

## A First: Angola Receives Brazil and Other Six Portuguese-Speaking Countries

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In Angola for the 10th ministerial-level meeting of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa) (CPLP), minister of Foreign Relations, Celso Amorim, had a meeting Wednesday, July 20, with the president of Angola, José Eduardo dos Santos.

He also participated in the inauguration of the Center for Excellence in Administrative Development (Centro de Excelência em Desenvolvimento Empresarial), which has been organized jointly by all the members of the CPLP, which consists of Brazil, Portugal, Angola, Guiné-Bissau, Cabo Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, Mozambique and East Timor.

This was the first time a meeting of the CPLP was held in Angola. Angola became independent in 1975 (it was a Portuguese colony), but then it went through more than 30 years of civil war.

It was only in 2002, with the death of opposition leader Jonas Savimbi, that José Eduardo dos Santos and his government were able to bring peace to the country.

According to the Angolan Foreign Minister, João Bernardo de Miranda, the inauguration of the business center will help the country's development.

The Brazilian ambassador in Angola, Jorge Taunay, who has been there for six years, says there are many opportunities in Angola because so much has to be done. He describes Angolans as "heroic, with a good sense of humor and lots of smarts."

In the final document released at the end of the CPLP meeting, the group unanimously reaffirmed its support for the G4 proposal for United Nations Security Council reform.

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