

## Unofficial Translation – SARDC

### Government and Renamo delegations agree on Basic Principles

On Friday night [18/10/91], at the headquarters of the Santo Egidio Community, the delegations of the Mozambican Government and Renamo to the Rome talks aimed at reestablishing peace in the country signed the document of reciprocal political guarantees, which establishes the statutes, obligations and rights of each side. The signing of the said document, entitled Protocol Number One, took place after intense work undertaken by the mediators since the beginning of the ongoing eighth round of negotiations, aimed at reconciling the positions of the warring parties.

Given the importance of the agreement of principles in the long process of the search for peace, we hereby reproduce the full text of the document, signed by Armando Guebuza, on behalf of the Government, and Raul Manuel Domingos, on behalf of Renamo, and by the mediators Mario Raffaelli, representing the Italian government, D. Jaime Gonçalves, Archbishop of Beira, Prof. Andrea Riccardi and D. Matteo Zuppi, of the Santo Egidio Community:

"On 18 October 1991, the Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, headed by Armando Emilio Guebuza, Minister of Transport and Communication, and comprising Messrs. Aguiar Mazula, Minister of State Administration, Teodato Hunguana, Minister of Labour, and Francisco Madeira, Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Republic, and the Delegation of Renamo, headed by Raul Manuel Domingos, Head of the Department of Foreign Relations, comprising Messrs. Vicente Zacarias Ululu, Head of the Department of Information, Agostinho Semende Murrial, Deputy Head of the Department of Political Affairs, and João Francisco Almirante, member of the President's Office, meeting in Rome, in the framework of the peace talks, and in the presence of the mediators, Mario Raffaelli, representative of the Government of the Italian Republic and coordinator of the mediators, D. Jaime Gonçalves, Archbishop of Beira, Prof. Andrea Riccardi and D. Matteo Zuppi, of the Santo Egidio Community; determined to realize the higher interests of the Mozambican People, reaffirm that the method of dialogue and cooperation between them is indispensable for the attainment of a lasting peace in the country:

Consequently:

1. The Government undertakes not to act in any manner contrary to the terms of the Protocols that may be established, and not to adopt laws or measures and not to apply any laws currently in effect which may run counter to the said Protocols.
2. On the other hand, Renamo undertakes, as from the date of coming into effect of the Cease-fire, not to fight by force of arms, but to conduct its political struggle in observance of the laws of the land, within the framework of the existing institutions of State and in respect of the conditions and guarantees established in the General Peace Accord.
3. Both parties commit themselves, within the shortest period of time, to reach a General Peace Accord, containing the Protocols on each of the items of the agenda adopted on 28 May 1991 and to engage themselves in all necessary actions to attain this end. In this context the Government shall endeavour not to obstruct Renamo's international travels and its contacts abroad within the framework of the negotiations for Peace. To the same end, contacts shall also be allowed, inside the country, between Renamo and the Mediators, or the members of the Joint Verification Commission. The concrete modalities for this shall be established on a case-by-case basis, at the request of the mediators to the Government.

4. The protocols to be agreed in the course of these negotiations shall form an integral part of the General Peace Accord and shall come into effect on the date of its signing, with the exception of Paragraph 3 of this Protocol, which shall take immediate effect.

5. Both parties agree to the principle of constituting a Commission to supervise and oversee the fulfilment of the General Peace Accord. The Commission shall be composed of representatives of the Government, of Renamo as well as the United Nations, [and] other Organizations and Governments to be agreed between them.

For the delegation of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique  
**Armando Emilio Guebuza**

for the Renamo delegation  
**Raul Manuel Domingos**

The mediators:  
**Mario Raffaelli**  
**D. Jaime Gonçalves**  
**Prof. Andrea Riccardi**  
**D. Matteo Zuppi**

Done at S. Egidio, Rome, on 18 October 1991".

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