

**ANGOLA:  
DEFENCE EXPENDITURE SINCE 1980  
(millions of Kwanzas)**

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YEAR	TOTAL BUDGET	DEFENCE BUDGET	DEFENCE % OF BUDGET
1980 <sup>1</sup>	76,920	14,880	19.34
1981	108,874 <sup>2</sup>	20,720 <sup>3</sup>	19.03
1982 <sup>4</sup>	72,000	15,000	20.80
1983 <sup>5</sup>	67,577	23,295 <sup>6</sup>	34.47
1984 <sup>7</sup>	82,302	29,426	35.75
1985 <sup>8</sup>	90,488	34,306	37.91
1986	85,507 <sup>9</sup>	34,570 <sup>10</sup>	40.40
1987	93,400 <sup>11</sup>	n/a	—
1988 <sup>12</sup>	89,760	n/a	—
1989 <sup>13</sup>	112,200	n/a	—

NOTE: Authoritative Angolan financial statistics are notoriously hard to find. We therefore give below details of the sources for all our figures, and reasons for our choice of one figure over another. Despite differences of detail, the general trend—of sharply increased defence and security spending from 1983—is clear. Note that the *SIPRI Yearbook 1987*, p.165 and the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, *World military expenditures and arms transfers 1987* (Washington DC: USGPO, 1987) p.48 differed only in detail from the above.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Both total and defence figures for 1980 and 1984, and total budget for 1985, from República Popular de Angola, Ministério do Plano, Instituto Nacional de Estatística, *Informação Estatística 1984-1985* (Luanda, s.d.), Table 3.2, p.26. However, both *Colecta* and *Programme d'Assainissement*, cited below, give Kz29,426m for defence expenditure in 1984, rather than *Informação Estatística*'s Kz31,943m. We have preferred the conservative figure. Expenditure for 1980 was given by *African Index* (15 April 1982), quoting the BNA, as Kz87,172m (defence Kz5,006m or 17.21 per cent).

<sup>2</sup> Rádio Nacional de Angola (Luanda), quoted by *Africa Research Bulletin* (Economic Series) vol.18, no.4, (31 May 1981), p.6009-C.

<sup>3</sup> The International Institute for Strategic Studies estimated defence expenditure for 1981 in the range Kz.20,720m to Kz.48,347m. We have taken the conservative figure. See *The military balance 1983-1984* (London, 1983), p.67.

<sup>4</sup> Ministry of Finance, Luanda, quoted by M.R.Bhagavan, *Angola's political economy 1975-1985* (Uppsala, 1986), Table 23, p.74. IISS, however, estimated 1982 defence expenditure at a high Kz3,500m. See *The military balance 1985-1986*, p.91. Bhagavan gives expenditure figures for 1981 of Kz91,700m (defence Kz15,000m or 16.3 per cent). His figures for 1983 and 1984 are described as "planned."

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<sup>5</sup> República Popular de Angola, Ministério do Plano, *Colecta de alguns elementos informativos da situação sócio-económica de Angola* (Luanda, June 1986).

<sup>6</sup> The defence budget figures for 1982-1984 are confirmed by Tony Hodges, quoting the Ministry of Planning and the BNA, in *Angola to the 1990s: the potential for recovery* (London, 1987), Table 1, p.35, where he gives US\$502m, US\$779m and US\$984m respectively (Kz15,019m; Kz23,307m; Kz29,441m).

<sup>7</sup> See note 1.

<sup>8</sup> See note 1.

<sup>9</sup> République Populaire d'Angola, *Programme d'Assainissement Economique et Financier* (Luanda, March 1988), p.39. On the same page, this publication states that defence expenditure for 1986 was "almost 40.4 percent" of budget expenditure.

<sup>10</sup> Economist Intelligence Unit, *Angola, São Tomé e Príncipe: country report*, no.4 (1987) p.15.

<sup>11</sup> Economist Intelligence Unit, *Angola, São Tomé e Príncipe: country report*, no.2 (1988) p.12.

<sup>12</sup> *ANGOP News Bulletin* no.92 (29 February 1988), p.3, says the 1988 General State Budget, approved on 26 February, was "about US\$3,000 million."

<sup>13</sup> *Jornal de Angola* (4 March 1989) reported that the General State Budget had been approved by the People's Assembly the previous day. *ANGOP News Bulletin* no.119 (8 March 1989), p.9, reported that the total was US\$3.75 bn.