

Chissano and De Klerk hold talks in Maputo (ME/0641 ii) The Mozambican and South African Presidents summed up their talks at a joint news conference on 15th December Radio Mozambique (Maputo) and the South African agency reported. Chissano said, according to Radio Mozambique, that it was difficult to say whether South African support for the "armed bandits" in Mozambique had stopped; De Klerk himself was not sure about this. The South African President, as quoted by the agency, said his government did not assist the MNR "in any way whatsoever". He could not state categorically that this did not happen in the private sector, which was "free to lodge flight plans". However, Pretoria would "take steps so it does not happen". South Africa, he added, had never pursued a policy of destabilisation against its neighbours. De Klerk said the two countries would concentrate on improving bilateral co-operation, especially the flow of goods and people. The talks in Maputo had been "frank, open, positive and constructive". His departure from home the same day was reported by the agency.