

ANGOLA

UNITA Illegal Issues

1986

UNITA fought a gorilla war against Portugal along with the MPLA. At independence the two groups went to war with each other, with the socialist MPLA getting the upper hand with assistance from Cuba. Peace was finally achieved in 2002. The UNITA sheetlets were produced by Marc Rousso and printed in the USA in Florida. This followed a visit to the USA by President Savimbi at which time an agreement was reached on the sharing of profits 50/50. The first sheetlet was issued in March 1986 with some covers illegally passing through the US postal system. The supposed route was through South Africa, but this did not take place. The issue is not recognised by the UPU. The added value was for the support of UNITA forces. Note the Bengali tiger, a bit out of its native territory of India.

