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DETA, the national airline of Mozambique, is considering the purchase of a Boeing 707 to introduce a completely new service linking the Portuguese East African territory with Karachi, Pakistan.

Meanwhile, DETA's new Boeing 737, the "Macau", has arrived in Mozambique bringing its fleet to four 737s and three Fokker F-27 Friendships.

I understand that DETA is investigating the possibility of opening the new route to Pakistan in the near future and will fly via the Seychelles.

If these plans reach fruition, the service should prove exceptionally popular with Asiatics living in Southern Africa. At present, the only suitable route is via Mauritius to connect with Air India services.

The only international routes operated by DETA at present are to neighbouring territories.