

# MOZAMBIQUE: GOVERNMENT AND UN REACTIONS TO MNR PROPOSAL ON DISTRIBUTION OF AID

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In a telephone interview with Radio Mozambique last night, Armando Guebuza, head of the government delegation to the Rome peace talks, said the government was ready to cooperate with the Mozambique National Resistance [MNR; Renamo] to distribute humanitarian aid to the needy. Guebuza was reacting to a statement by Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama that the government has been insisting on using the rail corridors in order to recapture lost areas now controlled by Renamo.

In an interview with our Paris correspondent Mario Sampaio, Afonso Dhlakama said there were 150 organisations in Mozambique able to finance airlifts. He named FAO, UNICEF and World Vision as being ready to finance airlifts but unable to do so because the government does not allow them.

Commenting on the issue, Armando Guebuza denied that the government had received a Renamo proposal in this respect. Guebuza said, however, that the Mozambican government recently convened an international conference, calling on the international community to assist people affected by the drought and the war. He said the government considered humanitarian aid to be above political interests, adding that this aid should be channeled to all the needy, whether or not they are in Renamo-controlled areas.