

(Text) The Portuguese government is considering its response to Mozambique's refusal to waive the diplomatic immunity of a member of its Lisbon Embassy staff. The Portuguese request concerned the Third Secretary, Rafael Custodio Marques, allegedly involved in the assassination of leading Renamo member Evo Fernandes. The request was made last Tuesday [14th March] through diplomatic channels. Observers point out that, in the light of the Vienna conventions on international diplomatic relations, it only remains for the Portuguese government to expel the Third Secretary. Evo Fernandes was killed near the town of Cascais in April of last year. His killers, detained in Portuguese jails, have implicated Rafael Custodio Marques and a Mozambican diplomat in Paris, in the crime. (*Lisbon home service 2200 gmt 16 Mar 89*)