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The first tangible sign of a possible unblocking of the stalemate situation of Mozambique's direct negotiations between its government and the RENAMO was signaled by Minister of Foreign Affairs **Pascoal Mocumbi**, on February 25. He said that the peace initiative, "*is reaching a point where direct talks [...] may take place.*"

While the RENAMO has stepped up its attacks on convoys in the last few weeks, the Minister said that, "*This is not the first war situation in history where, as the time for negotiations approaches, violent incidents increase.*" Pascoal Mocumbi also confirmed that Washington was participating in the peace process and that it had presented the RENAMO with a seven-proposal list (ION N°415).