

Committee for Moz border

NELSPRUIT. — A working committee to tackle cross-border problems was formed yesterday between a group of Mozambican and South African defence and security officials.

The bilateral meeting followed talks last week between President Nelson Mandela and his Mozambican counterpart President Joachim Chissano which culminated in the signing of a co-operation agreement between

the two countries.

The committee will deal with security problems on the border between Eastern Transvaal and Mozambique, especially the smuggling of arms and drugs.

Two technical advisory committees were also formed comprising representatives from both countries. They would look into several proposals on the border security problems and report back to the working committee.

Follow-up planning would be based on the proposals of the technical committees.

One technical advisory committee, on policing, would deal with the smuggling of arms and drugs and stock theft and the other, on defence, would look into the border security situation.

The committees will also probe the abduction of seven South African women to Mozambique in December last year. — Sapa

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