

Mozambique aid convoys guaranteed safety

ROME. — The Mozambican Government and the Renamo rebel movement have agreed to guarantee safe passage for humanitarian aid convoys operated by the United Nations and the International Red Cross, officials said here yesterday.

The Italian Foreign Ministry said both sides agreed on free movement of aid by air and land.

Italian mediator, Mr Mario Raffaelli, said direct UN and Red Cross involvement was sure to add a "concrete element" to peace talks.

The Mozambican Government and Renamo have been negotiating here since June 10, in their 10th round of talks led by Italy, the Catholic Archbishop of Beira, and the Rome-based religious community of Sant Egidio, which runs missions in the Third World. — Sapa-AP.

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