

**Issue Joint Communiqué**

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[Text] Songo, Mozambique Sept 12 SAPA—Today's talks between the state president, Mr P.W. Botha and President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique ended in a note of hope and co-operation, the two heads of state said in a joint communiqué after their two-hour meeting.

Today's was their first face-to-face meeting and Mr Botha's first meeting with an African leader beyond South African borders.

In a plenary session at which their delegations were present, several matters of common interest were discussed, according to the joint statement. These matters included:

- re-activation and re-enforcement of Nkomati Accord and the promotion of the spirit of the accord,
- road and railway connections between South Africa and Mozambique,

- upgrading of Maputo Harbour and the promotion of its use,
- the Cahora Bassa scheme and provision of power to South Africa,
- questions of labour relations and the employment of Mozambican mineworkers in South Africa,
- the monument of Voortrekker leader Louis Trichaardt and the celebration of the 150th anniversary of his death, and,
- the question of properties in Mozambique formerly owned by South African citizens.

The communiqué said the talks had taken place in a fruitful and cordial atmosphere.

Smaller expert commissions would be formed to deal with bilateral issues of fundamental importance such as labour, economic cooperation and trade.

Both presidents reaffirmed their commitments to peace, stability and cooperation. They emphasised that bilateral relations between their countries should be built "on the positive aspects they had in common."

At an impromptu news conference late this afternoon, Mr Botha confirmed he had invited President Chissano to South Africa.

President Chissano said today's talks were just the first of more to come. Replying to a question, he said it would in future be possible to protect the Cahora Bassa powerlines to South Africa.

He said South Africa had given guarantees that "they will not help Renamo."

Speaking to journalists the chairman of the construction firm which built Cahora Bassa said the contractors would start work to repair pylons at the beginning of next year.

About 524 pylons had been destroyed on the Mozambican side of the border. The powerlines would be rebuilt in about year, he said.