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SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT URGES RENAMO TO RECONSIDER DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM ELECTIONS IN MOZAMBIOUE

Following is the text of a message from the President of the Security Council, Sir David Hannay (United Kingdom) to the President of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement (RENAMO), Afonso Macacho Marceta Dhlakama:

I have been asked by the members of the Security Council to appeal to you most earnestly to reconsider your decision to withdraw RENAMO from the elections currently taking place in Mozambique. Appropriate procedures are in place through the National Elections Commission whereby any concern RENAMO may have can be addressed.

In its statement of 21 October 1994, the Security Council expressed its satisfaction at the progress made by both parties towards implementation of the General Peace Agreement, and its support for the elections which have now begun in an orderly atmosphere. It noted that these elections hold out for the people of your country the prospect of securing lasting peace, stability and democracy. On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I urge your party not to put this opportunity in peril.

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