

# Lonrho in Mozambican peace bid

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MAPUTO. — Lonrho boss Tiny Rowlands, whose company has substantial interests in Mozambique, has been trying to free the logjam holding up the peace process.

Mr Rowlands told reporters he had discussed with President Joaquim Chissano the refusal of Renamo to attend meetings of the commissions

that are to implement the peace accord signed in Rome last October.

Renamo said it had appointed its representatives to the commissions, but would not send them to Maputo from its bush headquarters at Maringue until the Frelimo government provided housing and offices for them in the capital. The government said it had done everything required of it.

This dispute is believed to have been the main subject of Mr Rowlands's talks with Mr Chissano on Wednesday.

At the end of the meeting the Lonrho head flew to Zimbabwe, but it is not known what he intended doing there.

The implementation of the Rome accord is two months behind schedule, partly because of delays in deploying the UN

monitoring force.

The latest arrivals to join the force, Unomoz, are 168 Bangladeshi troops, who will take over from Malawian soldiers who have been guarding the railway line from Nacala to Malawi. Nacala lies between Beira and the Rovuma river which forms the boundary between Tanzania and Mozambique.

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