

# Maputo peace talks to be held in Rome

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THE fourth round of peace talks between the Mozambican government and the MNR bandits is due to start in Rome tomorrow.

The Mozambican delegation to the talks, led by Transport Minister Cde Armando Guebuza, left Maputo for Europe on Saturday night.

Before his departure, Cde Guebuza told journalists that during the Rome talks the joint monitoring commission, established under the first agreement between the government and the bandits signed on December 1, would take office.

This commission has the task of overseeing the implementation of the agreement, which restricts the Zimbabwean troops in Mozambique to the two rail corridors linking Zimbabwe to the ports of Maputo and Beira, and the immediately surrounding areas.

Under the agreement, the bandits have given an undertaking to halt all military action against the two corridors.

The monitoring commission includes three representatives each from the Mozambican authorities, MNR, and the Zimbabwean Government.

The four mediators in the peace talks have seats on the commission and will chair it. These are socialist parliamentarian Mr Mario Raffaelli, representing the Italian government, the Catholic archbishop of Beira, the Most Rev Jaime Goncalves, and Mr Matteo Zuppi and Mr Andrea Riccardi of the Catholic Lay Charity; the Santo Fgidio community. — Ziana.