Maputo's new peace timetable awaits approval

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MOZAMBIQUE'S government and Renamo were due to respond to a new timetable for peace at a meeting yesterday with UN special envoy Aldo Ajello.

Both sides have suggested a positive response to the timetable presented by the United Nations which says demobilisation of their two armies must start next month and general elections should be

held not later than October 1994.

In a communique cited by the daily Noticias newspaper yesterday MNR denied presenting conditions delaying the assembly and demobilisation of its army.

Responding to an indirect accusation in last week's UN Security Council resolution on Mozambique that it is hindering the peace process, Renamo said that on the contrary it wanted to see "a secure demobilisation which guarantees the end of war".

Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama said recently, however, that demobilisation depends on the disbanding of private armed forces first and will only happen when MNR has its own staff in provincial government and the UN has sent a special team to monitor the national peace force. — Ziana-AFP.