

Mozambique: Chissano reportedly confirms MNR leader allowed to attend August talks in Kenya (Text) Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano confirmed that the Mozambican armed forces had allowed MNR bandit commander Afonso Dhlakama to leave the country in August so that he could meet with Mozambican religious leaders in Nairobi and receive from them the government's principles on which dialogue could be based. Speaking at a mass rally on Saturday [25th November] in [word indistinct] city of Chimoio, Comrade Chissano said that, initially, Dhlakama had not wanted to attend the Nairobi meeting. He had placed as a condition that the Mozambican government recognises his group as a political party. Comrade

Chissano added that Dhlakama rejected a proposal of a meeting with the churchmen and demanded instead a meeting with government representatives. The government rejected Dhlakama's demands, replying that any dialogue should merely [words indistinct] to find ways of ending the war. (Radio Zambia, Lusaka in English 1800 gmt 27 Nov 89)