Section of Cairo-Cape Town Highway opened Kenya's first modern highway, an eight-lane road linking Nairobi with the town of Thika, forms part of the 12,000km route from the Cape to Cairo, first envisaged by British imperialist Cecil Rhodes in the 19th century Cairo I Nairobi-Thika EGYPT Highway 1,000km Length: 40km Cost: \$360m 620 miles Khartoum Thika KENYA SUDAN AFRICA Addis Nairobi Ababa **ETHIOPIA** Nairobi **CAIRO-CAPE TOWN HIGHWAY** KENYA Paved Unpaved **Dodoma** One of nine trans-TANZANIA African highways planned by post-ZAMBIA colonial African Lusaka nations in 1970s Programme of improvements **BOTSWANA** carried out in past Gaborone decade to improve - 🗐 Harare inter-African trade ZIMBABWE Southern half mainly Pretoria complete but other SOUTH AFRICA sections remain Cape in poor state Sources: Financial Times. Town African Development Bank © GRAPHIC NEWS