

MOZAMBIQUE

Funds agreed for Renamo and demobbed troops

The Netherlands and Sweden have deposited \$500,000 and \$200,000 respectively in a trust fund for the former rebel movement Renamo, according to reports in Maputo.

These amounts are half of their pledges. Italy has also contributed to a fund now totalling more than \$5m.

Renamo has complained that for it to make a successful transfer from a military force to a civilian party it needs funds with which to wage the election.

Meanwhile UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali is recommending the formation of a 1,144-member UN police force to maintain security in Mozambique prior to the elections.

The secretary-general, in a new report to the UN security council, argues that the civilian police force is needed "to inspire confidence that violations of civil liberties, human rights and political

freedoms would be avoided" in Mozambique.

Boutros-Ghali contends that the force would be an integral part of the UN Mozambique peace keepers, Onumoz, with the officers under command of a chief police observer.

Renamo has complained that the role of the police has been unclear while the demobilisation of soldiers has been going ahead, and called last year for a UN team to investigate the problem.

Donors and the UN have approved a special \$20m fund to support former soldiers on both sides for period between 18 and 24 months.

UN representative in Maputo Aldo Ajello said the atmosphere in the troop assembly areas he visited was "very tense". By last week 20,000 troops on both sides had been confined in these areas.