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## **Cuba's First VP: Peace was what Angola needed to develop**

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HAVANA, Cuba, Sep 26 (ACN) Upon his arrival in Luanda for the inauguration of the president-elect of Angola, Joao Lourenço, Cuba's First Vice-President Miguel Díaz-Canel said all Angola needed to develop was to have peace.

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The Cuban leader was received at Luanda's International airport by by the Minister of Former Combatants Cândido Pereira van Dunem.

After expressing his impression of how beautiful Luanda looks at night from the air, he also thanked, on behalf of the Cuban President Raúl Castro the invitation he had received for the swearing-in ceremony of Lourenço. He explained that the intense work of the Cuban Head of State, after the damages caused by Hurricane Irma, prevented him from making the trip.

Van Dunem, for his part, told Díaz-Canel to feel at home, while expressing an interest in increasing bilateral

relations.

The first Cuban vice-president arrived Monday at 19:00 local time to the Angolan capital, for a stay that will last until Thursday.

Díaz-Canel will pay tribute to the first president and founding father of Angola, Antonio Agostinho Neto, Cuban commander Raúl Díaz Argüelles (killed by a mine explosion in 1975) and the heroes of the battle of Kifangondo, a day before the proclamation of Angolan sovereignty, on November 11, 1975.

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