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MOZAMBIQUE: No place for negotiations

Recently, the RENAMO has taken of steps to revive the negotiation process which appears to have been suspended since the disagreement on the location where these talks would take place (ION N°426). After Portugal's failure, mediation by President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya seems to have resumed a certain importance. Although President Joaquim Chissano said on May 1, that the RENAMO had designated Portugal as the place to hold the first round of direct preliminary discussions, it seems that a meeting in Lisbon is not appealing to Afonso Dlakhama at the present time. He is apparently offended by the attitude of the Portuguese authorities and in particular, that of the Prime Minister, Anibal Cavaco Silva who, apparently invited the leader of the RENAMO, via the Portuguese military information service (DINFO), to visit Portugal at the same time as Joaquim Chissano, which he then had denied by his cabinet.