

Mugabe reaffirms solidarity with Mozambique in letter to Chissano (Text) The First Secretary and President of the ruling party, Zanu-PF, Comrade Robert Mugabe, has congratulated the newly elected Mozambican leader, Comrade Joaquim Chissano. In his message today, Comrade Mugabe said that by electing Comrade Chissano, the Political Bureau and Central Committee of Frelimo had demonstrated [word indistinct] the confidence in [words indistinct] and also the political purity and unity of the Mozambican leadership at a time of great loss and potential crisis due to the death of Comrade Samora Machel.

Comrade Mugabe said the people of Zimbabwe are confident that Frelimo, the government, and people of Mozambique will persevere in the struggle to advance the revolution and defend national independence and sovereignty. On behalf of the (?people's committee) of the ZANU-PF and the party as a whole, the government and the people of Zimbabwe, Comrade Mugabe reaffirmed Zimbabwe's total solidarity with Mozambique. He also assured Comrade Chissano of Zimbabwe's total commitment to the common struggle against imperialism [words indistinct] and South Africa's acts of aggression and destabilisation. (Harare home service in English 1745 gmt 4 Nov 86)