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South African government announces halt to recruitment of Mozambican workers A joint statement issued on 8th October by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Manpower, Mineral and Energy Affairs and Home Affairs said a note had been sent to the Mozambican government informing it that, with immediate effect, no further recruitment of Mozambican workers would be allowed "as a result of the activities of the ANC and the South African Communist Party who are responsible for the continuing deteriorating security situation on the common border with the RSA", the South African agency reported. Johannesburg radio on 9th October cited "security spokesmen" as saying the ANC was rebuilding its military structures in Mozambique "with the full knowledge of President Samora Machel's government". Interviewed on Johannesburg television on 8th October, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Ron Miller said the presence of ANC bases in Mozambique was a violation of the Incomati accord and thus "a warning" had to be given to Maputo. He said, however, that the accord was still valid and denied "categorically" that South Africa was supporting the Mozambique National Resistance.* 36

Capital Radio (Umtata) on 9th October reported South African Manpower Minister Du Plessis as saying the country would face "no difficulty" replacing its Mozambican workers. He said about 70,000 Mozambicans were employed legally in the country and around 250,000 illegally.