

Varsity act 'to be reformed'

By NATION Reporter

THE Minister for Higher Education, Mr. Joseph Kamotho, said yesterday he would have the University Act reformed to bring the University of Nairobi directly under his Ministry.

In an exclusive interview with the NATION, Mr. Kamotho said: "I would like to see that act reformed so that this Ministry can have direct supervisory powers over the university. This is urgent and I must have it done as a matter of priority," he said.

He said there was no proper co-ordination between the Government; as the financier of the university, and the institution itself.

"I want to see greater co-ordination between the university and my Ministry. I am looking

forward to the establishment of greater liaison between the university, other institutions of higher learning and the Ministry," he said.

The existing legislation on the university is contained in the University Act, Chapter 210 of the Laws of Kenya. The act became operative on October 23, 1970.

The act outlines the establishment and functions of the university, the membership and the administration of the University Council the university's financial provisions and its statutes.

The act empowers the university to go into independent financial transactions as a body corporate, but has since been relying heavily on Government financial support.