

Mozambique and SA meet on security

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MOZAMBICAN and South African delegations met in Maputo yesterday to discuss reestablishing a joint security commission between the two states.

An earlier security commission, established under the 1984 Nkomati non-aggression accord between Mozambique and South Africa, broke down in 1985.

It was suspended when Mozambican and Zimbabwean forces captured diaries and notebooks which proved continuing South African logistic support for Mozambique National Resistance rebels in breach of the Nkomati accord.

Since August 1987, a "joint liaison committee" has functioned instead.

Moves to reestablish the joint security commission have been underway since an exchange of messages between President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique and President P. W. Botha of South Africa in April.

The South African media have speculated about an "Nkomati Two," but Mozambican officials insist that Pretoria must comply with the stipulations of the first agreement before a second can be considered.