

## **Mozambican Adherence to Nkomati: Praise for US Statement**

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South African State President P.W. Botha has sent a message to the new Mozambican President, Joaquim Chissano, in which he has declared that the South African government desires to uphold the Nkomati non-aggression accord signed between the two countries in March 1984, the Mozambican daily 'Noticias' reported today. [Words indistinct] declared that the principles and norms underlying the Nkomati accord

"remain valid". Chissano also demanded that South Africa abandon its support for the MNR bandits and respect the norms of good-neighbourliness and non-aggression to which it is obliged under the accord.

"Mozambique will continue to implement scrupulously, as it has done up to now, in both letter and spirit, the dispositions contained in the Nkomati accord", the new Mozambican leader said.

'Noticias' comments on Botha's message that "more important than words is the need for the South African government to make the Nkomati accord effective by putting an end to destabilization and to the actions of warmongering military circles in Pretoria against Mozambique".

The paper also cited an official Mozambican source in praise of the declarations made earlier in the week in Nairobi by the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Chester Crocker. Crocker accused the South African government of Violating the Nkomati accord. He said that the US government believes that Pretoria is continuing to supply weapons and finance for the MNR bandits. This is the first time that a ranking US official has categorically accused South Africa in public of breaching the Nkomati accord. "The Mozambican government greatly appreciates the declarations made by Dr Chester Crocker", the official source told the paper.