

Mozambique: MNR denies dropping demands for multi-party elections (ME/0537 ii - Text) Mozambican rebels today clarified the terms of their plans to end a decade of civil war and denied they had dropped demands for multi-party elections. The Mozambican National Resistance, MNR, representative in Lisbon, Mr Manuel Frank, said the plan handed to church leaders representing the Frelimo government, called for a plural-party vote, contrary to some press reports. He said Renamo continues to demand its participation in general elections. Mr Manuel Frank said Renamo was awaiting an official response to its peace formula. The progress is being made but much [word indistinct] remains. He added that no dates or venues had yet been set for the next round of talks between the churchmen and rebels to prepare ground for direct dialogue between the warring sides. (*Malawi Broadcasting Corporation, Blantyre, in English 1800 gmt 18 Aug 89*)