

# Mozambique ready to move troops to assembly points

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THE Mozambique government is ready to move its troops into UN-administered assembly points as pledged by the end of this month.

“The government wants unconditional can-

tonment on the scheduled date, whatever difficulties there might be.” labour minister Cde Teodato Hunguana, one of the government’s key negotiators with Renamo, told the Maputo daily Noticias in yesterday’s edition.

But Cde Hunguana noted Renamo would have to begin the cantonment of its troops in assembly points simultaneously, as stipulated in the October 1992 Rome peace agreement which ended 16 years of civil war.

Under the original plan, all forces should have been concentrated in assembly areas by the end of 1992.

But after repeated delays President Joaquim Chissano and Renamo leader Mr Afonso Dhlakama pledged to the United Nations that they would begin standing down their troops by the end of this month. — Ziana-Reuter.