

**Zimbabwe: visiting Mozambican leader on S African "destabilisation"** (ME/0142 ii) Speaking during a visit to Bulawayo to open the international trade fair there, President Joaquim Chissano said that South Africa's "destabilisation policy" was designed to prevent countries in the region from becoming economically independent, Maputo radio reported on 3rd May. Chissano added that the SADCC had made considerable progress, but said that the economies of the member states were being harmed by continuing aggression; he appealed to the international community to combine support for the SADCC with "efforts aimed at defending the independence of member countries". Chissano also praised Zimbabwe's role in the struggle against "terrorism waged by armed bandits" and thanked Zimbabwe for having sent its troops to defend the Beira Corridor. According to Harare radio on the 3rd, the Mozambican President praised the unity accord signed between ZANU-PF and PF-ZAPU, saying that it would play an important role in the development of Zimbabwe.

ME/0143, ii 5/5/83