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1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO TANZANIAN PRESS ACCOUNT,
THREE MPLA FACTIONS HAVE MERGED AND LEADERSHIP CRISIS
IN ANGOLAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HAS ENDED. END
SUMMARY.

2. SEPT 4 GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS CARRIES ARTICLE
BY STAFF REPORTER WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM BRAZZA-
VILLE EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE
REPORTING THAT THREE SPLINTER GROUPS OF MPLA
SIGNED COMMUNIQUE ON SEPT 3 WHICH PLEDGES UNITY.

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AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF MPLA, JOAQUIM PINTO DE ANDRADE, LEADER OF "EASTERN ACTIVE REVOLT," AND DANIEL CHIPENDA, LEADER OF "EASTERNREVOLT," SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THREE FACTIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE NETO WILL REMAIN PRESIDENT OF MPLA, ASSISTED BY TWO VICE PRESIDENTS-- ANDRADE AND CHIPENDA. NEW LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE WILL INCLUDE MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF 39 MEMBERS. SIXTEEN WILL COME FROM NETO FACTION, 13 FROM "EASTERN REVOLT" GROUP, AND 10 FROM "EASTERN ACTIVE REVOLT" CAMP. THERE WILL BE NINE-MEMBER POLITICAL BUREAU, WITH EACH GROUP HAVING THREE REPRESENTATIVES IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT AND TWO VICE PRESIDENTS OF MPLA, COMMUNIQUE STATED: "NEW MPLA DIRECTION THUS CONSTITUTED MAKES CALL TO ALL ITS MILITANTS AND TO ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO REDOUBLE THEIR VIGILANCE IN ORDER THAT UNITY MAY BE PRESERVED AND REINFORCE FOR INTENSIFYING STRUGGLE VIS-A-VIS COMMON ENEMY UNTIL FINAL VICTORY."

4. COMMUNIQUE WAS REPORTEDLY REACHED FOLLOWING CONCERTED EFFORTS BY PRESIDENTS NYERERE, KAUNDA, MORUTU, AND NGOUABI. NETO ARRIVED IN DAR ES SALAAM SEPT 3 ON SAME PLANE WITH NYERERE.
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