

Chissano hails US efforts

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MOZAMBICAN President Joaquim Chissano on Tuesday described as "positive" the role played by the United States in the search for peace in Mozambique.

He was speaking after discussions with his American counterpart, President George Bush, at a working lunch between the two delegations.

He praised "the stand the United States has taken on the war in Mozambique, and the positive role it has been playing in the peace process".

"I have asked President Bush that the United States should spare no effort until peace, stability and economic prosperity are achieved in Southern Africa," the Mozambican leader told journalists.

He said in recent years "we have taken important initiatives seeking to create a climate for greater democratisation and a liberalisation of the economy in Mozambique".

The new draft Mozambican constitution, made public in January, and now the subject of nationwide discussion, envisaged, said Cde Chissano, the direct election of both president and parliament by universal suffrage, guaranteeing the individual rights of citizens, and laid down the constitutional bases for the protection of private property. — Ziana-ALM.