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Dear Friends

Today, we in the Diocese of London, rejoice alongside you, our Diocesan Partners in the Gospel, as you become a Province of the Anglican Communion. We give thanks for IAMA – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola – and for all who have dreamed, prayed, encouraged and supported IAMA into being. We honour the generosity of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the vision of Archbishop Thabo.

Our journey of partnership with you was built on Willesden’s link with Lebombo which grew into ALMA when you were two Dioceses - Lebombo and Niassa, with Angola an Archdeaconry. What a privilege to share Angola’s flourishing and growth from one missionary diocese to two full dioceses and two missionary dioceses today; and to witness the Nampula’s journey to full diocese together with the birth of five new missionary dioceses in Mozambique. God is good. All the time.

We give thanks for the four founding Bishops of IAMA: Bishops Carlos, André, Manuel and Vicente, remembering too their predecessors and the seeds they planted. We send the assurance of our prayers to the Vicar-Generals of the eight new dioceses, aware of the responsibilities they carry, especially in these next few months.

Brothers and Sisters, it is our privilege to journey alongside you in mission and ministry, learning with and from each other, as we live and share the good news of Christ Jesus. May you be blessed today, and in the months and years ahead.

With every blessing

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE