

# Chissano says talks breakdown

## not a setback

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MAPUTO. — Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano says the breakdown of the fifth round of peace talks "is not a major setback".

The talks have been taking place in Rome between the Mozambican government and the Renamo rebel movement.

The official Mozambique News Agency, Aim, said the talks broke down over a report by the Joint Monitoring Commission blaming Renamo for violating a ceasefire between it and Zimbabwean troops who are in Mozambique to protect transport corridors.

### REJECTED REPORT

Renamo rejected the report, blaming it for at least six of 14 reported violations, and accused Zimbabwean troops of masquerading as Mozambican troops and continuing to fight against the rebels.

In a Mozambican state television interview yesterday, Mr Chissano denied the breakdown of the talks was a major setback for peace, hinting that talks would resume after the Renamo delegation had "consulted" its representatives inside Mozambique.