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The following submission has been prepared by Front Line Defenders based on research carried out by this organisation and information received from independent human rights defenders in Angola.

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