

## State of Relations Discussed

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[Text] In Maputo yesterday, President Joaquim Chissano said President Robert Mugabe's visit to Mozambique is time to strengthen bilateral relations of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation. The Mozambican head of state spoke at an official banquet he hosted for his Zimbabwean counterpart last night.

The Mozambican head of state said the exchange of party and state delegations, and the migration of residents of the two countries, are unequivocal proof of the special relations between the two countries. Joaquim Chissano congratulated Robert Mugabe for his valuable contribution to humanity, which the international community acknowledged by granting him the prize, Africa, (?perseverance) in the struggle against famine.

Speaking about the prevailing situation in southern Africa, Chissano stressed that the quadripartite talks are an opportunity for the peoples in the region to create conditions necessary for peace and social equality. Joaquim Chissano urged all sides to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to realize the hope of all the world. Chissano said the occasion demands courage and determination, adding that the South African Government should turn its attention to its own country and seek ways to end apartheid from the legitimate representatives of the people of South Africa.

In turn, President Robert Mugabe stressed the existing excellent links between the two countries, underlining that relationship has been sealed with blood, culture, geography, and common cause. Mugabe said ours is a common future. Mugabe said that, as in the past, Mozambique's survival continues to be vital to the independence of Zimbabwe. He saluted the victories achieved by the Mozambican Army, and the diplomatic offensive mounted by President Chissano. According to Mugabe, this offensive has shown the true scope of banditry in Mozambique.

On the quadripartite talks, Mugabe said that he expected South Africa to seriously face the need of withdrawing its troops from Angola, and implementing UN Resolution 435 on the independence of Namibia.

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