

Soviet Military Attache Vows Continuing Support

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[Text] The military attache at the Soviet Embassy in Maputo, Lieutenant Colonel (Eugenie Kavrikov) told a press conference in Maputo today that his country will continue to support Mozambique in strengthening its Armed Forces for the struggle against South Africa's undeclared war through the MNR terrorists. The press conference was held to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Army and Navy. Lt Col (Kavrikov) said that military cooperation between Mozambique and the Soviet Union, which began in 1976, is based on the supply of Soviet military equipment, Soviet training of Mozambican cadres, the building of military installations, and the sending of Soviet military specialists to Mozambique. He said before and after independence, the Soviet Union had assisted and would continue to assist the struggle for freedom and independence in the former Portuguese colonies.