

Call for SA seat at Moz talks

ROME. — Mediators racing against time to conclude a Mozambique peace agreement by October 1 are to suggest that South Africa should be given a seat at the talks.

Both the Mozambique government and Renamo were in favour of South Africa's being given observers' status in the final phase of the peace talks, sources said.

The talks have been deadlocked since the start of the month over disagreements on military and security issues.

But the sources said President Joaquim Chissano and Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama had now agreed to sidestep the problems and push ahead to be able sign a ceasefire by the end of the month. — Sapa-Reuter