

**British Minister on aid to Mozambique (ME/8489/B/3 - text)** Mozambique's Minister of Co-operation, Jacinto Veloso, has expressed hope that the British government would support the economic recovery programme currently under way in the country. Mr Veloso was speaking in Maputo yesterday at a dinner offered to Britain's Minister for Overseas Development, Christopher Patten. Mr Veloso said that the Mozambican government has taken important development measures for the recovery of the national economy. He added that the programme will demand great efforts, but it is necessary and the Mozambican government is prepared to carry it out successfully.

The British Minister, Mr Patten, will have talks on aid and related matters with Mozambican ministers. He told Mr Veloso that Britain would participate in the rehabilitation of the Mozambican economy through the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, IMF. Today Mr Patten is scheduled to visit industrial installations linked to the transport sectors, including the port of Maputo. Britain has pledged finance for the rehabilitation of the Limpopo railway that links Zimbabwe to Maputo, and a British firm is involved in managing the Maputo container terminal. (Maputo in English for Southern Africa 1100 gmt 10 Feb 87)