

Standpoint of CC BCP Foreign Policy & International Relations Department for military aid to Angola, 15 March 1978

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INFORMATION

The Defense Minister of PR Angola Iko Kareira – member of Politburo of MPLA - Labor Party, in a letter to our ambassador to Luanda, requests that the government of Bulgaria deliver free of charge 10 000 light shooting weapons with ammunition for the needs of the Organization for people's defense.

During the talks, the Angola side pointed out that in near future the Organization for people's defense would comprise 400 000 men; however, the growth of the number of men was hampered by insufficient quantities of armament.

According to information, provided by our embassy in Luanda, the Soviet Union and Poland have recently delivered special equipment to the Organization. It is expected that some other fraternity countries will do the same.

“Foreign policy and international relations” Department at the Central Committee of BCP considers it politically expedient for our country to deliver light shooting weapons and ammunition for the needs of the Organization of people's defense in Angola, and in coordination with the Defense Department, the Central Committee is putting forward a proposal for decision.

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