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A seminar financed by the Commonwealth and aimed at preparing the way for future multi-party elections opened in Maputo on February 11. Members of the *Frelimo's* central committee, representatives from the ministries of justice and foreign affairs, as well as local political leaders were expected to attend the seminar. According to the *Unamo* Maputo representative, **Joao Camacho**, Great Britain insisted that representatives of aspiring opposition groups should also be allowed to join the group. He, as a consequence received an invitation at the last minute, via the intermediary of the British Embassy in Maputo. The seminar organizers claim the opposition groups were not invited initially because they had not come forward to identify themselves.

I.O.N.- Since the new constitution came into effect on November 30, 1990, no political party legally exists. *Unamo* was the first group to apply for official recognition, but has yet to hold a founding conference in order to comply with the new legislation. *Frelimo's* conference is slated to take place in two weeks.