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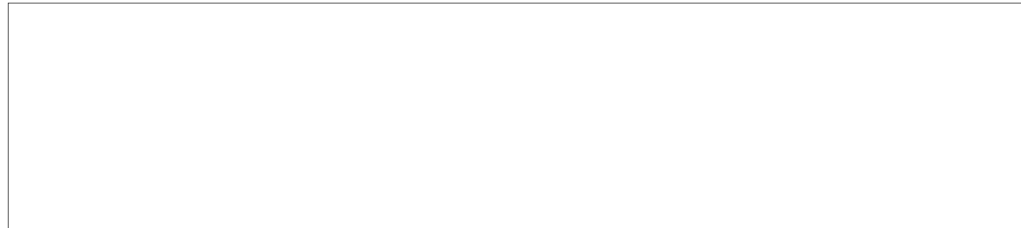
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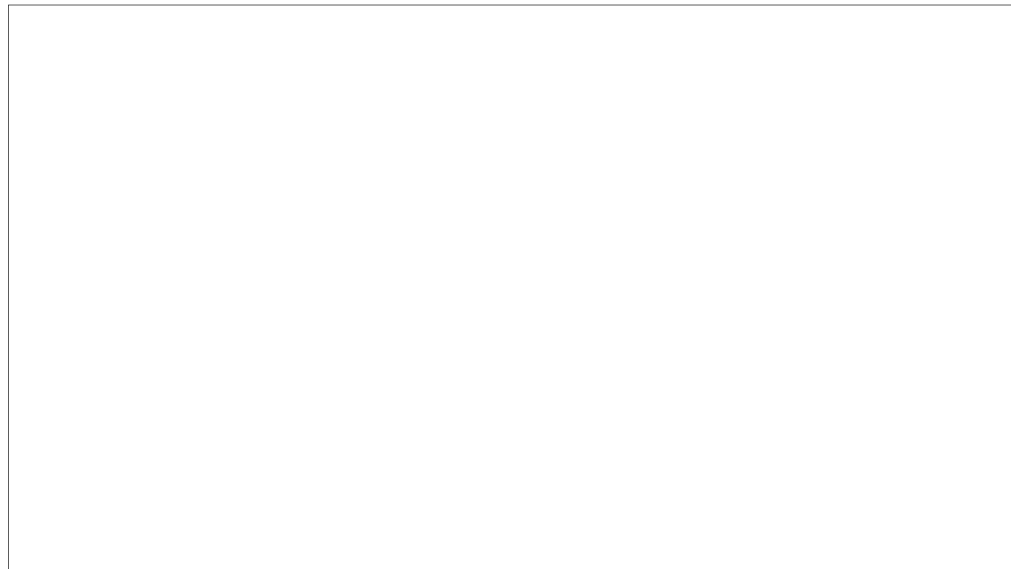
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**MOZAMBIQUE:**

**Peace Initiatives Face Formidable Hurdles**

**Mozambican President Chissano and RENAMO leader Dhlakama are exploring the possibility of peace talks, although each appears unwilling to meet the other's conditions for a settlement.** [Redacted]

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Dhlakama sent a request for talks to the Mozambican Government [Redacted]

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[Redacted] He repeated his three conditions for a settlement: removal of all foreign troops, free elections, and RENAMO's inclusion in a transitional government.

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The government rejected the terms but countered last month by offering an amnesty. Chissano [Redacted]

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[Redacted] favors talks with RENAMO, although [Redacted] hardliners in the government oppose such a dialogue. [Redacted]

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Leaders of Zimbabwe, which has committed 6,000 troops to the struggle against RENAMO, are publicly counseling against any political accommodation with the rebels. In contrast, Zambia and Malawi—both occasional targets of RENAMO cross-border raids—have urged Maputo in recent weeks to negotiate [Redacted]

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**Comment:** Regardless of RENAMO's interest in talks with Maputo, the rebels almost certainly want to improve their military position before March, when the rainy season—traditionally a time of heightened insurgent activity—ends. South Africa, which provides a modest level of materiel support to the rebels, appears supportive of talks but probably would oppose any settlement that does not give the rebels a substantial share of power. [Redacted]

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Chissano appears sincerely to want to negotiate an end to the conflict but is probably unwilling to restructure his government to accommodate RENAMO. He almost certainly is also constrained by the views of government hardliners and Zimbabwe, Mozambique's principal military ally, reducing prospects that he will offer the rebels significant new concessions. [Redacted]

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