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After signing the agenda agreed between the parties, in the last few days the Mozambique Government and RENAMO delegations have begun the first point on the agenda concerning the Political Parties Act. The discussion was valuable and enabled important material to be gathered. Above all it was useful in clarifying the respective positions both on the specific issue and on the machinery for implementing a multi-party system in Mozambique in general. The discussions continued in a suitable climate of constructiveness, though there were, obviously, some differences between the two parties. These meetings are in fact the first since the talks began last July to deal in depth with an agenda item and not preliminary questions. Since the agenda was approved the negotiations have entered a new phase that requires a new commitment and study.

In view of the importance of this decisive phase, and after five weeks of work, the mediators requested an interval of around three weeks in order to enable the delegations to contact their respective authorities and transmit the problems and sensitivities. The 6th round is therefore expected to resume early next month, to conclude the discussion on the first point and go on to the other items on the agenda.

During the talks the delegations decided to extend the Joint Verification Commission created in the December 1990 Agreement, to supervise two corridors used for the withdrawal of the Zimbabwean troops.

The two delegations and the mediators thanked the Commission for its work during its first six months of verification. When the 6th round is resumed the difficulties that have arisen over these last months will be discussed in depth, with a view to the Commission's renewal.

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