## Security Service Denies Killing Renamo Official MB1101185289 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1730 GMT 11 Jan 89

[Text] The People's National Security Service, SNASP, today denied allegations made by the Portuguese press that it is involved in the death of Evo Fernandes, armed bandit representative in Portugal. Fernandes died in Lisbon in April 1988.

Speaking to AIM, a SNASP source said that such information, spread by EXPRESSO, is a delaying tactic designed to confuse public opinion and hide the true

identity of those who executed the armed bandit ringleader. The source added that Evo Fernandes' death was the result of dissent within armed banditry.

The Portuguese newspaper EXPRESSO reported said that one of the suspects in the death of Evo Fernandes is a Portuguese citizen called Xavier Chagas. Chagas is alleged to have admitted his responsibility for the murder to the Portuguese authorities. He added that he was instructed by SNASP to freely recruit his collaborators.

It will be recalled that armed bandit ringleaders who have turned themselves in to benefit from the amnesty law stated that armed bandit factions are divided over the control of the organization, which is led from South Africa.