

# Mozambique talks break down

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A CONFERENCE of Mozambique's former civil-war foes to discuss electoral law has collapsed after six weeks of acrimonious debate.

Conference chairman Justice Minister Ali Dauto closed the meeting on Friday when eight small political groups allied to Renamo announced they would no longer take part.

A spokesman for the eight, Antonio Palange, suggested that Renamo and the ruling Frelimo party draft the law between them.

But Renamo delegate Jose de Castro said his organisation was unwilling to take part without the presence of its allies.

The state-owned Mozambique News Agency described this as "deliberate sabotage" by Renamo and the eight parties.

The dispute was the latest setback in the year-long peace process which several foreign observers fear could break down if differences are not solved soon. — *Sapa-Reuter*.