


Chissano optimistic on peace talks

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MAPUTO — Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano has expressed optimism about the new

round of peace talks with MNR bandits scheduled for Rome this week.

Cde Chissano told a Press conference here at the weekend that he believed that the MNR leader Afonso Dhlakama, would finally abandon his "circumlocution" tactics in the peace process.

The two sides have so far held seven rounds of peace talks aimed at ending the 16-year civil war in the country.

However, the United States has expressed concern at the lack of progress in the talks.

— US Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Mr Herman Cohen said at a news conference in Lisbon on Monday night that 15 months of Italian-mediated peace talks had made little progress as the two sides had not yet found a firm basis on which to negotiate. —

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