

UN may help Moz peace process

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MAPUTO. — The United Nations Security Council could help Mozambique complete its democratic transition even after its mandate ends in December, UN special envoy Aldo Ajello has said.

In a testimony on the outcome of his two years as chief of the UN mission here, Mr Ajello said: "A strong government will obviously be the most potent antidote to war, and could complete the unfinished tasks (of the peace process)."

However, "if the government formally asks for help, I'm certain the UN Security Council would consider it seriously".

Mr Ajello said his mission had been successful in overseeing the achievement of two years of peace, demobilising two rival armies and turning guerrilla Renamo into political force.

However, Mr Ajello admitted: "We were not able to fulfil all our work. Without doubt, the most sensitive question is weapons collection." — Sapa-AFP.