

Mozambique: Chissano on meeting between church groups and MNR At a news conference held in Maputo on 17th July, broadcast by Radio Mozambique (Maputo), President Chissano said that the government had asked Mozambican church leaders to try to contact the MNR with two objectives in mind: "To learn what they want and a bit more about them." Chissano added that one meeting had been arranged in Nairobi with the support of the Kenyan government, but "a satisfactory conclusion" had not been reached. It was decided to hold a further meeting between church groups and the MNR and for this purpose a delegation of religious leaders has been in Nairobi. However, they are awaiting the arrival of the MNR leader, Afonso Dhlakama. "For reasons as yet unknown to us, Mr Dhlakama has not appeared," Chissano said. He added that efforts were continuing to ensure the meeting takes place. In addition, the Mozambican government had a "small delegation" in Nairobi which will not participate in the meetings, but "help the Kenyan government and the religious leaders themselves clarify any issues arising from the talks". Chissano also said that, as part of the process, President Moi would visit Mozambique "days from now" and "together we will outline the steps to be taken".*

According to Radio South Africa (Johannesburg) on 18th July, an MNR spokesman in Lisbon had said that a delegation from the movement was in the Kenyan capital for talks with Mozambican church leaders. However, he added that the MNR leader was not in Nairobi; the delegation there was led by Raul Domingos. The spokesman also said that the MNR "was not yet ready to negotiate directly with the Mozambican government". *WAP 1989*