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A South African foreign affairs spokesman confirmed on January 5 that the South African government had met Soviet representatives on a regular basis, according to reports.

Meanwhile, Vladimir Posner, one of the Soviet Union's foremost political commentators, has stated that he would be against continued Soviet military support for the ANC, despite his "sympathies [being] totally on the side of the ANC.

"I've come to the conclusion that these so-called 'quick-fixes', in the long run, don't work", he said in an interview with the US *Guardian* newspaper.

"Ultimately South Africa is going to change", he said. "There's no way that apartheid can stay around for a long time. It's going to disappear in this century, notwithstanding the arms this white minority has.

"Gradually the world is just going to make it impossible. But armed conflict is not going to solve the problem. I don't believe it, anywhere in the world."