

Close co-operation between SA and its Marxist neighbour, Mozambique, was firmly sealed yesterday with the signing of an agreement for the supply of power from the massive Cabora Bassa hydro-electric scheme on the Zambezi river. The Cabora Bassa agreement is the first major deal between the two countries since the signing of the March 16 Nkomati Accord on good neighbourliness and non-aggression.

The latest agreement will include the deployment of SA helicopters and troops to protect 800 miles of transmission lines through Mozambique from attack by guerrillas who were being supported by Pretoria no more than two months ago. The deal was signed at a ceremony at Cape Town's Castle yesterday by Rieck 'Pik' Botha, the SA Foreign Minister, Dr Jaime Gama, his Portuguese counterpart and Mr Mario Machungo, Mozambique's Minister of Planning ... Joint SA and Mozambique patrols of the lines would be assisted by SA helicopters ...

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