
MOZAMBIKAN PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED ON EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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(a) *Radio Mozambique, Maputo, in Portuguese 1730 gmt
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*Excerpts from statements by President Joaquim Chissano in an
interview with 'Noticias' on 11th February.*

[Chissano - recording] Obviously, Nelson Mandela's detention and the ban on the ANC were obstacles to free co-operation between South Africa and Mozambique. Today,

when our ANC brothers are able to operate freely and struggle politically inside their country, we also find greater freedom for the contacts we have held with the South African government and other forces in South Africa. Accordingly, there will be greater movement and ease in our relationship.

However, we must equally congratulate the current South African government leaders. We have already been able to hold talks with them. We found a very new atmosphere which gives us the certainty that this process towards eliminating apartheid is irreversible, not only because the anti-apartheid forces will continue to fight but also because there exists inside the South African government and in President de Klerk himself a really correct understanding of the need to eliminate apartheid. . .

In this context, Mandela's release is a major step towards eliminating apartheid. His release will provide better direction to the struggle to eliminate apartheid, and the elimination of apartheid creates conditions for full co-operation between the countries of the region and South Africa.

(b) *Radio Maputo in English for abroad 1100 gmt 12 Feb 90*

Excerpt from report of interview

President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique has said that the lifting of sanctions against South Africa will happen when the whole world is certain that they are no longer necessary to ensure the abolition of apartheid. President Chissano was speaking yesterday in an interview with the Maputo daily newspaper 'Noticias' and Mozambican television. President Chissano made it clear that it was not simply the release of Nelson Mandela that should lead to the end of sanctions. He said he believes there will be other aspects to be considered by the international community, such as the ending of the state of emergency. But the President said the real objective was not ending the state of emergency or freeing political prisoners. The President said the principal goal is the eradication of apartheid. . .
