

B. AFRICA**MOZAMBICAN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO
ZIMBABWE PARTY CONGRESS**

*(a) Radio Mozambique, Maputo, in Portuguese 1900 gmt
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Excerpt from report

Frelimo Party Chairman Joaquim Chissano said in Harare, the Zimbabwean capital, today that south Africa's apartheid system is increasingly insecure and vulnerable because of the growing struggle against it. Speaking at the congress formalising the union between Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF and Joshua Nkomo's PF-ZAPU party, President Joaquim Chissano said this had forced Pretoria to undertake the current reforms, which he noted as positive but far from satisfying the South African people's true hopes and concerns.

President Joaquim Chissano noted in his speech that it was clear that all aggression and destabilisation against southern African countries through terrorist forces was not because of the East-West conflict, as enemy propaganda would have one believe. Instead, this war of aggression was another of South Africa's strategies to perpetuate apartheid and maintain its hegemony in southern Africa.

President Joaquim Chissano said the unity congress represented an important event for the Zimbabwean people and all southern African peoples, adding that the Zimbabwean people's unity, symbolised by the ZANU-ZAPU merger, had its foundations in the struggle against the Ian Smith regime. The Mozambican head of state noted the Zimbabwean people's longstanding dream of unity had become a reality with this congress, adding that unity was a powerful weapon to strengthen national independence and sovereignty.

President Joaquim Chissano praised the fact that traditional ties between the Mozambican and Zimbabwean peoples had been forged even before the two countries became independent. He said Mozambican citizens had fought in Zimbabwe, and, today, Zimbabwean soldiers were fighting the armed bandits and helping protect important economic infrastructures, such as the Beira Corridor, which were vital for Zimbabwean imports and exports. . .

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Excerpts from dispatch datelined Harare, 21st December

Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano on Thursday [21st December] paid tribute to the Zimbabwean soldiers operating in his country, saying they had saved many lives, ZIANA, Zimbabwe's news agency reports. Addressing the inaugural ZANU-PF Congress in Harare, Mr Chissano said the Zimbabwe Army had saved many Mozambicans from the hands of MNR bandits. He said South Africa continued to destabilise the region and to maintain a mechanism through which the MNR bandits received weapons.

The MNR bandits had initially co-operated with Rhodesian forces to prevent the independence of Zimbabwe and make the independence of Mozambique unviable. They

were still frustrating Mozambique's national reconstruction efforts, he said. He welcomed the efforts of the Zimbabwe government in helping seek a peaceful solution to the Mozambican conflict. . .

He welcomed the unity between ZANU-PF and PF-ZAPU as an inspiration for regional unity. "When there are many parties, people spend time fighting for power and they have little time to think about development," he said. . .

Earlier, introducing Mr Chissano to congress, President Mugabe said the two countries would carry their revolutions and co-operation into the future. He said Zimbabwe would continue to support Mozambique in fighting the MNR bandits as the war in that country threatened all in the region. "If Mozambique falls to the enemy, then who will be next? We pledge our support" he said.

[Note: SAPA (in English 0715 gmt 22 Dec 89) noted Chissano's departure from Harare on 22nd December.]