



PRESIDENT MOI

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PRESIDENT MUGABE

HARARE — President Mugabe arrived home yesterday from Nairobi where he signed a secret agreement with Kenyan leader, Daniel arap Moi, on steps the two would take to maintain the momentum of a programme to resolve the war in Mozambique.

Cde Mugabe and President Moi, co-mediators in a peace initiative launched by

the Maputo Government five months ago to end its 14-year-old war with South African-sponsored MNR bandits, signed the agreement in Nairobi at the end of four hours of consultative talks to review the peace programme.

"The two Presidents reviewed progress made so far in their search for lasting peace in Mozambique and decided on the steps to be taken to maintain the momentum of the peace process," said a Press statement signed by Kenyan Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Mr Robert Ouko.

The two-paragraph statement did not give a hint of

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what the steps were. Both Zimbabwean and Kenyan officials were reluctant to talk about them.

Without giving any details away, a senior Zimbabwe Government official

said there is definite progress in the mediation efforts.

"Considerable progress is being made but I cannot tell you more than that at this stage," said the Minis-

try of Foreign Affairs permanent secretary, Cde Elzek Mashingaidze.

Cde Mugabe and President Moi's highly secretive talks, and the general news black out on their peace initiative were being interpreted by some diplomats as an indication that progress was being made, and also a sign that the leaders did not want to upset the peace process by negotiating in public.

Reliable sources said MNR leader, Afonso Dhlakama had been in Nairobi since last week but it is not known whether he met President Moi before the Kenyan leader's meeting yesterday with President Mugabe.

The Mozambican Transport

Minister, Cde Armando Guebuza, accompanied by three senior government officials was also in Nairobi and came to Harare with Cde Mugabe's delegation yesterday.

Cde Mugabe who was accompanied by the State Security Minister and Acting Defence Minister, Cde Sydney Sekeramayi, and several senior Government officials was met at Harare International Airport by the Vice-President, Cde Simon Muzenda. Cabinet ministers, diplomats and other dignitaries

The President went to Kenya on Thursday. — Ziana.