

Mozambique, SA summit on the cards

A SUMMIT meeting between President P W Botha and President Joachim Chissano of Mozambique is on the cards following successful top-level secret talks between the two governments in Cape Town on Tuesday.

In the meantime, both sides have agreed to seeking ways to revitalise the Nkomati Accord and generally improving relations.

Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha confirmed on Tuesday night that President Botha had received a special envoy from President Chissano — General Jacinto Velosi, who conveyed a message of goodwill to the South African Government.

The message assured the Government of Mozambique's firm intention of contributing positively towards resolving conflict in the region, but added that Mozambique was convinced that the Mozambique Resistance Movement (Renamo) continued to receive support and advice emanating from South African territory.

Mr Pik Botha said in a statement the South African Government was convinced that terrorists were operating from Mozambican territory against South Africa.

"Nevertheless, President Chissano assured President Botha that Mozambique stands firm in its decision not to permit the use of Mozambican territory for the launching of any violent action against South Africa," Mr Botha said.

President Chissano's

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message included a proposition that each government should instruct its delegations to the Joint Liaison Committee (JLC) to meet as soon as possible to address again all the questions relating to the security and economic fields which fell within its competence, and to arrange to reconvene the Joint Security Commission (JSC) established in terms of the Nkomati Accord.

President Chissano also said that the current process with regard to reactivating the Cahora Bassa project and other negotiations relating to the use of the Maputo port and railway have made a positive contribution to a climate for a healthy relationship between the two countries.

President Botha welcomed President Chissano's message of goodwill and agreed to instruct the South African delegation to the JLC to meet as soon as possible with its Mozambican counterpart with a view of reconvening the JSC, Mr Pik Botha said.

He added that President Botha had indicated that for the Nkomati Accord to function properly, the two governments should stop



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accusing each other of breaches of the accord, and should leave it to the JLC and the JSC to investigate and deal with accusations and counter-accusations.

President Botha also said that as far as South Africa was concerned, the achievement of stability and good neighbourly relations between the states of the region was essential for economic development and progress.

South Africa was ready to make its full contribution in this regard, particularly as far as relations between South Africa and Mozambique were concerned.

President Botha further stated that he had indicated to the late President Samora Machel that the South



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African private sector could make a positive contribution to economic co-operation between the two countries and that tourism could be restored to a thriving industry, if peace and security could be restored in Mozambique. He was still of this opinion.

Mr Pik Botha said Tuesday's discussion also dealt with the possibility of a meeting between the two heads of state.

Additional matters raised by the Mozambique delegation would be dealt with in communications between the two governments, he said.

The heads of state of South Africa and Mozambique last met for informal discussions at the coronation of King Mswati of Swaziland.