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The Mozambique National Resistance, RENAMO, has held discussions at Nairobi, on the situation prevailing in Mozambique and the possible ways and approaches to end the 12 year civil war in our country.

The discussions also addressed the withdrawal of foreign troops, which are operating over large parts of Mozambique, and have been flying bomb raids on purely civilian targets, in order to intimidate villagers in central Mozambique (Gorongosa area), in clear violation of all relevant Geneva Conventions and Protocols. The destruction of villages and the indiscriminate killing of civilians by Zimbabwean air raids, just before and during our negotiations on peace in Mozambique, here in Nairobi, have already cost 501 lives.

We express our concern that the Frelimo government in Maputo may have lost the control over the operations of foreign intervention forces in Mozambique, in particular Zimbabwean air force.

It is in this context that we wish to appeal to all neighbouring nations, but also and in particular to the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany and Portugal, to reconsider their attitude towards the conflict in Mozambique, to avoid any measures that might further contribute to the internationalisation of this conflict, and to contribute to a climate of mutual respect and trust, which would be conducive to any further progress in the negotiation process. Especially, we wish to appeal for governments to use all their influence for an immediate cessation of the merciless bombing of civilian targets in Mozambique by Zimbabwean air force. We also especially, appeal for governments not to continue contributing to the international defamation campaign directed against RENAMO.

RENAMO confirms that agreement was reached on the importance of an immediate end to the civil war in Mozambique, but also in the interests of African unity and the successful eradication of apartheid from the continent.

The talks held by RENAMO with eminent Mozambican church leaders and other African and European representatives, were held at the invitation and through the good offices of his Excellency, the President of Kenya, M. Daniel arab Moi. We wish to express our sincere and deepest gratitude to Mr. Moi and the people of Kenya, for their generous hospitality and selfless assistance in this attempt at ending ending the civil war in Mozambique. We regret that this act of solidarity and compassion with Mozambique in best spirit of African unity, has so far, not been supported by any of the great powers of the world, whether financially or otherwise.

Renamo received through the group of eminent Mozambican church leaders a twelve point statement of the ruling state party, Frelimo. RENAMO has given its reply to the church leaders in a 16 point declaration, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

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