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# SA and Harare kept out of talks on Mozambique

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JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa and Zimbabwe, the countries most directly interested and involved in the Mozambican peace process, have been excluded from the international joint commission set up to supervise implementation of the Rome accord.

The commission will consist of representatives from the Organisation of African Unity, Italy, France, Britain, the United States and Portugal, with United Nations special representative Mr Aldo Ajelli, an Italian, as chairman.

Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama told the Mozambican news agency, Aim, that the Frelimo government had proposed that Zimbabwe and Kenya be included in the commission's membership.

Zimbabwe sent troops to fight with the Frelimo government's forces during the conflict and Kenya was one of Renamo's main backers.

Mr Dhlakama said, however, that Renamo refused to accept Zimbabwe on the commission. The inevitable result was that both Kenya and Zimbabwe were excluded.

The five European countries were appointed because they helped to broker the peace accord signed in Rome last month and sat on the commission that monitored the partial ceasefire in the Beira and Limpopo corridors that preceded the Rome pact.

The failure to appoint South Africa to the commission has surprised observers, given its close interest in Mozambique and Pretoria's active promotion of the peace effort.

South Africa is believed to have been willing to serve if asked but not to have sought nomination. Frelimo is thought to have wanted South Africa on the commission but informed speculation is that Renamo opposed it, having decided to distance itself from its former military backer in the new era of peace.