

MOZAMBIQUE: EEC aid ION 25-3-89

During his recent working trip to the EEC, President **Joaquim Chissano** received confirmation from the EEC President, **Jacques Delors** that the European Community would provide substantial support in the next United Nations emergency plan for Mozambique in the 1989-90 period. This aid is over and above the EEC's commitment to supply Mozambique with 80,000 tonnes of cereal and foodstuffs worth 28 million ECU. The sale of these products will finance priority operations in health and education sectors.

Mr. Chissano has, it seems, managed to obtain a principle agreement for the continuation of aid for civil defence programmes financed by the EEC in the form of logistic means. The President made it clear that he had not come to seek arms, but aid to ensure development projects are carried through. He cited several examples, among which, the clearing of bush-land as part of a project to facilitate surveillance measures and also to render access by helicopter easier for experts working on the Corumana dam site.

Outside of talks at the EEC, Mr. Chissano was the guest of Belgian Prime Minister, **Wilfrid Martens** who suggested that there may be a possibility for forthcoming aid from Belgium towards improving maritime transport and railways. The offer is most likely connected in some way with the report carried out by the Mozambican head of Anvers port, and **Rui Fonseca**, director of the Beira Corridor Authority. Discussions were held with *Compagnie Maritime Belge*, which is already associated with *AMI-Mozambique* in the management of 90,000 m² of storage warehouses in the port of Beira. The possibility of Belgium financing training programmes in port management for Mozambicans was also a topic of discussion.