UNAVEM was originally created to supervise the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola under the terms of the December 22, 1988 agreement between Angola, Cuba and South Africa. UNAVEM II is being expanded from a small mission of 60 observers to a total strength of over 600, of which 350 will be military observers, 90 police, and the remainder civilians. It is expected to remain in Angola until the country's first national, multi-party elections are held in the fall of 1992.

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