

Maputo delegation to brief President on political situation

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A HIGH-POWERED Mozambican government delegation is in Zimbabwe to brief President Mugabe on the present political situation in that country.

The four-man delegation, which is being headed by the Mozambican Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, Cde Armando Guebuza, who is that country's government chief negotiator in the Mozambican peace process, arrived in Harare over the weekend.

Other members of the delegation are Cde Teodato Hunguana, who is the labour minister, and two other senior government officials, Cdes Francisco Madeira who was Mozambican ambassador to Zimbabwe and now a

Presidential adviser and Salvador M'tumuke.

The Mozambican Embassy's second secretary in Harare, Cde Filimone Tsambe, yesterday said the delegation would also brief the Mozambican community resident in Zimbabwe on the peace process in Mozambique.

Cde Tsambe said the delegation will today meet some academics at the University of Zimbabwe and members of the diplomatic corps before holding a Press briefing at the ambassador's residence in Harare on Saturday.

Cde Mugabe played a significant role in the establishment of a ceasefire agreement in Mozambique as he managed to bring the Mozambican President, Cde Joaquim

Chissano, and Renamo leader, Afonso Dhlakama, to a round table that culminated in the signing of the peace agreement in Rome on October 4.

Cde Mugabe first met Mr Dhlakama in Malawi to discuss the peace process, and this eventually resulted in the signing of the peace agreement between the Mozambican government and Renamo.

Although some differences had arose between Renamo and the Mozambican government over the last few months, the United Nations Secretary-General, Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, visited that country in October and gave a new momentum to the implementation of the peace agreement.