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FURTHER TELECON AND YR 131428 ONPASSING FOLLOWING FROM SCHAAF OF THE MOZAMBIQUE RESEARCH CENTRE IN WASHINGTON, FOR YOUR HANDLING AS UNSURE OF RAMIFICATIONS HERE:

A MEETING OF RENAMO LEADERS TOOK PLACE JUNE 5-9 IN GORONGOZA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND SUBSTANTIALLY RESHUFFLED THE TOP SPOTS. SCHAAF SAID HE WAS AN +INDEPENDENT FOREIGN OBSERVER+ AT THE MEETING WHICH HE SAID INCLUDED ABOUT 300 CIVILIAN, MILITARY AND CHURCH SUPPORTERS OF RENAMO. SCHAAF SAID THE MEETING, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, WAS +GEARING UP FOR THE PEACE PROCESS+ AND THE RESHUFFLE WAS INTENDED TO +REFLECT THE NEW REALITIES OF RECONCILIATION AND PEACE.+ HE SAID IT +WASN'T A PURGE, BUT THE NEW ATTITUDE OF THE LEADERS SHOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY FRELIMO.+ FOLLOWING ARE KEY NEW APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES:

1. ARTURO FONSECA WAS REPLACED AS EXTERNAL SECRETARY BY RAUL DOMINGOS.

2. FRANCISCO NOTA WAS REPLACED AS SECRETARY OF INFORMATION BY VICENTE ULULU.

3. RAUL DOMINGOS WAS REPLACED AS CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF BY FAUSTINHO ADRIANO.

4. THE NEW EDUCATION SECRETARY WILL BE AGOSTINHO MURRIAL. SCHAAF DID NOT KNOW WHO HE REPLACED.

5. THE SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS WILL REMAIN PARIS BAZA, CRISTOVAO SOARES AND ANSELMO VIDOR, RESPECTIVELY.

6. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, WHICH NOW CONSISTS OF 7 MEMBERS, WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE 10 PROVINCES.

7. THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET WILL ABSORB THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN AN EXTERNAL POSITION. ALSO, THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET WILL ABSORB TWO NEW MEMBERS : ALBINO DUCUZA AND ANTONIO ALFAINHO.

SCHAAF ALSO SAID THE RENAMO LEADERS AT THE MEETING DECIDED TO DROP THEIR PREVIOUS DEMAND OF ELECTIONS PRIOR TO ACCEPTING A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

HE SAID RENAMO ALSO PUT TOGETHER A CLOSING STATEMENT, NOT YET PUBLICLY DISCLOSED, IN THE NAME OF RENAMO PRESIDENT ALFONSO DHLAKAMA. IT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: +NO ONE HAS ANYTHING TO GAIN FROM THE WAR. IF WE CAN DROP THE CAUSES OF WAR, WE CAN DROP THE WEAPONS OF WAR.+

BEST RGDS. JS/RP

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