



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

On 20 December 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 Raúl Manuel Domingos, Head of the Foreign Relations Department and comprising Vicente Zacarias Ululu, Head of the Information Department, Anselmo Victor, Head of the Political Affairs Department and Agostinho Semende Murrial, Deputy Head of the Political Affairs Department, 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, and Prof. Andrea Riccardi and D. Matteo Zuppi, of the Santo Egidio Community, and broached the second point of the agreed agenda, on the Electoral Law.

Reaffirming the pledge made in Protocol 1 on "Basic Principles", the two delegations reiterated their commitment to achieving the General Peace Agreement as soon as possible.

Discussion of the current agenda point showed wide agreement on important aspects, among which may be highlighted:

- Holding simultaneous elections for the Presidency and the Assembly of the Republic;
- Fixing a date for the elections to be held within the year following the signature of the General Peace Agreement;
- The involvement of the UN and the OAU in the electoral process.

The parties will resume the ninth round on 15 January 1992. They will continue discussion of the current point as previously agreed and conclude it as rapidly as possible, completing the political questions, in order to follow on with discussion of the military questions and of the ceasefire, including guarantees and machinery for its implementation.

For the delegation of the
Government of the
Republic of Mozambique
Armando Emílio Guebuza

For the delegation
of
RENAMO
Raúl Manuel Domingos

The mediators:

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

Done in Santo Egidio, Rome, 20 December 1991

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