

Frelimo calls for more dialogue

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MOZAMBIQUE'S ruling Frelimo party has called for continued negotiations with the Renamo bandits but also for stepped-up military activity.

This talk-and-fight strategy is outlined in a motion on peace passed on Friday at the end of the Frelimo sixth

congress.

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The delegates declared that "the struggle for peace must continue on all fronts, and the defence and security forces must continue to bear the responsibility for guaranteeing the protection of the people and their possessions, as well as of economic and social infrastructures".

The motion characterises the conflict as a war of aggression "which we have been subjected to ever since our proclamation of independence". It says that the war "is the product of designs alien to those of the people and of forces hostile to peace".

The resolution criti-

cises those Southern African countries that continue to assist Renamo. "Countries who say that they are interested in peace and security in the region have the duty to use all means to end activities from their territory which supply the war," the congress declared.

No countries were

named, but the reference can only be to South Africa and perhaps to Malawi.

The motion praises the government's peace initiatives and the work undertaken by the government negotiators in the seven rounds of peace talks that have been held in Rome. — Ziana-ALM.