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Renamo delegates wanted in Maputo

According to information obtained by *The Indian Ocean Newsletter* from sources close to the Mozambican security services, President Joaquim Chissano, is said to have intervened personally, to request the Italian ambassador to Maputo, Manfred di Camerana, to not give into Renamo's demand for its three delegates currently in Maputo, to be sent back to the rebel headquarters in Gorongosa. General Pascoal Jose, brigadier Jeronimo Malagueta, and Major Inacio Margado, arrived in Maputo in December 1990, to represent the rebel movement in the Joint Verification Commission (JVC), that monitored the application of the partial cease-fire agreement in the Beira and Limpopo corridors (ION N*457).

Last may, Manfred di Camerana threatened to expel the three men because of their "bad conduct" in the villa where they are lodging at the expense of the Italian embassy. Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama relieved them of their mandate and then called on the Italian ambassador to send them back to Renamo-held zones. But the rebel soldiers asked the government in Maputo to Intervene with the Italians on their behalf, fearing execution if they return to Renamo hands.