

Soviet aid A total of 7,600 t of cement are being unloaded from a Soviet ship at Beira to be distributed to Sofala, Manica and Tete provinces. This is part of a Soviet donation to support programmes in the central region of Mozambique. The donation is the result of an agreement signed by President Joaquim Chissano and the USSR in August. The USSR is also to give Mozambique assorted goods valued at 13m dollars and construction materials worth about 6m dollars. (*Maputo home service in Portuguese 1030 gmt 18 Dec 87*)

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The USSR has given Mozambique a donation worth 45m roubles. This amount will be spent during 1988-90 through the supply by the USSR of assorted merchandise likely to encourage the production of national export goods. An accord to this effect was signed in Maputo on 23rd December between the Mozambican and Soviet governments. Documents were also exchanged formalising a trade credit worth 30m dollars to be spent during 1988-90. (*Maputo home service in Portuguese 1730 gmt 23 Dec 87*) ME/WCCC7/A2/4