

# Mozambican peace closer

**ROME** — The Mozambican government and Renamo rebels, ending a second round of direct talks in Rome, said yesterday they would meet again soon to seek an end to their 15-year war.

A joint statement by the two delegations described their three days of talks as a "fruitful and illuminating exchange of ideas".

"Reiterating our common desire to reach a stable and lasting peace in our country, we have agreed to suspend our

meeting in order to allow both parties to examine in depth a few particularly complex questions aimed at facilitating the progress of negotiations," the statement said. *Star 15/8/90*

The statement was signed by Mozambican Transport Minister Armando Emilio Guebuza and Raul Manuel Domingos, the foreign affairs head of the right-wing Renamo rebels.

The two sides held a first round of talks in Rome last month. — Sapa.