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POLICY GUIDELINES

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WE RENAMO, STAND FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE

The **Renamo** Party was conceived to bring a new prosperous and free democratic era to post-colonial Mozambique. An era of democratic principles and good governance which prioritizes human rights and individual liberty founded on a market economy; where the state is the referee under the rule of law; where there is a strong sustainable private sector.

Our proposed program of government for this new era takes into account the evolution of Mozambique to the present based on current agreements with domestic (*internal*) organizations and other countries and directs new initiatives to the construction of a more just society. Our proposed improvements in the social-economic environment will lead to greater confidence for foreign investors. This will result from institutional stabilization and our policies of social inclusion, education for all and the improvement of skill base. Our vision for the state will give special attention to the improvement of infrastructure and direct investment in transport, energy and sanitation projects resulting in balanced development, which will in turn reduce inequalities between the regions.

There has now been ten years of multi-party experience in Mozambique and the whole country has built a capacity and a will to strive for peace,

development and political stability. However this capacity has not been truly harnessed by the present Government. Frelimo has failed in Mozambique. Failed to lower inequality, failed to reduce social exclusion and intolerance and fundamentally failed to make the achievements needed to further consolidate peace and democracy in Mozambique.

We believe that it is urgent that we all unite around a program, which provides an alternative political agenda defining priorities, objectives and strategies, and will deliver **peaceful change**. Renamo is aware of its political responsibilities for Mozambique and its people and invites all Mozambicans to join us on the long journey to a country that is free, prosperous and based on the rule of law.

Let us all vote for peaceful change and a more self-confident country, based on individual freedom and greater equality of opportunity.

The program of the **Renamo** prioritizes the following six strategic objectives:

1. A significant increase in people's confidence in political institutions through the reform of public administration and the system of justice
2. A strengthening of equality of opportunity
3. The reinstatement of the dignity and the role of traditional authorities

4. The rebuilding and modernization of the country's infra-structure
5. The Strengthening of the economy and the stimulation of technological innovation
6. The attraction and retention of foreign investment

1. INCREASING PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Corruption has spread throughout Mozambican society to the point that it is now part of everyday life. The fight against misbehavior in public offices necessitates a fundamental change in culture and attitude. RENAMO will take up this challenge and will prioritize the following reforms:

- We will reform the political system to ensure accountability of those elected to high office and to give more credibility to the electoral system and ensure free, just and transparent elections.
- We will implement the principle of fixed terms for all three branches of government.
- We will adopt and implement efficient ways to fight and prevent corruption in order to give credibility to public and private institutions.
- We will strengthen the powers of the Assembly of the Republic to determine the regulations covering public service broadcasting and the charters of these organizations.
- We will establish legislative system of scrutiny of those appointed to regulatory bodies.

- We will give more autonomy and independence to institutions mandated to fight corruption.
- The modernization of public functions in order to create new values and a new culture in the relations between the state, citizen and private institutions.
- The reinvigoration of the mechanisms that ensure appointment and advancement in the civil service is based on merit.
- We will take party patronage out of the system of public appointments to increase professionalism.
- We will develop a program of constitutional reform concerning the nomination of judges in order to establish true independence for the judiciary.

We will promote a modern system of justice, which will be accessible to the public and will serve the best interest of society.

2. STRENGTHEN EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Renamo believes that only through promoting equality of opportunity for all can the people of Mozambique be able to reach their full potential and to create the prosperity needed for themselves and their families.

To strengthen equality of opportunity the following actions will be priorities:

- The creation of balanced social and economic policies in order to reduce inequalities between

different sections of society, particularly those between different regions and between the cities and the countryside.

- The promotion of policies of social justice that will help to integrate all sections of society and guarantee the protection of human rights, tolerance, solidarity and the respect of difference.
- Macroeconomic policies that will guarantee citizen welfare and the creation of more job opportunities. We will also guarantee minimum education standards.
- The promotion of integrated actions in order to allow more active participation of women in all sections of society, particularly in access to education, health, jobs and government positions.

Social policy will be composed on the following specific policies:

HEALTH

Improving public health is one of the most important objectives of a new RENAMO government. The Mozambican population suffers from diseases that are much better controlled in many other countries in the region. These diseases are directly connected to poverty and the lack of infrastructure. The five main causes of mortality in Mozambique are Malaria, TB, malnutrition, diarrhea and HIV/Aids.

HIV/AIDS

Mozambique has the unenviable reputation as one of the most HIV/Aids infected countries. We will

intensify public information campaigns and preventative measures. We will harness the support of the education system. Teachers will be trained to act as health agents, especially in rural areas.

THE HEALTH SYSTEM

The country suffers from a scarcity of health facilities and doctors and nurses. Every year we need a 1000 more doctors but we only train 50. To start to address this structural deficiency in the short term we will train all those entering higher education in the basics of health support.

PUBLIC HEATH

- We will implement low cost alternates, which ensure access to clean water and assure dignity to the general population.
- In the application of these policies we will take into account the differences between towns and villages and the importance of combining traditional methods with modern medical knowledge.
- We will train community health agents who will be able to spread information about health, hygiene and nutrition.
- We will start production of generic medicines as a way to reduce the price and to broaden public access to health care.
- We will broaden and increase access to the national health system.

SOCIAL SECURITY

In Mozambique poverty is a fundamental cause of the spread of disease. At the same time economic and social crisis has brought unemployment, further undermining traditional solidarity and mutual help. These factors have in turn further increased unemployment and social misery.

A RENAMO government will develop a system of social security that covers the whole population and which combines national solidarity and employer contributions. In order to satisfy the basic needs of the individual we will ensure a minimum wage, determined on a sector-by-sector basis. As an element of the social security policy, we will integrate all mechanisms of individual contributions to help people face the risks of accident, bad health and infirmity in old age.

Social security policy will privilege the following actions:

- The restructuring of the national system of social security in order to increase efficiency and to increase public confidence.
- The creation of an efficient policy to set-up employer and employee social insurance funds.
- The promotion of a culture of 'planning for your future' so that the population can face future uncertainties.
- The definition a general law for social security.

3. DIGNITY AND TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

We will prioritize the following:

- The reinforcement of the role of traditional authorities as the principle mechanism of dialogue between the state and civil society in the process of social, economic and political development. RENAMO will restore communities to the centre of our national life.

4. REBUILDING AND MODERNIZING INFRA-STRUCTURE

The infrastructure needs of Mozambique are well understood and enormous. Dynamic economic growth and a strengthened domestic market depend on the solution of our present infrastructure problems. Infrastructure development is also fundamental to the success of social policy and poverty reduction since many public health problems are caused by the absence of sanitation and clean water.

Our infrastructure development program will focus on:

- Energy
- Sanitation and clean water
- Communication
- Transport (in particular roads and bridges)

The infrastructure investment program will be developed in conjunction with social policy.

In this area the government will prioritize the following:

- Investment in transportation infrastructure will be developed following a new model of relations between the state/market and citizen and will be aimed at improving competitiveness.
- For the production, distribution and consumption of energy the Government will emphasize the following priorities:
 - Approval of adequate distribution and consumption of different forms of energy in different regions of the country at fair prices.
 - Incentivize EDM-EP to stimulate the consumption of energy through the application of variable prices depending on the level of consumption. This will stimulate large enterprises to produce more at competitive prices.
 - A review of the laws relating to electricity to make this sector more attractive to foreign investment.
 - Promotion of the use of alternative sources of energy (Solar, wind-power, geo-thermal, bio-mass) for small villages and individual use in remote areas.
 - A study of the sustainability of the application of one price for fuel, lubricants and electricity in all regions

with differentiation of price based on use (i.e. a lower price for use in the irrigation of agricultural land).

- We will prioritize the construction of the bridge over the river Zambezi (Ponte de Caia) in order to create ‘the corridor of Mozambique’ (connecting all regions of the country, north and south).
- We will develop partnerships to build a railway connecting north and south in the medium and long-term.
- We will stimulate transportation by ship both of goods and people.
- We will ensure that infrastructure development is environmentally sustainable.

5. STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY AND STIMULATING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.

Sustainable and socially inclusive economic development will be the objective of the new RENAMO government. Macro-economic stability will be a commitment of the new government which recognizes the importance of the control of inflation and the need for structural adjustment in external accounts. Public finance will be strictly controlled and will take into account our priorities of development and public welfare. Better management of public finances will enable us to direct resources towards these priorities. Administrative reform will be directed at the rationalization of state expenses and activities.

The new RENAMO government will prioritize the following activities:

- We will improve the administration of the public accounts to ensure that money can be directed at our priority programs.
- We will introduce a program of tax reform to the Assembly of the Republic, to be implemented one year after the election of a new Renamo government. The objective of the program will be to broaden the tax base through the simplification and better enforcement of the tax code.
- We will create the capacity to implement policies that have already been introduced but are incapable of being enforced, complemented by new specific policies that will stimulate economic growth. The following activities will be prioritized:
 - Tourism
 - Small and Medium sized enterprises
 - Cooperatives
 - The informal sector
 - The Commercialization of the economy, in particular agriculture
 - The production and distribution of agricultural inputs (fertilizer, seeds etc)
 - Fisheries (opening opportunities to small and medium sized business)
 - Mining including mineral water

Through these policies, RENAMO is confident that it will achieve the following objectives for the development of our economy:

- Real GDP growth per capita.
- The maintenance of an inflation rate below 6% per year.
- The guarantee of a favorable exchange rate for inward investment.

AGRICULTURE

More than 70% of the population works in agriculture. Policies to improve agricultural efficiency are dependent on two complimentary developments. First, the encouragement of small subsistence farmers to join together in farming cooperatives to develop their income, which in turn will result in greater investment. Second, we recognize the potential to develop large-scale farming, also in the provinces, which will also help to reduce regional inequalities.

Moreover the program will ensure that the promotion of advanced farming techniques is built upon traditional farming knowledge essential to environmental sustainability.

The objective of public sector involvement in the agricultural sector will be to improve the level of public nutrition above its present poor state.

6. ATTRACTING AND RETAINING FOREIGN INVESTMENT

A RENAMO government will understand that growing prosperity is only possible if there is a good business environment. At the moment investing in Mozambique is a great risk because of the uncertainties about business regulation, the institutional framework, political and economic stability and the skills base. There is potential to broaden and diversify Mozambique's trade relations not only with neighboring countries but also with the European Union, The United States and Asia. The new Government will develop a campaign to attract foreign investment based on the sophisticated communication of the many investment opportunities.

We will commit to the following priorities:

- All international agreements will be respected such as treaties with UN, EU, AU, SADC and other bilateral agreements. However, in the approach for resolution of conflicts will be examined in order to have a lasting peace and stability in the region.
- Rationalization of the regulation of foreign investment, including labor law in order to improve the environment for new business.
- Campaigns, both domestic and international, to highlight to Mozambique's investment potential.
- The definition of customs procedures related to movement of people and goods.

- The creation of a tax policy to enable the fast production and reproduction of capital.

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