

Chissano wants UN observer

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MAPUTO — Mozambican president Joaquim Chissano has appealed to the United Nations to help break the deadlock in government talks with Renamo.

Mr Chissano told the Mozambican news agency, AIM, that he had written to UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali requesting him to send an observer to the peace talks in Rome.

Interviewed at Jan Smuts Airport, where his plane made a brief stop on his return from the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Mr Chissano said he hoped the presence of a UN observer at the talks would go some way in dealing with some of Renamo's objections.

The main stumbling block is Renamo's insistence that constitutional issues be dealt with first before an agreement on a ceasefire is reached. Frelimo is reluctant to discuss constitutional matters before agreement on a ceasefire.

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