

Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo)

1. Since 1964, the Mozambican people have been dying every day, victims of war.
2. It is therefore essential that all true nationalists and lovers of peace, whether members of political organisations or not, should make every effort, mobilising for this purpose the means at their disposal to find a genuinely Mozambican and African solution, which will bring enduring peace and stability.

The Mozambican people need freedom. It is from freedom that peace, stability, prosperity and individual respect and dignity derive.
4. The principle must dominate that the people are sovereign and have the inalienable right to elect their representatives who serve their expectations and who respect their secular traditions.
5. Renamo is a political force which is active on the Mozambican political scene. Any solution for peace must take this reality into account, as well as the traditions, culture, level of development and realities of the present moment.
6. It is not Renamo's intention to change the existing order in Mozambique through armed force. The armed struggle only serves as the last resort in the defence of the people against the denial of their rights and against their oppression.
7. Renamo will never agree to military force being used to impose a leadership or political options against the will of the people.
8. None of the parties to this conflict have anything to gain from the continuation of this war. Only the people see suffering increasing every day.
9. A stop must be put to verbal and insulting attacks both by those who are fighting against us as well as those outside who are/have a direct or indirect interest in the problem. Look to the future and not to the past.
10. Propaganda against Renamo does not change the political and military reality in Mozambique, and neither will it facilitate national reconciliation.
11. The presence of foreign forces brought in by Frelimo do not (sic) bring peace and well-being for the Mozambican people. We in Renamo see this presence as an obstacle to peace, besides signifying an insult (?) to our dignity and the loss of national sovereignty and independence.
12. For the resolution of the present conflict, Renamo takes into account the neighbouring countries and other interests in the region.
13. Renamo publicly declares that it will do everything in its power to ensure that the present negotiation process continues and finally results in peace.
14. Renamo defends the people, the reason for its existence and its struggle, with intransigence. It is opposed to any act which violates the people's physical or moral integrity, such as massacres, pillaging, etc.
15. Renamo is a guerrilla force, whose survival depends only on the people, and for this reason it is naturally against any act of atrocity (sic) which puts at risk the life of the people. The reason for its existence.
16. Renamo wants: genuine negotiations leading to national reconciliation without winners or losers followed by constitutional reform; to join forces to form a new Mozambique, where our brotherhood may be affirmed through the free debate of ideas and by consensus; a new Mozambique where the armed struggle will never again become the last and only resort for the solution of our problems. •

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