

Peace should not be 'prize for terror'

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THE Mozambican people wants "a peace that does not constitute a prize for terrorism," according to a congress resolution approved after an all-night session at the weekend.

The document, introduced by Francisco Madeira, President Joaquim Chissano's diplomatic adviser, reaffirmed delegates' support for Chissano's efforts in the quest for a "dignified peace" - one that does not result from the "imposition by force of the particular will of one group".

The document said the "terror and brutality" of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR/Renamo) rebels could only be understood "by its profoundly anti-national character, by its unmistakably foreign inspiration and management".

The rebels' lack of political credibility was based on their barbarous actions and also on the fact that their "only platform" had been "to make the country unviable as a nation, without defining any path for its construction".