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GAMBIA

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TAGS: PFOR OAU GA
SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE RE OAU
REF : A. NIAMEY 180, B. DAKAR 259

1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM OAU SESSION IN ADDIS ABABA, PRES JAWARA HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN STATE HOUSE JAN 14. PRESIDENT RETERATED THAT GAMBIA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY POLITICAL FACTION IN ANGOLA.

2. DESCRIBING RECENT OAU SUMMIT AS "QUALIFIED FAILURE," PRESIDENT SAID NONETHELESS OAU ONE OF MOST SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATIONS IN WORLD AND HAS MANY SUCCESSES TO ITS CREDIT. SIR DAWDA SAID THE GAMBIA WILL ONLY RECOGNIZE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA WHEN THREE PARTIES COME TOGETHER TO FORM ONE GOVERNMENT. GOING HE DECLARED, URGES EARLY SETTLEMENT, WITHDRAWAL FOREIGN TROOPS AND CESSATION ARMS SUPPLIES TO EITHER SIDE.

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3. PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN OF MEETING

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BY FOUR HEADS OF STATE IN TANZANIA TO TRY AND FIND
SOLUTION TO ANGOLAN PROBLEM.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ARE IN KEEPING WITH COMMENTS
HE MADE TO PRESS IN NIAMEY AND DAKAR DURING STOPOVERS
ON RETURN TRIP. WYGANT

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