

Mozambique determined to defeat bandits

THE PRESIDENT of the People's Republic of Mozambique, Mr. Joaquim Chissano, has said that the Frelimo Party and his government are determined to defeat Renamo bandits so that people live in peace in Mozambique.

Mr. Chissano said this on Tuesday afternoon at Kwacha International Conference Centre in Blantyre where he addressed Mozambique nationals resident in Malawi.

The President told them that Frelimo soldiers have already captured many areas which were taken by the Renamo bandits and that they would keep on hitting hard on them so that they are com-

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pletely defeated.

He said that for peace to prevail in Mozambique there must be unity and maximum co-operation among all Mozambicans so that they can contribute effectively towards national development.

The president therefore called on Mozambicans resident in Malawi and also those

living in neighbouring countries to return home and help in national reconstruction.

He said that those intending to return home are most welcome.

The president also called on them to identify themselves with their consulate in Malawi and to form an association through which they can channel their problems.

"A Mozambican can live anywhere he or she

feels happy, but must identify himself or herself as a Mozambican," Mr. Chissano added.

He pointed out that he was happy to see a number of young Mozambicans who, if they returned home, would contribute to the economic and social development of their country.

The president was entertained to a variety of traditional Mozambican dances performed by the nationals before addressing them.