

Brazil and Angola Sign Science and Education Accords

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The governments of Brazil and Angola signed, yesterday, May 3, six cooperation agreements. Angola's President, José Eduardo dos Santos, is visiting Brazil.

One of the agreements involves exchange of information and technology in geology and mining, capacitating experts in the area. The agreement is valid for five years and it may be renewed for five more years.

Another agreement determines exchange about sanitary and fitosanitary defense measures. Each country will furnish data about sanitary conditions in its territory. The idea is to avoid transmission of plagues and animal diseases between the two countries.

Brazil and Angola also made a commitment to train Angolan public workers through long distance education programs, seminars, and specializing courses. The protocol is valid for two years.

The fourth agreement determines mutual help in the investigation of crimes and criminal processes. The last two covenants deal with transferring and extradition norms for convicts.

During his meeting with José Eduardo dos Santos, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva stated that Brazil wants to consolidate commercial and economic relations with Angola.

"We are exploring new cooperation possibilities in science and technology, education, public administration, professional training, agriculture, environment, and fishery," said Lula.

President José Eduardo dos Santos will leave Brazil today.

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