

MOZAMBIQUE: New proposal from Kenya and Zimbabwe

According to information obtained by *The Indian Ocean Newsletter*, Presidents **Daniel arap Moi** of Kenya and **Robert Mugabe** of Zimbabwe have agreed to reformulate the message conveyed to President **Joaquim Cissano** of Mozambique and the leader of the **RENAMO** rebel movement in Mozambique, **Afonso Dlakhama**, encouraging them to open direct negotiations immediately, without any pre-conditions. On December 8, 1989, Daniel arap Moi and Robert Mugabe, who play a mediation role in the Mozambican conflict, drew up a secret agreement defining conditions for a peace plan in Mozambique.

However, after the *PTA Summit* held in Nairobi from November 30 to December 1 last year, feed-back from various sources told of Joaquim Chissano's dissatisfaction with Kenya's mediation (ION N°410). In reply to the message from the two mediators, Afonso Dlakhama and Joaquim Chissano nevertheless announced that they were in favour of a direct meeting. However, on January 23, the Mozambican President denied that the first direct meeting had been arranged while the rebel leader claimed that it was to take place on February 5 in Nairobi.

I.O.N.- Speculation is rife today as to the next moves from the mediators. Although Daniel arap Moi and Robert Mugabe responded coldly to the United States' seven-point project proposed in Nairobi on December 8, their latest suggestions are, overall, somehow similar. They suggest that:

- 1) A peaceable solution to the conflict must be found and all attacks on civilians must stop.
- 2) Democracy in Mozambique must be based on freedom of expression and association and economic liberalism.
- 3) All Mozambican citizens should be able to participate freely in the country's politics, economics and social and cultural life, and to determine the country's national policy themselves.
- 4) The people are sovereign and should be able to control the actions of their government (right to vote).
- 5) The reconciliation and national unity must be the fundamental principles in the application of the peace plan.
- 6) All parties must recognise the legitimacy of the Republic of Mozambique and its Constitution, institutions and laws.
- 7) Any fundamental change within the Mozambican State should be carried out peaceably and democratically.