

'Great issues at stake for SA'

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THERE may be further talks between South Africa and Mozambique following yesterday's meeting in Swaziland.

South African foreign affairs sources attach great importance to the latest efforts to bring about better relations between the two countries.

One spokesman said today that "great and extremely important matters" were at stake which in the end could make the difference between war or peace in Southern Africa.

The potential for yesterday's meeting was created during the recent European trip by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha. Portugal and the United States seem to have played key roles.

INDICATIONS

There have been indications recently that President Samora Machel wants to move away from Russia and nearer to the West.

Yesterday's talks took place between Mozambican ministers, Mr Botha, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

The Mozambican team included the Economics Minister, Mr Jacinto Veloso.

Mr Botha said today that the possibility of further meetings could not be excluded.

The discussions had covered a wide field, including security.