

Italy to lend aid to rebel-held zones

The Italian government has mandated the mediators at the Rome peace negotiations between the Mozambican government and the rebel movement, *Renamo*, to draw up new proposals in an effort to move closer to reaching an accord between the two opponents. According to information obtained by *The Indian Ocean Newsletter*, among the new suggestions is a pledge on behalf of the Italian authorities to develop European investments in the rebel-held zones in Mozambique. The idea would be to use these funds to create employment and to give more power to economic issues in these areas.