



PROTOCOL Nº 1 Basic Principles

On 18 October 1991 the delegation of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, led by Armando Emílio Guebuza, Minister of Transport and Communications and comprising Aguiar Mazula, Minister of State Administration, Teodato Hunguana, Minister of Labour and Francisco Madeira, Diplomatic Adviser to the President of the Republic, and the Renamo delegation, led by Raul Manuel Domingos, Head of the Foreign Relations Department and comprising Vicente Zacarias Ululu, Head of the Information Department, Agostinho Semende Murrial, Deputy Head of the Political Affairs Department and João Francisco Almirante, member of the Office of the President, met in Rome within 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 secure the highest interests of the Mozambican people, they reaffirm that the method of dialogue and mutual collaboration is indispensable to the attainment of a lasting peace in the country.

Consequently:

1. The Government undertakes not to act in a way that is contrary to the terms of the Protocols that are established, not to adopt laws or measures and not to apply current laws that may eventually be contrary to these Protocols.
2. On the other hand, Renamo undertakes not to combat by force of arms after the entry into force of a ceasefire, but to conduct its political struggle observing current laws, within the framework of the existing State institutions, and respecting the conditions and guarantees laid down in the General Peace Agreement.
3. Both parties commit themselves to achieving the General Peace Agreement in the shortest possible time, containing the Protocols in relation to each point of the agenda adopted on 28 May 1991, and to developing the actions necessary for this purpose. In this context, the Government will engage not to put obstacles in the way of Renamo's international travel and contacts abroad in the context of the peace negotiations. To the same end, contacts inside the country between Renamo and the mediators or the Joint Verification Commission will also be possible. The practical forms of carrying them out will be settled case by case, on request to the Government by the mediators.
4. The Protocols to be agreed during these negotiations will form an integral part of the General Peace Agreement and they will come into force on the date of its signing, with the exception of Paragraph 3 of this Protocol which enters into force immediately.
5. The parties agree on the principle of constituting a Commission to supervise and control the fulfilment of the General Peace Agreement. The Commission will comprise representatives of the Government and Renamo and of the United Nations and other organisations or governments to be mutually agreed.

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Republic of Mozambique
Armando Emílio Guebuza

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The mediators:

Mario Raffaelli, D. Jaime Gonçalves, Prof. Andrea Riccardi, D. Matteo Zuppi

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(Unofficial translation)