

Botha, Chissano meet

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SOUTH AFRICAN racist Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano agreed yesterday that there was no need for the United States to mediate in the Mozambican peace process.

During talks in Maputo, the two men discussed a recent South African proposal for US-brokered talks which led to peace agreements on Angola and Namibia to be repeated in Mozambique.

Racist Botha said they concluded that there was no need for mediation in Mozambique's case, but added:

"If any of the major powers, like the US, would be prepared to play a constructive role to assist in this common objective of creating peace and stability, the two governments would not object to that."

Earlier this week, racist Botha caused a stir by suggesting that the same approach be used in Mozambique as in Angola where Washington mediated in talks last year between South Africa, Cuba and Angola. — Ziana-Reuter.