

*The Swiss Federal Council
and
the Government of the Republic of Angola,*

Desiring to further develop their economic relationship and to enhance their co-operation in tax matters,

Intending to conclude an Agreement for the elimination of double taxation with respect to taxes on income without creating opportunities for non-taxation or reduced taxation through tax evasion or avoidance (including through treaty-shopping arrangements aimed at obtaining reliefs provided in this Agreement for the indirect benefit of residents of third States),

Have agreed as follows:

Chapter I: SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

Article 1 PERSONS COVERED

1. This Agreement shall apply to persons who are residents of one or both of the Contracting States.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement, income derived by or through an entity or arrangement that is treated as wholly or partly fiscally transparent under the tax law of either Contracting State shall be considered to be income of a resident of a Contracting State but only to the extent that the income is treated, for purposes of taxation by that State, as the income of a resident of that State. In no case shall the provisions of this paragraph be construed so as to restrict in any way the right of a Contracting State to tax the residents of that State.

Article 2 TAXES COVERED

1. This Agreement shall apply to taxes on income imposed on behalf of a Contracting State or of its political subdivisions or local authorities, irrespective of the manner in which they are levied.
2. There shall be regarded as taxes on income all taxes imposed on total income or on elements of income including taxes on gains from the alienation of movable or immovable property, as well as taxes on the total amounts of wages or salaries paid by enterprises.
3. The existing taxes to which the Agreement shall apply are in particular:
 - a) in Angola:
 - (i) Personal Income Tax (Imposto sobre os Rendimentos do Trabalho);
 - (ii) Company Income Tax (Imposto Industrial);
 - (iii) Tax on Income from Immovable Property (Imposto Predial Urbano Rendas); and
 - (iv) Investment Income Tax (Imposto sobre a Aplicação de Capitais).
(hereinafter referred to as “Angolan Taxes”)
 - b) in Switzerland:

The federal, cantonal and communal taxes on income (total income, earned income, income from capital, industrial and commercial profits, capital gains, and other items of income);

(hereinafter referred to as “Swiss tax”)

4. The Agreement shall apply also to any identical or substantially similar taxes which are imposed after the date of signature of the Agreement in addition to, or in place of, the existing taxes. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall notify each other of significant changes made to their tax law.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, nothing shall affect the right of either one of the Contracting States, or of any of their local Governments or local authorities thereof to apply their domestic laws and regulations related to the taxation on income and profits derived from hydrocarbons and its associated activities situated in the territory of their respective Contracting State, as the case may be.

6. The Agreement shall not apply to taxes withheld at source on prizes in a lottery.

Chapter II: DEFINITIONS

Article 3 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) The term “Angola” means the Republic of Angola and, when used in a geographical sense, includes the territorial sea thereof as well as any area outside the territorial sea, including the continental shelf, which has been or may hereafter be designated, under the laws of Angola and in accordance with international law, as an area within which Angola may exercise sovereign rights or jurisdiction;
- b) The term “Switzerland” means the territory of the Swiss Confederation as defined by its laws in accordance with international law;
- c) The terms “Contracting State” and “the other Contracting State” mean Angola or Switzerland, according to the context ;
- d) The term “person” includes an individual, a company and any other body of persons;
- e) The term “company” means any body corporate or any entity that is treated as a body corporate for tax purposes;
- f) The term "enterprise" applies to the carrying on of any business;
- g) The terms “enterprise of a Contracting State” and “enterprise of the other Contracting State” mean respectively an enterprise carried on by a resident of a Contracting State and an enterprise carried on by a resident of the other Contracting State;
- h) The term “international traffic” means any transport by a ship or aircraft except when the ship or aircraft is operated solely between places in a

Contracting State and the enterprise that operates the ship or aircraft is not an enterprise of that State;

- i) The term “competent authority” means:
 - (i) in Angola, the Minister of Finance, by delegation of powers of the President of the Republic of Angola, or his or her authorized representative;
 - (ii) in Switzerland, the Head of the Federal Department of Finance or his or her authorized representative.
- j) The term “national” means:
 - (i) any individual possessing the nationality of a Contracting State;
 - (ii) any legal person, partnership, or association deriving its status as such from the laws in force in a Contracting State.
- k) The term “business” includes the performance of professional services and of other activities of an independent character;
- l) The term “recognized pension fund” of a State means an entity or arrangement established in that State that is treated as a separate person under the taxation laws of that State and:
 - (i) that is established and operated exclusively or almost exclusively to administer or provide retirement or similar benefits to individuals and that is regulated as such by that State or one of its political subdivisions or local authorities; or
 - (ii) that is established and operated exclusively or almost exclusively to invest funds for the benefit of entities or arrangements referred to in subdivision (i).

2. As regards the application of the Agreement at any time by a Contracting State, any term not defined therein shall, unless the context otherwise requires or the competent authorities agree to a different meaning pursuant to the provisions of Article 25, have the meaning that it has at that time under the law of that State for the purposes of the taxes to which the Agreement applies, any meaning under the applicable tax laws of that State prevailing over a meaning given to the term under other laws of that State.

Article 4 RESIDENT

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term “resident of a Contracting State” means any person who, under the laws of that State, is liable to tax therein by reason of his domicile, residence, place of incorporation, place of management or any other criterion of a similar nature, and also includes that State and any political subdivision or local authority thereof. This term, however, does not include any person who is liable to tax in that State in respect only of income from sources in that State.

2. Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 an individual is a resident of both Contracting States, then his status shall be determined as follows:

- a) The individual shall be deemed to be a resident only of the State in which the individual has a permanent home available to him or her; if the individual has a permanent home available in both States, the individual shall be deemed to be a resident only of the State with which the individual's personal and economic relations are closer (center of vital interests);
- b) If the State in which the individual has the center of vital interests cannot be determined, or if the individual has not a permanent home available in either State, the individual shall be deemed to be a resident only of the State in which the individual has an habitual abode;
- c) If the individual has an habitual abode in both States or in neither of them, the individual shall be deemed to be a resident only of the State of which the individual is a national;
- d) If the individual is a national of both States or of neither of them, the competent authorities of the Contracting States shall settle the question by mutual agreement.

3. Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 a person other than an individual is a resident of both Contracting States, the competent authorities of the Contracting States shall endeavor to determine by mutual agreement the Contracting State of which such person shall be deemed to be a resident for the purposes of the Agreement, having regard to its place of effective management.

Article 5 PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent establishment" means a fixed place of business through which the business of an enterprise is wholly or partly carried on.

2. The term "permanent establishment" includes especially:

- a) A place of management;
- b) A branch;
- c) An office;
- d) A factory;
- e) A workshop;
- f) A mine, an oil or gas well, a quarry or any other place of extraction of natural resources.

3. The term "permanent establishment" shall be deemed to include:

- a) A building site, a construction, assembly or installation project or supervisory activities in connection therewith, but only if such site, project or activities last more than 183 days in any 12-month period commencing or ending in the fiscal year concerned;
- b) The rendering of services, including consultancy services, by an enterprise of one Contracting State through employees or other personnel engaged by the enterprise for such purpose, but only if activities of that nature continue within the other Contracting State for a period or periods aggregating

more than 183 days in any 12-month period commencing or ending in the fiscal year concerned;

- c) In the case of an enterprise carried on by an individual resident of one Contracting State, the performing of services in the other Contracting State by that individual, but only if that individual is present in that State for a period or periods aggregating more than 183 days in any 12-month period commencing or ending in the fiscal year concerned;
- d) An installation or structure used in the research or exploration for natural resources located in a Contracting State provided that the installation or structure continues for a period of not less than 90 days.

4. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, the term „permanent establishment“ shall be deemed not to include:

- a) The use of facilities solely for the purpose of storage, display or delivery of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise;
- b) The maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of storage, display or delivery;
- c) The maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of processing by another enterprise;
- d) The maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of purchasing goods or merchandise or of collecting information, for the enterprise;
- e) An installation or assembly project carried on by an enterprise of a Contracting State in the other Contracting State in connection with the delivery of machinery or equipment produced by that enterprise;
- f) The maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of carrying on, for the enterprise, any activity not listed in subparagraphs a) to e), provided that this activity has a preparatory or auxiliary character; or
- g) The maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for any combination of activities mentioned in subparagraphs a) to f), provided that the overall activity of the fixed place of business resulting from this combination is of a preparatory or auxiliary character.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, where a person other than an agent of an independent status to whom paragraph 6 applies is acting on behalf of an enterprise and has, and habitually exercises, in a Contracting State an authority to conclude contracts in the name of the enterprise, that enterprise shall be deemed to have a permanent establishment in that State in respect of any activities which that person undertakes for the enterprise, unless the activities of such person are limited to those mentioned in paragraph 4 which, if exercised through a fixed place of business, would not make this fixed place of business a permanent establishment under the provisions of that paragraph.

6. An enterprise shall not be deemed to have a permanent establishment in a Contracting State merely because it carries on business in that State through a broker,

general commission agent or any other agent of an independent status, provided that such persons are acting in the ordinary course of their business.

7. The fact that a company which is a resident of a Contracting State controls or is controlled by a company which is a resident of the other Contracting State, or which carries on business in that other State (whether through a permanent establishment or otherwise), shall not of itself constitute either company a permanent establishment of the other.

Chapter III: TAXATION OF INCOME

Article 6 INCOME FROM IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. Income derived by a resident of a Contracting State from immovable property (including income from agriculture or forestry) situated in the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. The term “immovable property” shall have the meaning which it has under the law of the Contracting State in which the property in question is situated. The term shall in any case include property accessory to immovable property, livestock and equipment used in agriculture and forestry, and rights to which the provisions of general law respecting landed property apply, usufruct of immovable property and rights to variable or fixed payments as consideration for the working of, or the right to work, mineral deposits, sources and other natural resources. Ships and aircraft shall not be regarded as immovable property.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall also apply to income derived from the direct use, letting or use in any other form of immovable property.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 shall also apply to the income from immovable property of an enterprise.

Article 7 BUSINESS PROFITS

1. The profits of an enterprise of a Contracting State shall be taxable only in that State unless the enterprise carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated therein. If the enterprise carries on business as aforesaid, the profits of the enterprise may be taxed in the other State but only so much of them as is attributable to that permanent establishment.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, where an enterprise of a Contracting State carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated therein, there shall in each Contracting State be attributed to that permanent establishment the profits which it might be expected to make if it were a distinct and separate enterprise engaged in the same or similar activities under the same or similar conditions and dealing wholly independently with the enterprise of which it is a permanent establishment.

3. In the determination of the profits of a permanent establishment, there shall be allowed as deductions expenses which are incurred for the purposes of the busi-

ness of the permanent establishment including executive and general administrative expenses so incurred, whether in the State in which the permanent establishment is situated or elsewhere.

4. In so far as it has been customary in a Contracting State to determine the profits to be attributed to a permanent establishment on the basis of an apportionment of the total profits of the enterprise to its various parts, nothing in paragraph 2 shall preclude that Contracting State from determining the profits to be taxed by such an apportionment as may be customary. The method of apportionment adopted shall, however, be such that the result shall be in accordance with the principles contained in this Article.

5. For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, the profits to be attributed to the permanent establishment shall be determined by the same method year by year unless there is good and sufficient reason to the contrary.

6. No profits shall be attributable to the permanent establishment by reason of the mere purchase by that permanent establishment of goods or merchandise for the enterprise.

7. Where profits include items of income which are dealt with separately in other Articles of this Agreement, then the provisions of those Articles shall not be affected by the provisions of this Article.

Article 8 INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT

1. Profits of an enterprise of a Contracting State from the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic shall be taxable only in that State.

2. For the purposes of this Article, profits from the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic shall include:

- a) profits derived from the rental on a bare boat basis of ships or aircraft used in international traffic,
- b) profits derived from the use or rental of containers or other related equipment,

provided that such profits are incidental to the profits to which the provisions of paragraph 1 apply.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall also apply to profits from the participation in a pool, a joint business or an international operating agency.

Article 9 ASSOCIATED ENTERPRISES

1. Where:

- a) an enterprise of a Contracting State participates directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of the other Contracting State, or
- b) the same persons participate directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of a Contracting State and an enterprise of the other Contracting State,

and in either case conditions are made or imposed between the two enterprises in their commercial or financial relations which differ from those which would be made between independent enterprises, then any profits which would, but for those conditions, have accrued to one of the enterprises, but, by reason of those conditions, have not so accrued, may be included in the profits of that enterprise and taxed accordingly.

2. Where a Contracting State includes in the profits of an enterprise of that State—and taxes accordingly—profits on which an enterprise of the other Contracting State has been charged to tax in that other State and the profits so included are profits which would have accrued to the enterprise of the first-mentioned State if the conditions made between the two enterprises had been those which would have been made between independent enterprises, then that other State shall make an appropriate adjustment to the amount of the tax charged therein on those profits. In determining such adjustment, due regard shall be had to the other provisions of the Agreement and the competent authorities of the Contracting States shall, if necessary, consult each other.

Article 10 **DIVIDENDS**

1. Dividends paid by a company which is a resident of a Contracting State to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. However, such dividends may also be taxed in the Contracting State of which the company paying the dividends is a resident and according to the laws of that State, but if the beneficial owner of the dividends is a resident of the other Contracting State, the tax so charged shall not exceed:

- a) 5 per cent of the gross amount of the dividends if the beneficial owner is a company which holds directly at least 25 per cent of the capital of the company paying the dividends throughout a 365 day period that includes the day of the payment of the dividend (for the purpose of computing that period, no account shall be taken of changes of ownership that would directly result from a merger or divisive reorganization, or from a change of legal form, of the company that holds the shares or that pays the dividend);
- b) 5 per cent of the gross amount of the dividends if the beneficial owner of the dividends is a recognized pension fund of the other Contracting State or the central bank of the other Contracting State; or
- c) 15 per cent of the gross amount of the dividends in all other cases.

3. The term “dividends” as used in this Article means income from shares, “*jouissance*” shares or “*jouissance*” rights, mining shares, founders’ shares or other rights, not being debt claims, participating in profits, as well as income from other corporate rights which is subjected to the same taxation treatment as income from shares by the laws of the State of which the company making the distribution is a resident.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the dividends, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State of which the company paying the dividends is a resident

through a permanent establishment situated therein and the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

5. Where a company which is a resident of a Contracting State derives profits or income from the other Contracting State, that other State may not impose any tax on the dividends paid by the company, except in so far as such dividends are paid to a resident of that other State or in so far as the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with a permanent establishment situated in that other State, nor subject the company's undistributed profits to a tax on the company's undistributed profits, even if the dividends paid or the undistributed profits consist wholly or partly of profits or income arising in such other State.

6. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as preventing a Contracting State from imposing an income tax (referred to as a "branch profits tax") on the repatriated income of a company which is a resident of the other Contracting State in addition to the income tax imposed on the chargeable income of the company; provided that any branch profits tax so imposed shall not exceed 5 per cent of the amount of the repatriated income.

Article 11 INTEREST

1. Interest arising in a Contracting State and paid to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. However, such interest may also be taxed in the Contracting State in which it arises and according to the laws of that State, but if the beneficial owner of the interest is a resident of the other Contracting State, the tax so charged shall not exceed 7 per cent of the gross amount of the interest.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, interest arising in a Contracting State shall be exempt in that State provided that:

- a) the interest is paid by a Contracting State or its political subdivisions or local authorities thereof; or
- b) the interest is paid to a Contracting State or its political subdivisions or local authorities thereof or to the central bank of a Contracting State; or
- c) the interest is paid to a recognized pension fund.

4. The term "interest" as used in this Article means income from debt claims of every kind, whether or not secured by mortgage and whether or not carrying a right to participate in the debtor's profits, and in particular, income from government securities and income from bonds or debentures, including premiums and prizes attaching to such securities, bonds or debentures. Penalty charges for late payments shall not be regarded as interest for the purposes of this Article.

5. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the interest, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State in which the interest arises, through a permanent establishment situated therein, and the debt claim in respect of which the interest is paid

is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such cases the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

6. Interest shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting State when the payer is a resident of that State. Where, however, the person paying the interest, whether he is a resident of a Contracting State or not, has in a Contracting State a permanent establishment in connection with which the indebtedness on which the interest is paid was incurred, and such interest is borne by such permanent establishment, then such interest shall be deemed to arise in the State in which the permanent establishment is situated.

7. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the interest, having regard to the debt claim for which it is paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting State, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

Article 12 ROYALTIES

1. Royalties arising in a Contracting State and paid to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. However, royalties arising in a Contracting State may also be taxed in that State according to the laws of that State, but if the beneficial owner of the royalties is a resident of the other Contracting State, the tax so charged shall not exceed 5 per cent of the gross amount of the royalties.

3. The term "royalties" as used in this Article means payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including cinematograph films, or films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting or any other means of image or sound transmission or reproduction, and for the use or the right to use of any software, any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or for the use of, or the right to use, industrial, commercial or scientific equipment, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the royalties, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State in which the royalties arise, through a permanent establishment situated therein, and the right or property in respect of which the royalties are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such cases the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

5. Royalties shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting State when the payer is a resident of that State. Where, however, the person paying the royalties, whether that person is a resident of a Contracting State or not, has in a Contracting State a permanent establishment with which the right or property in respect of which the royalties are paid is effectively connected, and such royalties are borne by such

permanent establishment, then such royalties shall be deemed to arise in the State in which the permanent establishment is situated.

6. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the royalties, having regard to the use, right or information for which they are paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting State, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

Article 13 FEES FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. Fees for technical services arising in a Contracting State and paid to a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. However, subject to the provisions of Articles 8, 16 and 17, fees for technical services arising in a Contracting State may also be taxed in the Contracting State in which they arise and according to the laws of that State, but if the beneficial owner of the fees is a resident of the other Contracting State, the tax so charged shall not exceed 5 per cent of the gross amount of the fees.

3. The term “fees for technical services” as used in this Article means any payment in consideration for any service of a managerial, technical or consultancy nature, unless the payment is made:

- a) to an employee of the person making the payment;
- b) for teaching in an educational institution or for teaching by an educational institution; or
- c) by an individual for services for the personal use of an individual.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of fees for technical services, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State in which the fees for technical services arise through a permanent establishment situated in that other State, and the fees for technical services are effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such cases the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

5. For the purposes of this Article, subject to paragraph 6, fees for technical services shall be deemed to arise in a Contracting State if the payer is a resident of that State or if the person paying the fees, whether that person is a resident of a Contracting State or not, has in a Contracting State a permanent establishment in connection with which the obligation to pay the fees was incurred, and such fees are borne by the permanent establishment.

6. For the purposes of this Article, fees for technical services shall be deemed not to arise in a Contracting State if the payer is a resident of that State and carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated in that other State and such fees are borne by that permanent establishment.

7. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner of the fees for technical services or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the fees, having regard to the services for which they are paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the fees shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting State, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

Article 14 CAPITAL GAINS

1. Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting State from the alienation of immovable property referred to in Article 6 and situated in the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. Gains from the alienation of movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting State has in the other Contracting State, including such gains from the alienation of such a permanent establishment (alone or with the whole enterprise), may be taxed in that other State.

3. Gains that an enterprise of a Contracting State that operates ships or aircraft in international traffic derives from the alienation of such ships or aircraft, or from movable property pertaining to the operation of such ships or aircraft, shall be taxable only in that State.

4. Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting State from the alienation of shares or comparable interests, such as interests in a partnership or trust, may be taxed in the other Contracting State if these shares or comparable interests derived more than 50 per cent of their value directly or indirectly from immovable property, as defined in Article 6, situated in that other State.

5. Gains from the alienation of any property other than that referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be taxable only in the Contracting State of which the alienator is a resident.

Article 15 DEPENDENT PERSONAL SERVICES

1. Subject to the provisions of Articles 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21, salaries, wages and other similar remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting State in respect of an employment shall be taxable only in that State unless the employment is exercised in the other Contracting State. If the employment is so exercised, such remuneration as is derived therefrom may be taxed in that other State.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting State in respect of an employment exercised in the other Contracting State shall be taxable only in the first-mentioned State if:

- a) The recipient is present in the other State for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 183 days in the fiscal year concerned; and
- b) The remuneration is paid by, or on behalf of, an employer who is not a resident of the other State; and

- c) The remuneration is not borne by a permanent establishment which the employer has in the other State.

3. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, remuneration derived by an individual, whether a resident of a Contracting State or not, in respect of an employment, as a member of the regular complement of a ship or aircraft, that is exercised aboard a ship or aircraft operated in international traffic by an enterprise of a Contracting State shall be taxable only in that Contracting State. Where, however, such remuneration is derived by a resident of the other Contracting State, it may also be taxed in that other State.

Article 16 DIRECTORS' FEES

1. Directors' fees and other similar payments derived by a resident of a Contracting State in his or her capacity as a member of the Board of Directors or similar body of a company which is a resident of the other Contracting State may be taxed in that other State.

2. The remuneration which a person to whom paragraph one applies derived from the company in respect of the discharge of day-to-day functions of a managerial or technical nature may be taxed in accordance with the provisions of article 15.

Article 17 ENTERTAINERS AND SPORTSPERSONS

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 15, income derived by a resident of a Contracting State as an entertainer, such as a theatre, motion picture, radio or television artiste, or a musician, or as a sportsperson, from his personal activities as such exercised in the other Contracting State, may be taxed in that other State.

2. Where income in respect of personal activities exercised by an entertainer or a sportsperson in that person's capacity as such accrues not to the entertainer or sportsperson but to another person, that income may, notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7, and 15, be taxed in the Contracting State in which the activities of the entertainer or sportsperson are exercised. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply if it is established that neither the entertainer or the sportsperson, nor persons related to him, participate directly in the profits of such person.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to income from activities performed in a Contracting State by entertainers or sportsperson if the activities of the entertainer or sportsperson are funded, directly or indirectly, wholly or mainly from public funds of the other Contracting State, a political subdivision or a local authority thereof. In such a case, the income shall be taxable only in the Contracting State of which the entertainer or sportsperson is a resident.

Article 18 PENSIONS

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 19, pensions and other similar remuneration paid to a resident of a Contracting State in consideration of past employment shall be taxable only in that State. However, where such pensions and other similar remuneration arising in the other Contracting State are not liable

to tax in the first-mentioned State, that other Contracting State may tax such income.

Article 19 GOVERNMENT SERVICE

1. a) Salaries, wages and other similar remuneration, paid by a Contracting State or a political or administrative subdivision or local authority thereof to an individual in respect of services rendered to that State or subdivision or authority shall be taxable only in that State.
- b) However, such salaries, wages and other similar remuneration shall be taxable only in the other Contracting State if the services are rendered in that other State and the individual is a resident of that State who:
 - (i) is a national of that State; or
 - (ii) did not become a resident of that State solely for the purpose of rendering the services.
2. a) Pensions and other similar remuneration paid by, or out of funds created by, a Contracting State or a political or administrative subdivision or a local authority thereof to an individual in respect of services rendered to that State or subdivision or authority shall be taxable only in that State.
- b) However, such pension shall be taxable only in the other Contracting State if the individual is a resident of, and a national of, that State.
3. The provisions of Articles 15, 16, 17 and 18 shall apply to salaries, wages, pensions, and other similar remuneration in respect of services rendered in connection with a business carried on by a Contracting State or a political subdivision or a local authority thereof.

Article 20 PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS

Remuneration which a teacher or researcher who is or was resident in a Contracting State immediately prior to being invited to the other Contracting State for the purpose of teaching or conducting research at a public university or any other similarly recognized educational institution receives in respect of such activities from sources in the first mentioned State shall not be taxed in the other State for a period not exceeding two years, provided the remuneration is taxed in the first-mentioned State.

Article 21 STUDENTS

1. Payments which a student or business trainee or apprentice who is or was immediately before visiting a Contracting State a resident of the other Contracting State and who is present in the first-mentioned State solely for the purpose of his education or training receives for the purpose of his maintenance, education or training shall not be taxed in that State, provided that such payments arise from sources outside that State.

2. In respect of grants, scholarships and remuneration from employment not covered by paragraph 1, a student, business trainee or apprentice as envisaged in paragraph 1 shall be entitled during such education or training to the same exemptions, reliefs or reductions in respect of taxes available to residents of the State which he is visiting.

Article 22 OTHER INCOME

1. Items of income of a resident of a Contracting State, wherever arising, not dealt with in the foregoing Articles of this Agreement shall be taxable only in that State.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to income, other than income from immovable property as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 6, if the recipient of such income, being a resident of a Contracting State, carries on business in the other Contracting State through a permanent establishment situated therein and the right or property in respect of which the income is paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

Chapter IV: METHODS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION

Article 23 ELIMINATION OF DOUBLE TAXATION

1. Double taxation shall be eliminated in Angola as follows:

- a) Where a resident of Angola derives income which, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, may be taxed in Switzerland, Angola shall allow as a deduction from the tax on the income of that resident an amount equal to the income tax paid in Switzerland. Such deduction shall not, however, exceed that part of the income tax, as computed before the deduction is given, which is attributable to the income which may be taxed in Switzerland.
- b) Where, in accordance with any provision of this Agreement, income derived by a resident of Angola is exempt from tax in Angola, Angola may nevertheless, in calculating the amount of tax on the remaining income of such resident, take into account the exempted income.

2. Double taxation shall be eliminated in Switzerland as follows

- a) Where a resident of Switzerland derives income which may be taxed in Angola in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement (except to the extent that these provisions allow taxation by Angola solely because the income is also income derived by a resident of Angola), Switzerland shall, subject to the provisions of subparagraph b), exempt such income from tax but may, in calculating tax on the remaining income of that resident, apply the rate of tax which would have been applicable if the exempted income had not been so exempted. However, such exemption shall apply to gains referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 14 only if actual taxation of such gains in Angola is demonstrated.

- b) Where a resident of Switzerland derives dividends, interest, royalties or fees for technical services which may be taxed in Angola in accordance with the provisions of Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 (except to the extent that these provisions allow taxation by Angola solely because the income is also income derived by a resident of Angola), Switzerland shall, in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law on the crediting of foreign withholding taxes (which shall not affect the general principles of this provision) allow as a deduction from the Swiss tax on the income of that resident an amount equal to the tax paid in Angola. Such deduction shall not, however, exceed that part of the Swiss tax, as computed before the deduction is given, which is attributable to such items of income derived from Angola.
- c) A company which is a resident of Switzerland and which derives dividends from a company which is a resident of Angola shall be entitled, for the purposes of taxation in Switzerland with respect to such dividends, to the same relief which would be granted to the company if the company paying the dividends were a resident of Switzerland.
- d) The provisions of subparagraph a) shall not apply to income derived by a resident of Switzerland where Angola applies the provisions of this Agreement to exempt such income from tax or applies the provisions of paragraph 2 of Articles 10, 11, 12 or 13 to such income.

Chapter V: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Article 24 NON-DISCRIMINATION

1. Nationals of a Contracting State shall not be subjected in the other Contracting State to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which nationals of that other State in the same circumstances, in particular with respect to residence, are or may be subjected. This provision shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1, also apply to persons who are not residents of one or both of the Contracting States.

2. The taxation on a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting State has in the other Contracting State shall not be less favorably levied in that other State than the taxation levied on enterprises of that other State carrying on the same activities. This provision shall not be construed as obliging a Contracting State to grant to residents of the other Contracting State any personal allowances, reliefs and reductions for taxation purposes on account of civil status or family responsibilities which it grants to its own residents.

3. Except where the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 9, paragraph 7 of Article 11, paragraph 6 of Article 12 or paragraph 7 of Article 13 apply, interest, royalties, fees for technical services and other disbursements paid by an enterprise of a Contracting State to a resident of the other Contracting State shall, for the purpose of determining the taxable profits of such enterprise, be deductible under the same conditions as if they had been paid to a resident of the first-mentioned State.

4. Enterprises of a Contracting State, the capital of which is wholly or partly owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more residents of the other Contracting State, shall not be subjected in the first-mentioned State to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which other similar enterprises of the first-mentioned State are or may be subjected.
5. The provisions of this Article shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 2, apply to taxes of every kind and description.

Article 25 MUTUAL AGREEMENT PROCEDURE

1. Where a person considers that the actions of one or both of the Contracting States result or will result for him or her in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, he or she may, irrespective of the remedies provided by the domestic law of those States, present his or her case to the competent authority of either Contracting State. The case must be presented within three years from the first notification of the action resulting in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.
2. The competent authority shall endeavor, if the objection appears to it to be justified and if it is not itself able to arrive at a satisfactory solution, to resolve the case by mutual agreement with the competent authority of the other Contracting State, with a view to the avoidance of taxation which is not in accordance with this Agreement.
3. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall endeavor to resolve by mutual agreement any difficulties or doubts arising as to the interpretation or application of the Agreement. They may also consult together for the elimination of double taxation in cases not provided for in the Agreement.
4. The competent authorities of the Contracting States may communicate with each other directly, including through a joint commission consisting of themselves or their representatives, for the purpose of reaching an agreement in the sense of the preceding paragraphs.

Article 26 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall exchange such information as is foreseeably relevant for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement or to the administration or enforcement of the domestic laws of the Contracting States concerning taxes covered by this Agreement, insofar as the taxation thereunder is not contrary to the Agreement. The exchange of information is not restricted by Articles 1.
2. Any information received under paragraph 1 by a Contracting State shall be treated as secret in the same manner as information obtained under the domestic laws of that State and shall be disclosed only to persons or authorities (including courts and administrative bodies) concerned with the assessment or collection of, the enforcement or prosecution in respect of, or the determination of appeals in relation to the taxes referred to in paragraph 1. Such persons or authorities shall

use the information only for such purposes. They may disclose the information in public court proceedings or in judicial decisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, information received by a Contracting State may be used for other purposes when such information may be used for such other purposes under the laws of both States and the competent authority of the supplying State authorizes such use.

3. In no case shall the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 be construed so as to impose on a Contracting State the obligation:

- a) to carry out administrative measures at variance with the laws and administrative practice of that or of the other Contracting State;
- b) to supply information which is not obtainable under the laws or in the normal course of the administration of that or of the other Contracting State;
- c) to supply information which would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret or trade process, or information, the disclosure of which would be contrary to public policy (*ordre public*).

4. If information is requested by a Contracting State in accordance with this Article, the other Contracting State shall use its information gathering measures to obtain the requested information, even though that other State may not need such information for its own tax purposes. The obligation contained in the preceding sentence is subject to the limitations of paragraph 3 but in no case shall such limitations be construed to permit a Contracting State to decline to supply information solely because it has no domestic interest in such information.

5. In no case shall the provisions of paragraph 3 be construed to permit a Contracting State to decline to supply information solely because the information is held by a bank, other financial institution, nominee or person acting in an agency or a fiduciary capacity or because it relates to ownership interests in a person.

Article 27 MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the fiscal privileges of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts under the general rules of international law or under the provisions of special agreements.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4, an individual who is a member of a diplomatic mission or consular post of a Contracting State which is situated in the other Contracting State or in a third State shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Agreement, to be a resident of the sending State if:

- a) in accordance with international law he is not liable to tax in the receiving Contracting State in respect of income from sources outside that State and
- b) he or she is liable in the sending State to the same obligations in relation to tax on his total income as are residents of that State.

3. The Agreement shall not apply to international organizations, to organs or officials thereof and to persons who are members of a diplomatic mission or consular post of a third State, being present in a Contracting State and not treated in either Contracting State as residents in respect of taxes on income.

Article 28 ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement, a benefit under this Agreement shall not be granted in respect of an item of income if it is reasonable to conclude, having regard to all relevant facts and circumstances, that obtaining that benefit was one of the principal purposes of any arrangement or transaction that resulted directly or indirectly in that benefit, unless it is established that granting that benefit in these circumstances would be in accordance with the object and purpose of the relevant provisions of this Agreement.

Chapter VI: FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 29 ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. The Contracting States shall notify each other, in writing through the diplomatic channel, of the completion of the procedures required under its domestic laws for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force upon receipt of the later of these notifications.

2. The provisions of the Agreement shall apply:

- a) in Angola, to taxes that become due after the 31st December of the year of the entry into force;
- b) in Switzerland,
 - (i) in respect of taxes withheld at source, on amounts paid or credited on or after the first day of January of the calendar year next following the entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (ii) in respect of other taxes, for taxation years beginning on or after the first day of January of the calendar year next following the entry into force of the Agreement;

3. In respect to Article 26, the Agreement shall apply to information that relates to fiscal years or business years beginning on or after the first day of January of the calendar year next following the entry into force of the Agreement.

Article 30 TERMINATION

This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by a Contracting State. Either Contracting State may terminate the Agreement, through the diplomatic channel, by giving notice of termination in writing at least six months before the end of any calendar year after the second year following the date of entry into force of the Agreement. In such event, the Agreement shall cease to have effect:

- a) in Angola, to taxes due after the 31st December of the calendar year in which notice of termination is given;
- b) in Switzerland,
 - (i) in respect of taxes withheld at source, on amounts paid or credited on or after the first day of January of the calendar year next following that in which the notice was given;
 - (ii) in respect of other taxes, for taxation years beginning on or after the first day of January of the calendar year next following that in which the notice was given.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at this, in the French, Portuguese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case there is any divergence of interpretation between the French and the Portuguese texts, the English text shall prevail.

For the
Swiss Federal Council:

For the Government of the
Republic of Angola:

PROTOCOL

The Swiss Federal Council

and

The Government of the Republic of Angola,

Have agreed at the signing at on the of the Agreement between the two States for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income and the prevention of tax evasion and avoidance upon the following provisions which shall form an integral part of the said Agreement.

1. ad Article 1

- a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement, a collective investment vehicle which is established in a Contracting State and which receives income arising in the other Contracting State shall be treated for purposes of applying the Agreement to such income as an individual who is a resident of the Contracting State in which it is established and as the beneficial owner of the income it receives (provided that, if an individual who is a resident of the first-mentioned State had received the income in the same circumstances, such individual would have been considered to be the beneficial owner thereof), but only to the extent that the beneficial interests in the collective investment vehicle are owned by residents of the Contracting State in which the collective investment vehicle is established.
- b) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “collective investment vehicle” means, in the case of Switzerland, a contractual fund as defined in Article 25 and an investment company with variable capital as defined in Article 36 of the Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes of 23 June 2006 and, in the case of Angola, any collective investment body as defined in Article 2 of the Legal Statute for Collective Investment Bodies (Decreto Legislativo Presidencial n.º 7/13, de 11 de Outubro 2013) in the domestic law, as well as any other investment fund, arrangement or entity established in either Contracting State which the competent authorities of the Contracting States agree to regard as a collective investment vehicle for purposes of this paragraph.
- c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement, a Swiss limited partnership for collective investment as defined in Article 98 of the Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes of 23 June 2006 which receives income arising in Angola shall not be treated as a resident of Switzerland, but may claim, on behalf of the owners of its beneficial interests, the tax reductions, exemptions or other benefits that would have been available under this Agreement to such owners had they received such income directly. It may not make such a claim if the owner has itself made

an individual claim for benefits with respect to income received by the partnership.

2. ad sub-paragraph 1 of paragraph 1 of Article 3

It is understood that the term “recognized pension fund” includes the following and any identical or substantially similar funds which are established pursuant to legislation introduced after the date of signature of this Agreement:

- a) in Angola, any recognized pension fund as defined by the domestic law and agreed upon between the Competent Authorities by mutual agreement;
- b) in Switzerland, any pension fund covered by
 - (i) the Federal Act on old age and survivors’ insurance, of 20 December 1946;
 - (ii) the Federal Act on disabled persons’ insurance of 19 June 1959;
 - (iii) the Federal Act on supplementary pensions in respect of old age, survivors’ and disabled persons’ insurance of 6 October 2006;
 - (iv) the Federal Act on income compensation allowances in case of service and in case of maternity of 25 September 1952;
 - (v) the Federal Act on the Institution for the administration of the compensation funds of AHV, IV and EO of 16 June 2017;
 - (vi) the Federal Act on old age, survivors’ and disabled persons’ insurance payable in respect of employment or self-employment of 25 June 1982, including pension funds which offer individual recognized pension plans comparable with occupational pension plans;
 - (vii) the Federal Act on Vested Benefits of 17 December 1993;
 - (viii) paragraph 6 and paragraph 7 of Article 89a of the Swiss Civil Code of 10 December 1907;
 - (ix) paragraph 1 of Article 331 of the Federal Act on the Amendment of the Swiss Civil Code (Part Five: The Code of Obligations) of 30 March 1911.

3. ad Article 4

In respect of paragraph 1 of Article 4, it is understood and confirmed that the term “resident of a Contracting State” includes in particular:

- a) a recognized pension fund established in that State; and
- b) an organization that is established and is operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, cultural, sporting, or educational purposes (or for more than one of those purposes) and that is a resident of that State according to its laws, notwithstanding that all or part of its income or gains may be exempt from tax under the domestic law of that State.

4. ad sub-paragraph a of paragraph 3 of Article 5

It is understood that the duration of a building site, a construction, assembly or installation project or of the supervisory activities that could result in a permanent establishment is determined separately.

5. ad Article 12

In respect of paragraph 3 of Article 12, it is understood that payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use or the right to use of software do not cover payments in transactions where the rights acquired in relation to a software are limited to those necessary to enable the user to operate the software nor consideration paid for the transfer of full ownership of the rights in a software. To such payments Article 7 (Business Profits) or Article 14 (Capital Gains) apply, as the case may be.

6. ad Articles 18 and 19

It is understood that the term “pensions“ as used in Articles 18 and 19, respectively, does not only cover periodic payments, but also includes lump sum payments.

7. ad Articles 18 and 24

As regards Article 18 and Article 24, contributions to a recognized pension fund of a Contracting State that are made by or on behalf of an individual who renders services in the other Contracting State shall, for the purposes of determining the individual's tax payable and the profits of an enterprise which may be taxed in that State, be treated in that State in the same way and subject to the same conditions and limitations as contributions made to a recognized pension fund in that Contracting State, provided that the individual was not a resident of that State, and was participating in the recognized pension fund, immediately before beginning to provide services in that State.

8. ad Article 25

It is understood that, if Angola agrees to an arbitration clause in a double taxation agreement with any third state, the following paragraphs 5 and 6 shall have effect between Angola and Switzerland from the date on which the agreement between Angola and that third state becomes effective.

"5. Where,

- a) under paragraph 1, a person has presented a case to the competent authority of a Contracting State on the basis that the actions of one or both of the Contracting States have resulted for that person in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and
- b) the competent authorities are unable to reach an agreement to resolve that case pursuant to paragraph 2 within three years from the presentation of the case to the competent authority of the other Contracting State,

any unresolved issues arising from the case shall be submitted to arbitration if the person so requests. Unless a person directly affected by the case does not accept the mutual agreement that implements the arbitration decision or the competent authorities and the persons directly affected by the case agree on a different solution within six months after the decision has been communicated to them, the arbitration decision shall be binding on both States and shall be implemented notwithstanding any time limits in the domestic laws of these States. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall by mutual agreement settle the mode of application of this paragraph.

6. The Contracting States may release to the arbitration board, established under the provisions of paragraph 5, such information as is necessary for carrying out the arbitration procedure. The members of the arbitration board shall be subject to the limitations of disclosure described in paragraph 2 of Article 26 with respect to the information so released."

In cases where proceedings have been initiated before the date on which paragraphs 5 and 6 become effective, the three year period referred to in sub-paragraph b) of paragraph 5 shall start on that date.

9. *ad Article 26*

- a) It is understood that an exchange of information will only be requested once the requesting Contracting State has exhausted all regular sources of information available under the internal taxation procedure.
- b) It is understood that the tax authorities of the requesting State shall provide the following information to the tax authorities of the requested State when making a request for information under Article 26:
 - (i) the identity of the person under examination or investigation;
 - (ii) the period of time for which the information is requested;
 - (iii) a statement of the information sought including its nature and the form in which the requesting State wishes to receive the information from the requested State;
 - (iv) the tax purpose for which the information is sought;
 - (v) to the extent known, the name and address of any person believed to be in possession of the requested information.
- c) It is understood that the reference to "foreseeable relevance" is intended to provide for exchange of information in tax matters to the widest possible extent and, at the same time, to clarify that the Contracting States are not at liberty to engage in "fishing expeditions" or to request information that is unlikely to be relevant to the tax affairs of a given taxpayer. While subparagraph (b) contains important procedural requirements that are intended to ensure that fishing expeditions do not occur, clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (b) nevertheless are not to be interpreted in order to frustrate effective exchange of information.
- d) It is understood that Article 26 does not require the Contracting States to exchange information on an automatic or a spontaneous basis.

- e) It is understood that in case of an exchange of information, the administrative procedural rules regarding taxpayers' rights provided for in the requested Contracting State remain applicable. It is further understood that these provisions aim at guaranteeing the taxpayer a fair procedure and not at preventing or unduly delaying the exchange of information process.

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