

Brazilian President jets in for three-day visit ^{H.}

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THE Brazilian President, Mr Fernando Collor de Mello, jetted into Harare last night at 8.30 for a three-day official visit to Zimbabwe.

Mr Collor de Mello, who arrived aboard a Brazilian Airforce Boeing 707 with his wife Rossanna, was welcomed by President Mugabe, who gave him a red carpet reception on his first visit to the country.

Soon after being welcomed, Mr Collor de Mello was introduced to Vice-Presidents Nkomo and Muzenda, the Senior Minister of Local Government, Rural and Urban Development, Cde Joseph Msika, ministers, their deputies, senior Government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

The two presidents were then garlanded by Tinevimbo Muzezewa and Spiwe Mabeza, who are school-children from David Livingstone and Eastridge primary schools in Harare respectively.

Cde Mugabe and President Collor de Mello were then briefly entertained by the various traditional groups that had turned up to wel-

come the Brazilian leader before proceeding to a city hotel.

The Brazilian President is expected to hold official talks with President Mugabe today. The talks are expected to cover bilateral, regional and international issues.

Later in the day, President Collor de Mello will tour Henderson Research Station in Mazowe, outside Harare, after which he will attend a State banquet hosted in his honour by President Mugabe.

Mr Collor de Mello ended a two-day visit to Angola yesterday after touring a giant hydro-electric project partially financed by his country.

President Eduardo dos Santos said that Angola's reconstruction after a 16-year conflict would provide opportunities for Brazilian investment, and praised Brazil's contributions to the oil and energy sectors.

"We hope Brazil will gather its efforts to co-operate in the economic, technical and scientific fields to face the great challenge of the future," Cde dos Santos told a Monday night banquet for Mr Collor de

Mello.

Brazil is Angola's largest partner in terms of financial aid and co-operation, having provided some US\$500 million for the Capanda hydro-electric project aimed at doubling Angola's generating capacity when all four turbines are operational early next century.

Angola has agreed to supply Brazil with crude oil to pay off an estimated US\$900 million debt and open new lines of credit.

Brazilian businessmen accompanying Mr Collor de Mello said one particular proposal was likely to succeed — a joint venture to build a US\$60 million cable and wire factory with advanced technology that would employ about 1 000 people.

Civil construction work on the Capanda project, in northern Angola, is due to end in late 1992 with the first two turbines in operation by the end of 1993 to provide 260 megawatts of power.

About 15 Brazilian firms are operating in Angola with the prospect of more to come, largely in joint-venture projects. — Herald Reporter-Ziana.