

Hiatus in peace negotiations yet again

Talks between the Maputo government and the rebel movement *Renamo*, which were resumed last week in Rome, have once again reached a stale-mate, announced on January 3 **Armando Guebuza**, Mozambican transport minister, and leader of the government delegation. The two sides had not managed to reach any agreement during the discussions and none of the political questions scheduled for debate were even broached. These included the electoral system and multi-party politics in Mozambique. According to Armando Guebuza, they deviated from the purpose of the meeting after a quarrel broke out over the *Joint Verification Commission (JVC)* report which was overseeing the partial cease-fire agreed on December 1, 1990. No date was proposed for another round of talks.