

FRENCH DELEGATION

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

AND THE CHURCH LEADERS FROM MOZAMBIQUE

STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE AT THE ONGOING PEACE TALKS BETWEEN RENAMO AND THE CHURCH LEADERS OF MOZAMBIQUE. THE PRELIMINARY TALKS WHICH BEGAN ON TUESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1989, IN NAIROBI, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN A CORDIAL AND FRANK ATMOSPHERE.

THE CHURCH LEADERS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF RENAMO, MR. ALFONSO DHLAKAMA, A 12-POINT TALKING PROPOSAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE WHICH THE RENAMO SIDE RECEIVED. A RESPONSE WILL BE SENT BACK TO H.E. PRESIDENT JOACHIM CHISSANO, THROUGH THE MEDIATOR.

THE RENAMO LEADER AND THE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES AGREED ON THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH A VIEW TO HOLDING FURTHER FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS, WHICH SHOULD PREPARE THE WAY FOR A GOVERNMENT-RENAMO MEETING BEFORE LONG.

THE PRELIMINARY MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL IN LAYING GROUND FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND PAVING THE WAY FOR PEACE IN MOZAMBIQUE.

11TH AUGUST, 1989
NAIROBI

A copy of this statement is being sent to the
President and the Church Leaders

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