

Joint Communiqué

From 8 to 10 July 1990, at the headquarters of the Community of Sant' Edigio, Rome, a direct meeting took place between a delegation of the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique, headed by Armando Emílio Guebuza, Minister of Transport and Communications, and a delegation of Renamo, headed by Raul Manuel Domingos, Chief of the External Relations Department.

Mario Raffaelli, representative of the Government of the Italian Republic, Andrea Riccardi and Matteo Zuppi, both of the Community of Sant' Edigio, and Jaime Gonçalves, Archbishop of Beira, attended the meeting as observers.

The two delegations, acknowledging themselves to be compatriots and members of the great Mozambican family, expressed satisfaction and pleasure at this direct, open and frank meeting, the first to take place between the two parties.

The two delegations expressed interest and willingness to do everything possible to conduct a constructive search for a lasting peace for their country and their people.

Taking into account the higher interests of the Mozambican nation, the two parties agreed that they must set aside what divides them and focus, as a matter of priority, on what unites them, in order to establish a common working basis so that, in a spirit of mutual understanding, they can engage in a dialogue in which they discuss their different points of view.

The two delegations affirmed their readiness to dedicate themselves fully, in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding, to the search for a working basis from which to end the war and create the necessary political, economic and social conditions for building a lasting peace and normalising the life of all Mozambican citizens.

At the close of the meeting, the two delegations decided to meet again in due course at Rome, in the presence of the same observers. They expressed satisfaction and gratitude for the spirit of friendship and the hospitality and support shown them by the Italian Government and by all those who helped make this meeting possible.

Done at Sant' Edigio, Rome, on 10 July 1990.

For the delegation of the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique:

Armando Emílio Guebuza

For the delegation of Renamo:

Raul Manuel Domingos

Observers