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MOZAMBICAN transport minister Cde Armando Guebuza, who is the government's chief negotiator in the peace talks with the MNR bandits in Rome, has told the Beira daily paper *Diario de Mocambique* that the next meeting between the two sides, for which no date has yet been set, will discuss "political questions".

A start on discussing these issues should have been made at the last round of the Rome talks in January, but the bandits refused to follow the agreed agenda, and instead argued bitterly against the report from the International Joint

Verification Committee, which accused them of violating the partial ceasefire agreed for the Beira and Limpopo corridors, the rail routes that link Zimbabwe to the Mozambican coast.

Cde Guebuza told *Diario de Mocambique* that it was on the basis of these political discussions that a general ceasefire agreement would "probably" be signed.

He said that at the next round of talks the government would also try again to make the bandits understand that "there is no place for violence" in Mozambique, and would invite them to register as a political party, in the framework of the multi-party constitution adopted last year by the country's parliament. — Ziana-AIM.