

Radio Report

Mozambique: Frelimo Central Committee discusses draft new constitution (Text) President Joaquim Chissano said in Maputo today that the Frelimo Party is following a well-defined plan in the process of deepening democracy in the country. President Chissano was speaking at the opening of an extraordinary session of the Frelimo Party's Central Committee. The President said Mozambique wants to hold general and presidential elections next year and the process of democracy has to be followed carefully. The Central Committee meeting is to analyse a draft for a new Mozambican constitution which has been under a nationwide debate. In its last ordinary session last month, the Central Committee proposed a number of key considerations to be taken into account for the new constitution. The committee adopted a multi-party political system and the President has expressed the hope that next year's elections will be held in peaceful conditions and involving more than one political party. The present extraordinary Central Committee session is expected to give its final say on exactly what form the new constitution should take. Other aspects, such as new laws on political parties and elections, will also be analysed before being submitted to parliament for final approval later this year. (*Radio Mozambique, Maputo, in English for abroad 1100 gmt 5 Sep 90*)