

TALKS TO RESUME AFTER AGREEMENT ON CEASE-FIRE OBSERVATION POSTS

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The Mozambican government and the MNR delegations to the peace talks in Rome are finally scheduled to begin discussing the military questions on the agenda later today, after the deadlock paralysing the talks for the past two weeks was broken last night. The deadlock was the result of the MNR demanding what amounted to a renegotiation of the terms of the partial cease-fire in the Beira and rail corridors signed in December 1990. In the event, the agreement was not renegotiated and a compromise document put forward by the Italian government and Catholic Church mediators was accepted.

This document consists of a series of recommendations to the chairman of the International Joint Verification Commission [JVC] that is monitoring compliance with the 1990 accord, the Italian ambassador in Maputo, Manfredo di Camerana. The document urges the two sides to respect scrupulously the 1990 agreement both in the letter and