

UN eyes Mozambique

UNITED NATIONS. — The United Nations, already heavily involved in peace-keeping from Somalia to Yugoslavia and Cambodia, may soon mount a major operation in Mozambique.

A report by UN secretary-general Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali recommended that the Security Council dispatch some 7 500 troops, police and civilians to monitor a peace accord between the government and Renamo. Apart from monitoring a ceasefire, the

UN Operation in Mozambique (Onumoz) would oversee the demobilisation of the two sides' forces, help organise presidential and legislative elections and co-ordinate aid.

Onumoz's military component should include five infantry battalions; an engineer battalion; three logistic companies; a headquarters company; air, communications, medical and movement control units, and 354 military observers. — Sapa-Reuter