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Renamo Rejects RSA-Proposed Peace Plan

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[Text] Mozambique's Renamo rebels have rejected the proposed South African peace plan to end the civil war in Mozambique. In a statement released in Lisbon, the rebels said they would not accept South African mediation to end the 12-year-old war, claiming South Africa had become an ally of the Mozambican government.

South Africa formerly supported Renamo, but stopped its aid in 1984, after the signing of the Nkomati Accords. Earlier, Foreign Minister Pik Botha called for formal peace talks involving South Africa and Mozambique. Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano met Minister Botha in Maputo last week to discuss the peace plan.

Mr Botha suggested that the United States and the Soviet Union should also take part in the talks. State Department officials have announced that the U.S. would be willing to consider mediating in the conflict, and Washington was awaiting clarification of the plan from South Africa.