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Agreement possible Wednesday

Consensus was reached today on most military points in the 66th round of negotiations between Renamo and government, and a full agreement is possible Wednesday, negotiators announced today. Agreement has now been reached on five points:

- 1) end of hostilities,
- 2) integration of Renamo men into the government military,
- 3) "economic reinsertion" of other Renamo people,
- 4) disarmament of Renamo, and
- 5) a total amnesty.

The consensus corresponds exactly to Renamo's preoccupations, said Renamo chief negotiator Saimone Macuiane. He and government chief negotiator Jose Pacheco said that the remaining issues are small and could be resolved in talks on Wednesday. These issues relate to guarantees for Renamo and the deployment of national and foreign observers. (AIM Portuguese 28 July)

Once this is settled, two other points remain on the Renamo negotiating agenda: money for Renamo, and depoliticising the state apparatus.

Frelimo has been running a major propaganda campaign over the past few days to claim the Renamo head Afonso Dhlakama is seriously ill and must go to hospital in South Africa, and thus wants to settle. But in a telephone interview with STV, Dhlakama said he was not ill and did not need to go to hospital. (O Pais 28 July)

Book launch: Maputo & Nampula

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento by Teresa Smart and Joseph Hanlon

(in Portuguese only)

Maputo: Wednesday 30 July, 17.30, Museu de Historia Natural,

Nampula: Thursday 14 August, 15.00, UniLurio

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