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Summit Meeting (Praia)

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The communique issued at the end of a summit of heads of state of the five African Lusophone countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe) held in Praia (Cape Verde) from December 18th-20th, called for an extraordinary session of the UN General Assembly to discuss international economic co-operation. It called attention to the progressive deterioration in the African economies. Radio Mozambique (Maputo) (Lisbon) reported on December 21st.

They also supported the elimination of apartheid through negotiations, and said that the South African government's current measures were "insufficient". Support for Angola and Mozambique was expressed with regard to their internal conflicts and SWAPO's victory in Namibia was saluted. With regard to democracy they said that each state should decide for itself whether it wanted a single or a multi-party system. Satisfaction over Portugal's stance on East Timor had also been expressed.

(R. Maputo 21/12: BBC Mon.)