

Mozambique backing ANC activities

Machel equates 'SA regime' with Zionism

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monitoring of the activities overseas of Mozambique spokesmen has revealed just how far the Mozambique government is extending its backing to the African National Congress.

Despite protestations from the Samora Machel government of "blackmail" by South Africa in ending labour recruitment from Mozambique, it is learnt that the ANC presence in Mozambique now is probably stronger

than it has been for years.

Analysis of various speeches and statements reveal clearly and without any doubt that the Frelimo government of President Machel is backing the ANC, Umkonto we Sizwe and the South African Communist Party to the hilt.

As recently as September 25, the Mozambique Foreign Minister, Mr Joaquim Alberto Chissano received massive backing from the Frontline states when he attacked South Africa in the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation.

The text of his speech — barely reported in the world Press — shows solidarity between the anti-South African terrorist movements and Mozambique.

In his speech he also

equated the South African Government and its "apartheid" pressure with the Zionism of Israel.

"Like Zionism, the apartheid regime seeks to impose its power on the region through aggression and occupation."

He charged South Africa with illegal occupation of South West Africa and part of Angola and said that the Republic "attacks neighbouring countries, including those whose economy and military hold no threat to the security of the South African regime".

He continued: "The tactic of armed bandits used by Hitler to destabilise and destroy targetted countries is today followed by Pretoria in Southern Africa.

"Armed bandits invaded Mozambique, Angola and Zimbabwe," he claimed.

More specifically, in relation to the ANC, he said that it was the main force for the abolition of apartheid in the "liberation struggle".

He said: "It has been able to sustain a burning torch of the liberation struggle for the realis-

ation of the Freedom Charter.

"The ANC's code has become one that is embraced by all nationalist organisations, be they political, trade union or religious."

He said the ANC was fighting to end a regime which "through its murderous machine in the last two years has imprisoned, tortured, banned and assassinated thousands of men women, young and old".