

Pik Botha says talks with Mozambique promising (Text) House of Delegates, 6th June: The recent talks between South Africa and Mozambique had produced promising prospects for border control and development, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, said today. Speaking in the debate on his budget vote, he said the joint security commission would be restarted with its first meeting scheduled for this month. The real thorn remaining was the problem of Cahora Bassa which needed 30m US dollars to repair damage and the security problem solved. There were possible European "clients" who would put up the money for repairs once the security situation could be contained.

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"At last week's meeting between representatives of the two countries various proposals were made on forms of border control and border development", Mr Botha said. "There are some promising projects we can tackle together in the interest of all our people. We are looking at possible forms of economic co-operation and also in the labour and medical fields. I must express my gratitude for indications that we can move ahead", Mr Botha said.