

ADDRESS BY THE SENIOR SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CDE. W. A. CHIWEWE, ON “ZIMBABWE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT” AT THE DIPLOMATIC COURSE ORGANIZED BY THE ZIMBABWE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE: 4TH JULY 2002.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I begin by thanking the Directing Staff of the Zimbabwe Foreign Service Institute for inviting me to address this first Diplomatic Course run under their directorship. I am particularly grateful because the invitation has included me in the list of lecturers and resource persons who have quick-started the institute giving it a powerful send-off into the future.

May I urge the Directing Staff to compile the various contributions and presentations into a volume entitled: **The Zimbabwe Foreign Service Institute: Inaugural Lectures and Presentations**, or some such title that would cover this Inaugural Lecture Series.

I have been requested to address you on the topic: **Zimbabwe in the International Context**. I have decided to treat the subject along the following headings:

1. Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom;
2. Zimbabwe and the European Union;
3. Zimbabwe and the United States;
4. Zimbabwe and the SADC;
5. Zimbabwe and the OAU/AU;
6. Zimbabwe and the Commonwealth;
7. Zimbabwe and Asia/Latin America/the Caribbean;
8. Zimbabwe and the ACP/NAM/G77;
9. Zimbabwe and the UN.

I have seen this as the most straightforward approach by which it may be very easy to show Zimbabwe's role and status in the international community. Zimbabwe's status in the international community has risen or fallen in relation to the political and economic assumptions and perceptions which these axial forces hold with respect to Zimbabwe's domestic policies and the actions she has taken to fulfill these. It is therefore appropriate that we briefly state the political and economic assumptions that these various entities hold both about themselves and about Zimbabwe.

1. Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom

