

Pause in M'bique peace indaba

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ROME (CNS) — The Mozambique government and Renamo guerrillas, have suspended peace talks until September so that both can examine proposed laws for elections and a multiparty political system, said a statement at the end of the talks from August 1 to 9.

Both sides were also studying a draft document which sets the context of political commitments and guarantees that should be made in a peace accord to end over a decade of civil war, said the statement.

The proposed laws and draft document were pre-

pared by mediators. The talks are being mediated by the Italian government, the Community of San Egidio, a Rome-based Catholic lay organisation, and Archbishop Jaime Pedro Goncalves of Beira, representing the Mozambique bishops.

Solve problems

"The mediators judge that the three documents cover all the political problems foreseen in the agenda" and are "strictly interdependent," said the statement.

Mediators hope that the September round of talks reaches "a peace accord as soon as possible which guarantees, in its

formulas and mechanisms for verification," the adherence of both parties, said the statement.

Mozambique, a former Portuguese colony, has been a one-party state

ruled by the Marxist-oriented Front for the Liberation of Mozambique since independence in 1974. Slightly more than 12 percent of the 14.9 million inhabitants profess Catholicism.