

**Mozambique: Frelimo urges popular debate on constitution revision** (Text) An exhortation received in our newsroom today states that the popular debate on the draft law on the revision of the constitution of the People's Republic of Mozambique is currently taking place nation-wide at a time when the people are fully committed to the preparation of the Fifth Frelimo Party Congress. The joint exhortation from the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee and the standing commission of the People's Assembly points out that the study of and debate on the constitution ought to be a broad patriotic movement for the strengthening of national unity and a reaffirmation of the struggle for progress and peace in all workplaces and residential areas. ME/C189, B14

According to the exhortation, the strengthening of national unity ought to take place within party cells, the various echelons of people's assemblies, organs of the state apparatus, the Mozambique Armed Forces - FPLM and the grassroots organisations. This popular debate will fulfil the requirement for open dialogue between the state and society, leading to real popular influence on the revision of the constitution in order for it to express varied contributions from the people in the exercise of their power.

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