

Meets Businessmen, Urges Trade

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[Excerpt] At the Chamber of Commerce headquarters today, President Robert Mugabe met with Mozambican businessmen who have trade links with Zimbabwe. At the meeting, Mugabe said that trade between the two countries should be encouraged as much as possible and observed with satisfaction that it was in Mozambique where he had been invited for the first time to meet businessmen.

We count on you traders to establish markets and examine areas in which Zimbabwe or Mozambique have product shortages which you as traders can supply, President Mugabe said. For example, the Zimbabwean head of state recalled that during the colonial period there was trade in fishing products.

Accordingly, he added that he would like to see the establishment of new and increased credit lines. He also said that his finance minister is bothered because there is a credit line that is not being used. He hoped that it would be a temporary problem. Mugabe appealed for a greater utilization of credit lines to facilitate trade as well as to instill greater dynamism in the search for markets in other countries.

In turn, Americo Magaia, our country's Chamber of Commerce chairman, reaffirmed the determination and commitment of Mozambican businessmen to implement the commercial agreement signed by the two countries.
[passage omitted]

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