

B. AFRICA**South African Government Announces Halt to Recruitment of Mozambican Workers**

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Herewith joint news release issued through the Bureau for Information by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha; the Minister of Manpower, Mr P.T.C. Du P.T.C. Du Plessis; the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Mr D.W. Steyn; and the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, on the recruitment and employment of workers from Mozambique:

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Manpower, the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and the Minister of Home Affairs hereby announce that a note has today been sent to the government of Mozambique intimating that the South African government has decided that no further recruitment of workers from Mozambique will be allowed as from today as a result of the activities of the ANC and the SACP [South African Communist Party] who are responsible for the continuing deteriorating security situation on the common border with the RSA, and who according to information in possession of the RSA government, as confirmed by recent incidents, is still operating from Mozambique.

Employers are thus requested to cease with immediate effect to recruit and employ any further Mozambican workers and to actively endeavour to employ South African workers. Workers whose work permits are still valid, will be allowed to complete their period of service, after which they will have to return to Mozambique and will not be allowed to re-enter South Africa. Organised mining and agriculture have already been informed of the decision.