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CANADA URGES SIGNING OF MOZAMBIQUE PEACE ACCORD

The Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, today called on both parties to the conflict in Mozambique to honour their commitment to sign a peace agreement on October 1.

Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano and Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) President Afonso Dhlakama signed a joint declaration on August 7 in Rome, committing the two parties to resolve all outstanding issues and sign a peace accord by October 1. President Dhlakama has, however, now indicated his reluctance to sign the agreement due to concerns regarding certain provisions in the document.

"I strongly urge both parties to honour the commitments they made in Rome on August 7 and move quickly toward a peaceful solution to the conflict in Mozambique," said Mrs. Landry. "Canada is deeply concerned by the plight of the people of Mozambique whose lives have been devastated by drought and 16 years of civil war."

Mrs. Landry stressed that the cessation of hostilities will give Canada and other donors the opportunity to increase the delivery of desperately needed food and other assistance to people throughout Mozambique.

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