

# SA now has embassy<sup>CT</sup> 20/10/93 in Maputo

MAPUTO. — South Africa converted its trade mission in Mozambique into an embassy yesterday at a ceremony presided over by Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha.

After the South African flag was hoisted in the embassy garden, Mr Botha described the moment as "very historic".

The two governments, foes for most of the years since Mozambique won independence from Portugal in 1975, announced their decision to establish diplomatic relations last month after ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela called for an end to sanctions.

"To be able now to round off the process of normalisation of relations is indeed a rewarding moment in my life," said Mr Botha, who had a working lunch with UN secretary-general Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali after the ceremony.

He said that Mr John Sunde, previously the chief trade representative, was now charge d'affaires.