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The declaration of independence of Angola in 1975 served as a milestone in the country´s

relations with Czechoslovakia. A new socialist-oriented government in Angola was eager to

deepen the cooperation with European socialist states, not only in the military but also in the

economic area. The research focuses on the years 1977 to 1983, the most dynamic period of this cooperation. It deals with Czechoslovak experts working in Angolan companies, the nature of this cooperation, the motivation of participants, and Czechoslovak projects´ role in the modernization of Angola, in particular. These issues are represented in the Cold War

competition´s broader context and contribute to the current academic discussion about smaller

socialist states´ role in the modernization of African states after their decolonization.