

Chissano welcomed in London

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THE Mozambican President, Cde Joaquim Chissano, arrived in London on Wednesday on his first official visit outside Africa since becoming head of state last year.

According to a statement issued by the British High Commission in Harare yesterday, Cde Chissano was met by Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister of State Mrs Lynda Chalker and then proceeded to Number 10 Downing Street for talks with the British Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher.

After the talks, Britain announced that it was giving aid to Mozambique worth \$39.9 million. Mrs Thatcher expressed concern at the famine in Mozambique and reaffirmed her country's readiness to assist.

Cde Chissano also had dinner with Mrs Thatcher, whose guests included Princess Anne.

Yesterday, leaders of the opposition parties were expected to call on the Mozambican president, after which he was to attend a lunch hosted in his honour by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

In the afternoon, President Chissano also met the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, before addressing the Royal Institute of International Affairs.