

MOZAMBIQUE/SOUTH AFRICA: Security commission revived

As was expected, Mozambique and South Africa decided to reconvene "at the earliest possible date" their joint security commission which had been frozen by Maputo since 1985. The decision was announced after a meeting in the Mozambican capital on May 25 of the liaison committee of the two countries. President **Joaquim Chissano**, who was on a tour of Asia, was not present.

The two sides discussed "the fundamental question of implementation of the Nkomati accord" of non-aggression signed in 1984 and "security problems and aspects of internal stability in the two countries". The South African delegation was led by the permanent head of the foreign ministry, **Niel Van Heerden**.

***I.O.N.-** In a message to South African president **Pieter Botha**, delivered at the beginning of this month by Mozambican co-operation minister **Jacinto Veloso**, President Chissano expressed the wish to see the joint security commission revived, along with the whole of the Nkomati pact. The resumption of contacts between Maputo and Pretoria is thus proceeding as desired, and the next stage should be a summit meeting within weeks.*