

Mandela declines UK visit for Maputo talks

5/17/95 LONDON. — President Nelson Mandela has declined the invitation by the British government to make an official visit next month because he will be in Mozambique meeting its head of state at the time.

The decision is seen as reflecting the foreign policy priority Mr Mandela has placed on Southern Africa.

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki will visit Britain in Mr Mandela's place. He will also represent South Africa at the Westminster Abbey function on July 20 to mark SA's return to the Commonwealth.