

Zimbabwe backs Maputo peace

Herald Reporter H. ZIMBABWE is committed to see the peace process in Mozambique succeed but, however, is worried about the delay by the United Nations to send its troops to a country that has suffered 17 years of banditry, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Nathan Shamuyarira, said yesterday.

"We very much look forward to consolidating the United Nations operations in Mozambique and eventually see the elections at the end of the year or early next year bring peace to this coun-

try. I must say Zimbabwe is worried about the delay in sending UN troops to Mozambique," said Cde Shamuyarira when he welcomed the Mozambican Foreign Minister, Dr Pascoal Mocumbi, and a delegation which included two governors from Tete and Manica provinces, in Harare.

He assured the Mozambican delegation that Zimbabwe supported the Frelimo government and that the country would do everything in its capacity to consolidate the peace accord signed in Rome

last year by the two warring parties. 23/2/93

Cde Shamuyarira said his meeting with Dr Mocumbi will focus on the progress Mozambique is making towards the peace process.

Dr Mocumbi said his government rated the meeting as very useful and greatly appreciated Zimbabwe's role in the search for peace in Mozambique.

"We look forward to seeing the future role of Zimbabwe in the consolidation of peace."

Dr Mocumbi said it was because of the confidence his country had in Zimbabwe that it was invited to participate in the monitoring of the Rome ceasefire agreement.

He said the MNR had expressed no objections to Zimbabwe's involvement in the monitoring of the ceasefire despite the close relations with Frelimo.