

## MOZAMBIQUE: Opinions differ over Constitution **ION 2/9/90**

During the extraordinary session held by the *FRELIMO's* central committee which debated last week on the project for the new Constitution, differences of opinion became apparent, notably in the chapters concerning the freedom of the press and conditions for establishment of the press. The project for the new Constitution, however, is not yet final and is still being discussed. It is limited by the new Constitution. When questioned about the means the government would have for controlling the media, the Minister of Information, **Teodato Hungwana**, said that his Ministry would ensure such control over the public sector media (the national news agency, *AIM*, television, *Radio Moçambique* and the official daily, *Noticias*), while private media (non-existent today) will have to abide by specific laws. President **Joaquim Chissano**, remained outside of this debate which seems to have been left without any real conclusion.

The proposal from the "old soldiers" from the *FRELIMO*, that only Mozambicans whose parents were born in the country should be able to stand for election to the presidency was, after much controversy, approved by the C.C.. In fact, this distinction will eliminate most members of the non-black community (about 5% of the population), descendants of Portuguese or Asian immigrants.

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