Mozambicans agree on administration

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PRESIDENT Joaquim Chissano and Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama have agreed in principle to unite the country under a single administration in preparation for elections planned for next year.

They will resume talks today to try to overcome other obstacles still in the way of a comprehensive agreement charting the transition to multi-party democracy in Mozambique.

Cde Chissano told reporters that both the government and the former rebel movement, Renamo, agreed there should be a single administration before the elections, the precise date for

which has yet to be set.

Mr Dhlakama who led Renamo through years of banditry against the government said his movement was no longer demanding it should appoint five new provincial governors.

The UN special representtive to Mozambique, Mr Aldo Ajello, believes that once the question of local government is resolved, everything else will fall into place. He has said that a country with two administrations would be unmanageable.

Mr Ajello told Renamo in July that its attitude threatened to delay elections beyond October 1994, the cut-off set in a UN Security Council resolution. — Ziana-Reuter.