

Sweden to double its aid to Frelimo 16/7/73

Stockholm, July 15.—Mr Krister Wickman, the Swedish Foreign Minister, has called for an immediate United Nations investigation of the alleged Mozambique massacre and announced that Sweden will double its aid to guerrilla forces operating in the Portuguese territory.

In a radio interview, he said last night that Sweden would urge the United Nations Committee on Colonial Affairs to study reports of the incident.

Swedish aid to the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (Frelimo) would be increased

from 2m kronor to 4m kronor (£200,000 to £400,000) this year, he stated.

He also warned Swedish corporations against taking advantage of "dictatorial politics" for purposes of profit-making. "Swedish companies operating abroad must conduct themselves according to the same values as expected of them in their own country."

No company operating in South Africa or Portugal would receive state financial support, he said, and warned companies of reprisals from labour.

Swedish industry has so far invested up to 400m kronor (£40m) in Portugal and employs about 10,000 people there.

Meanwhile, the Swedish National Union of Garment Workers announced today that it planned moves aimed at stopping foreign companies from operating in Portugal. Mr Ivan Lind, the union's chief, said: "We are trying to create an international opinion against countries like Portugal and other dictatorial regimes committing crimes against their people."—Reuter.