

Mozambique's peace timetable

MAPUTO - Mozambican government and the Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) were due to respond to a new timetable for peace at a meeting on Tuesday 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 on Tuesday,

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