

Zanu (PF), Frelimo sign co-operation agreement

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ZANU (PF) and Frelimo yesterday signed a co-operation agreement in Maputo, cementing further the historic relations that date back to the armed struggle of the two sister countries.

The secretary for national security, Cde Emmerson Munangagwa signed on behalf of Zanu (PF) while Cde Jorge Robelo, Frelimo secretary for ideology represent-

ed the Mozambican ruling party.

In an interview in Harare after his return yesterday, Cde Munangagwa said the signing of the agreement came at an historic time when the Mozambican people were united and Zimbabwe had concluded a unity accord on December 22 last year.

"People did not know that no co-operation agreement existed between our party

and Frelimo, although we have been longstanding allies, dating back to the struggles of our two countries.

"Under the agreement, a lot of exchange programmes will be forged between our two parties and also between our youth and women's wings," he added.

A commission made up of members of the two ruling parties would be set up to devise ways of improving bilateral

relations.

It was envisaged that familiarisation visits would be organised for members of parties while the youth and women's wings would enhance co-operation through exchange programmes and information on co-operatives and clubs.

Cde Munangagwa who is Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs said while in Mozambique, he held wide-

ranging talks with President Joachim Chissano including security and economic matters.

He praised the Mozambican government for improving its economy and smashing the MNR menace.

He said vegetable markets were laden with produce and most shops were now full with goods.