

Mozambican Prime Minister speaks on relations with S Africa at dinner for DPRK guests (ME/0312 ii - Excerpts) Maputo, 17th November: Mozambican Prime

Minister Mario Machungo said in Maputo on Wednesday [16th November] that Mozambican had [words indistinct] South Africa in order to ensure that Pretoria implements the letter and the spirit of the Nkomati accords, the non-aggression agreement signed between the two countries in 1984.

Speaking at a dinner offered in honour of the visiting Deputy President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Yi Chong-ok, Machungo said that the search for peace and stability, vital conditions for development, has been the principal aim of our domestic and foreign policy. . In foreign policy, the search for peace had led Mozambique to reactivate the joint security commission with South Africa, and to hold the 12th September summit in the northern town of Songo between Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano and the leader of ther South African regime, Mr P.W. Botha, in the perspective of ensuring that South Africa implements the letter and the spirit of the Nkomati accord. . .

Machungo expressed optimism at the latest development in the region, particularly in the four-party talks between Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the USA. But the full satisfaction of hope for peace, he said, would depend on profound changes in the fulcrum of conflict in our zone, South Africa. (AIM/PANA in English 1215 gmt 17 Nov 88)