

Official Challenges RSA To Observe Nkomati Accord

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[Text] Harare, 18 June (ZIANA/PANA) — Mozambican Ambassador to Zimbabwe Francisco Madeira today lashed out at racist South Africa for not observing the Nkomati Accord signed between Maputo and Pretoria four years ago.

South Africa is talking about reviving the Nkomati agreement and what we are saying is that we do not need to, Madeira told ZIANA in Harare on Friday. Mozambique has never violated the accord at all; it is South Africa that has done so, and what we are doing now is telling South Africa to respect and observe the accord.

The ambassador clarified his country's present position in respect to talking to South Africa, saying: There are some who misunderstand Mozambique for being prepared to talk to South Africa. We have recognised that at some point some one has to talk to South Africa in settling regional disputes. However we can only talk to Pretoria on condition that it is prepared to eliminate apartheid and stop supporting the Renamo bandits.