Maputo peace talks focus on document

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THE tenth round of peace talks in Rome between the Mozambican government and the MNR was due on Monday to start discussing a document produced by the Italian government and Catholic Church mediators which attempts to synthesise the positions expressed by the two sides on a new electoral law, and other political issues.

According to sources contacted by Aim in Rome, the subjects covered by the mediators' document range from civil rights, to the repatriation of refugees, to issues of control in the transitional period before the country's first multi-party elections.

The section on civil rights deals with the principles that should underlie legislation on Press freedom and access to the mass media, and on the freedoms of association, expression, movement and political propaganda.

As for the repatriation of the 1,5 million Mozambi-

can refugees in neighbouring countries, the two sides should define minimum conditions for receiving them and reintegrating them into society. The same goes for the hundreds of thousands of peasants displaced within the country.

The protocol to be concluded on this point on the talks' agenda is also expected to envisage an international donors' conference, to mobilise funds for the repatriation and other aspects of rebuilding the country.

Meanwhile, a military attorney who has denounced alleged corruption in the armed forces in the northern province of Nampula is preparing a lengthy report on the subject for the attorney-general's office.

The attorney, Capt Muzamilo Cassimo, was called to Maputo shortly after the daily paper Noticias published some of his allegations in January.

Capt Cassimo said he had a four-hour meeting with the attorney-general, Mr Eduardo Mulembue, 10 days ago. — Ziana-Pana.