

Maputo peace talks resume

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THE Mozambican government and MNR delegations to the peace talks in Rome will meet today to discuss the criteria for the formation and legalisation of political parties.

The issues constitute the first point on the agenda of the talks approved at the sixth round of negotiations between the two sides in May and June 1991.

The agenda is made up of 20 specific points divided into three sections. The first has to do with political questions and includes the law of political parties, the electoral law, its process and schedule, freedom of the Press of association and other issues related to civil rights.

The second part focuses on military issues, including the process

of the ceasefire and its schedule. The government and MNR are to establish the criteria for the formation of a national, non-partisan army.

The last section relates to the system of political and military guarantees that must be established to ensure the fulfilment of all the agreements for the period between the ceasefire and the general elections.

Meanwhile, British foreign affairs minister Douglas Hurd said on Saturday night in Maputo that his country would use its influence with other European and African countries to accelerate the Mozambican peace process.

Mr Hurd was speaking to the Press on the second day of a 48-

hour trip to Mozambique.

He said that Britain would "use its influence among European and African friends" to aid the peace process.

"These influences are very important and that is why I and President Joaquim Chissano centred a major part of our discussions exactly on the form in which Britain could be useful to help bring peace to Mozambique," the British minister stated.

Mr Hurd said he had talked with Cde Chissano about "the way in which to transform the agreement on principles (signed on Friday between Mozambique and MNR delegations in Rome) into a total agreement and into a ceasefire". — Ziana-AIM-Pana.