

## **Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Praises Relations**

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[Text] In a statement to Radio Mozambique last Saturday, Zimbabwean Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Nathan Shamuyarira said that Mozambican-Zimbabwean relations had grown over the last 8 years, notably in the areas of defense, economy, and education. Minister Nathan Shamuyarira was speaking at the end of the meeting with his Mozambican counterpart, Dr Pascoal Mocumbi.

[Begin Shamuyarira recording in English fading into Portuguese translation] Relations with Mozambique have been excellent over the last 8 years, but there are two important things that have happened within the context of bilateral relations. One of them is Zimbabwe's (?total) commitment to Mozambique's defense, as a result of the armed bandit destabilization that Mozambique has to face. We regard this as a concrete and positive issue in our relations.

The second important thing is the economic relationship between our two countries. Another important thing is our social relationship through educational and cultural activities. As you know, there are a number of Mozambicans studying in Zimbabwe and a number of Zimbabweans studying in Mozambique. We believe that this economic relationship will be a vital factor for the future. Relations between our leaders have been very good. Presidents Mugabe and Chissano have met regularly, which allows us to speak with one voice at international meetings. [end recording]

We asked Minister Nathan Shamuyarira about the aims of his meeting with Mozambican Foreign Minister Pascoal Mocumbi in Chimoio. He gave us the following answer:

[Begin Shamuyarira recording in English, fading into Portuguese translation] I have been invited by Mozambican Foreign Minister Comrade Mocumbi to hold regular meetings with him. I agreed that foreign ministers of friendly countries should meet regularly to exchange information and ideas. Our next meeting will be held in Zimbabwe. [end recording]