

# Chissano urges SA to respect Nkomati Accord

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**MOZAMBICAN** President Joaquim Chissano yesterday called on South Africa to respect the Nkomati non-aggression accord signed between the two countries in March 1984.

Addressing the first session of the newly elected People's Assembly in Maputo Cde Chissano said: "We are once again calling on South Africa to respect the norms of good neighbourliness and end its support for the bandit gangs.

"The Nkomati Accord is a just agreement: in itself there is nothing wrong with it. But it has been perverted by the South African regime," he said.

And the recent security agreement signed between Mozambique and Malawi should "end the manoeuvres designed to make that country a launching pad for the destabilisation of Mozambique", said Cde Chissano.

He paid homage to the work of his predecessor, Cde Samora Machel, on whose initiative the joint security commission between Mozambique and Malawi

had been established.

Cde Chissano also praised the solidarity of the other Frontline States with Mozambique.

The apartheid regime wants "not only to hinder our development, but to install a submissive regime in Mozambique and to create more bantustans in the region", he said.

The elimination of the MNR "is the principal task imposed upon us", he asserted.

Meanwhile, three international aviation experts arrive in South Africa this week to conduct an inquiry into the crash in which Cde Machel died last year.

The Business Day newspaper reported in Johannesburg that the inquiry will also investigate a possible infringement of the sub-justice rule after a story was published in the Afrikaans newspaper Beeld alleging that President Machel's plane's instruments had been tampered with before experts could examine them.

In Cairo on Sunday, the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation expressed its support for the struggle waged by the people of South Africa under the leadership of the ANC. — Ziana-AIM-Pana-Ano-Reuter-Oana-Tass.