

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

A Direct Meeting between a delegation of the People's Republic of Mozambique, led by Mr. ARMANDO EMILIO GUEBUZA, Minister of Transport and Communications and a delegation of RENAMO, led by Mr. RAUL MANUEL DOMINGOS, Head of the Department of External Relations was held in Rome at the Headquarters of the SANTO EGIDIO Community, from 8th to 10th July 1990.

Participating as observers were Mr. Mario RAFFAELI, representing the Government of the Republic of Italy, Professor Andrea Riccardi and Don Matteo Zuppi, both members of the Santo Egidio Community as well as Don Jaime Goncalves, Archbishop of Beira. Both delegations, recognizing themselves as compatriots and members of The big Mozambican family expressed their satisfaction and pleasure at this direct, open and frank meeting, The first ever to take place between the two sides.

Both delegations showed interest and willingness to do their utmost to carry out a constructive process in search of a lasting peace for their country and people.

Taking into consideration the supreme interests of the Mozambican Nation, both parties agreed that it is necessary to set aside what divides them and, as a matter of priority, concentrate their attention on what unites them so as to create a common working basis for the realization of a dialogue whereby the different points of view shall be discussed within a spirit of mutual understanding.

Both delegations declared their readiness to engage fully and in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding in finding a working platform to put an end to the war and create political, economic and social conditions conducive to a lasting peace and the normalization of life for all mozambican citizens.

At the end of the talks, the two delegations decided to convene again, in due course, at the same venue and in the presence of the same observers. They expressed their satisfaction and gratitude for the spirit of friendship, hospitality and support rendered to them by the Italian Government and by all those who have contributed for the realization of this meeting.

Done at Santo Egidio (ROME) on 10th July, 1990

For the delegation of the
People's Republic of Mozambique

For the Renamo
Delegation

The Observers