

New peace pact raises hope for Maputo

14890624

THE success of the ceasefire and peace agreement between Angola and Unita may serve as a model for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Mozambique although the situations differed, President Mugabe said yesterday.

The Angolan government and Unita will from today observe a ceasefire that would be part of an agreement to integrate Unita into the ruling MPLA, the government and the society.

President Mugabe was one of the 18 African heads of State and governments who attended the Gbadolite meeting.

"One would hope that the model that will be set up in Angola or that is being set up there will offer some hope, and perhaps more than hope, certain lines that might be followed in the future in Mozambique.

"Of course, situations differ and one doesn't want to say what is a model for Angola is an exact model for

President's Press Conference by Willie Zweni and David Masunda

Mozambique. But the principles really deserve the attention of the Mozambican people," said President Mugabe.

He was optimistic that "something" could be done on the Mozambican situation. "One would therefore hope that the efforts that have been exerted in respect of the Angolan situation could similarly be exerted in respect of Mozambique. I am sure something is going to unfold after this move in Angola has succeeded," he said.

President Mugabe returned home early yesterday morning from Zaire where he attended a one-day summit on Angola.

He was met at Harare International Airport by an official from the Angolan embassy and officials from his office.

Cde Mugabe's delegation included the First Lady, Amai Sally Mugabe, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cde Nathan Shamuyarira.
