

**13. SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH INHAMBANE/MAXIXE,
MOZAMBIQUE**

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The Director of Policy submitted a report updating the Committee on progress in developing the friendship relationship with Inhambane/Maxixe.

Following a meeting with the New Zealand High Commissioner to Pretoria (who is also accredited to Mozambique), it was agreed to co-operate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to sponsor a female English teacher from Inhambane/Maxixe to come to Christchurch for a year to study English as a second language.

The Committee endorsed this proposal and also a suggestion by Councillor Harrow that staff explore the feasibility of setting up a similar humanitarian link with East Timor.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the Committee note the progress on the project and that staff identify appropriate fundraising and support parties in the community.
2. That future reports on the development of the relationship between Christchurch City and Inhambane/Maxixe be referred to the Community Services Committee.
3. That the staff report to the Council via the Strategy and Resources Committee on the feasibility of setting up a humanitarian relationship with a town or city in East Timor.