

Mozambique: MNR says it will accept bilateral cease-fire At a news conference in Lisbon on 4th July, the MNR announced that it was willing to accept a bilateral cease-fire in the war with government forces in Mozambique, Radiodifusao Portuguesa (Lisbon) reported. The MNR also said it was ready to hold direct talks with the government without preconditions. However, it said it would reject any amnesty or the unconditional laying down of arms. In its statement, the MNR also called on the 18 African countries which met recently in Gbadolite to discuss peace in Angola to help search for peace in Mozambique; mediation by the Zairean leader in this regard would be welcome, the MNR added. According to Radio Mozambique (Maputo) on 4th July, President Chissano has praised the role played by the Zairean leader in Angola. In a message to President Mobutu, Chissano said that the Mozambican government wanted to strengthen further its existing relations with Zaire. 6/7/89