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Botha on Veloso Visit

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[Text] The South African minister of foreign affairs, Mr Pik Botha, says the visit to Cape Town by Mozambican presidential envoy General Jacinto Veloso has opened the way for the reactivation of the Nkomati Accord. The envoy's visit underlines the irony of the charge yesterday by U.S. presidential candidate Jesse Jackson that South Africa's actions in Mozambique make it a terrorist state:

[Begin Botha recording] Basically, it was a message of goodwill expressing the desire to reactivate the Nkomati Accord, particularly the Joint Security Commission [JSC]. Our president instructed the departments concerned, my department of defense, and other departments that it would be necessary in the economic field to put together again the JSC and to give attention to security matters, to investigate and deal with charges of breaches of the Nkomati Accord. You know Mozambique accuses us of supporting Renamo. Other breaches of the accord are that we charge and accuse Mozambique that they are accommodating, housing the ANC; crossing our borders; and committing violence in South Africa. Now this JSC must deal with this, must investigate these charges, and our president has urged president Chissano not to make accusations in public but rather to leave it to this commission. President Chissano's message to our president was positive. Our president's response was positive, and we can only trust and look forward to a better era in our relations. [end recording]