

Frelimo seeks key to peace

Sowetan

24 MAR 1992

Sowetan Africa News Service

MAPUTO - Lasting peace in Mozambique will not be possible without continued Frelimo military activity, social tranquillity, economic recovery, democracy and consolidating the rule of law.

This was declared in a communique after a week-long Frelimo Central Committee meeting in Maputo.

Mozambique official news agency AIM reports that the committee reaffirmed a "talk but fight" policy, and that it considered the actions of the armed forces as "fundamental in order to win peace".

It called on improved management, discipline and control of the armed forces after complaints that soldiers often went for months without pay and that combat rations were diverted to black markets.

According to AIM, the Mozambican government came under "severe criti-

cism", with the central committee calling for "more active, more rigorous, and sharper activity by the government and by state bodies as a whole".

The government was urged to take immediate action in resolving conflicts of land distribution, to build low-cost housing and to act against the growing crime wave in the main urban areas.

In the meeting, Frelimo urged its members to "defend the peasants against the expropriation of their land and other injustices in land distribution".

In the cities, party members were called on to defend tenants of state-owned housing "against the acts of destabilisation practised by former landlords".