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SALISBURY — Zimbabwe and Mozambique have signed a defence agreement after what appears to have been a call from the Frelimo government for help in containing the rebel Mozambique Resistance Movement.

The agreement came after three days of talks between the Minister of State in the Zimbabwe Prime Minister's Office, Mr Emmerson Munangagwa, who is responsible for Security and Defence, and Mozambique's Minister of Security, Major-General Jacinto Veloso, in Salisbury.

In a joint statement is-

sued by Mr Munangagwa on the instructions of President Samora Machel and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe at the weekend, the two Governments said South Africa represented the greatest danger to their security.

"South Africa is the major source of the planning and supports of the threats, attacks and subversion," Mr Munangagwa said.

"Any attack on Mozambique will be considered an attack on her sister republic, Zimbabwe."

The Mozambique rebel group appears to have stepped up its anti-government activities in recent months.