

Reviewed and approved by the Permanent Assembly of the People.

To be published.

Luanda, the 12th of July 1991.

President of the Republic, *José Eduardo dos Santos*.