UN envoys to assist in Maputo ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS. — The UN Security Council has become directly involved in ensuring the Mozambique peace accord, appointing a special envoy to Maputo and authorising the despatch of up to 25 military observers.

The Security Council yesterday unanimously adopted Resolution 782 welcoming the peace accord signed on October 4 in Rome between the government of Mozambique and Renamo.

It also accepted an invitation extended to the UN by both sides for it to help to verify and control the application of the peace plan, which includes holding elections next year.

The council approved UN Secretary-General Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghali's recommendation to name a special envoy, Mr Aldo Ajello, an Italian, as the intermediary UN special representative in Mozambique.

Mr Ajello, currently with the UN Development Programme, will co-ordinate all UN activities.

The council also agreed to send up to 25 military observers to Mozambique tomorrow.

The Mozambican parliament is expected to ratify the peace accord today. — Sapa-AFP.