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**Further S African comment and Mozambican reaction to recruitment ban** The chairman of the ministerial committee responsible for monitoring the Incomati accord, Vice-Adm Ronnie Edwards, cited by Johannesburg home service on 9th October, said that the repatriation of Mozambican workers would not affect the Incomati accord. He added that infiltration from Mozambique was a daily occurrence; about 1,600 Mozambicans were repatriated every month. Estimates indicated that there were still about 230,000 illegal Mozambican immigrants in South Africa. Dr Piet van der Merwe, Director General of Manpower, cited by the South African agency, said that Mozambican agricultural workers would also have to return home once their work permits expired; this action had been taken because "South Africa was faced with unemployment and security problems".

Maputo radio on the 9th described the South African action as "an insult to the international community" which had condemned South Africa; it served to stress the need for "increased international support for South Africa's neighbours and especially for Mozambique". It also showed that Pretoria never had any intention of implementing the Incomati accord.\* 1986