

UN head in Moz to hasten peace bid



MAPUTO. — UN secretary-general Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali pledged yesterday to do all in his power to speed up the slow-moving peace process in Mozambique.

Dr Boutros-Ghali, who arrived here on Sunday for a four-day visit, was speaking before beginning official talks with President Joaquim Chissano.

Mr Chissano, who signed a peace agreement with the rebel movement Renamo a year ago, said he was looking for real peace so "development of the country can start on the right footing".

Dr Boutros-Ghali's spokeswoman, Ms Terese Gastaut, said later the secretary-general would try to secure a firm date for the start of assembly and demobilisation of government and Renamo military personnel.

Dr Boutros-Ghali and Renamo were due to meet later in the day. — Sapa-Reuter