

# Maputo warms up for next round of talks (X)

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THE Mozambican government is willing to discuss military matters with the MNR bandits at the next round of peace talks in Rome, according to an agenda set up by the two sides last May.

According to the Mozambique Information Agency, the United States and Britain have agreed that the Mozambican government and the MNR should deal with military questions at the next round of peace talks under the mediation of the Italian government and Catholic Church.

The US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr Herman Cohen, is expected to meet the MNR leader, Afonso Dhlakama, in the near future.

Intense diplomatic activities have taken place over the last few weeks in preparation for the 11th round of peace talks, due to be held late this month in Rome.

A team of Americans specialising in military and constitutional issues arrived in Rome last Friday for discussions with the Italian mediators. Their talks reportedly centred on practical aspects of the agenda for the next round of talks.

These contacts were preceded by visits to London and Washington by the Mozambican government's chief negotiator and transport minister Cde Armando Guebuza. He held talks with Mr Cohen in Washington after meeting in London with high-ranking British government officials.

The preparations also include the establishment of a system of co-ordination between relevant parties in

Mozambique, the British, American and Italian governments, and the Italian Catholic Church.

If the current preparations prove successful, the Mozambican government and the MNR will discuss military matters.  
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