

Communique Outlines Zimbabwean Security Talks
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["Press communique" issued at the end of talks between defense and security delegations from Mozambique and Zimbabwe in Maputo on 9 June—from the "Current Affairs" supplement]

[Text] 1. The People's Republic of Mozambique and the Republic of Zimbabwe held a consultative meeting in Maputo from 8 to 9 June 1988 on defense and security. The delegations were led by His Excellency Army General Alberto Joaquim Chipande and His Excellency Enos Nkala, member of Parliament and minister of defense of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

2. The Zimbabwean delegation was received in audience by His Excellency Dr Mario da Graca Machungo, prime minister of the People's Republic of Mozambique, during which the fraternal links of friendship and cooperation between the two peoples and countries were reaffirmed.

3. The meeting evaluated the positive progress in the cooperation between the defense and security forces of the two countries and defined ways of further developing and consolidating it in the spirit of mutual interest guiding their bilateral relations. The meeting stressed that, as long as aggression and destabilization by the apartheid regime against the peoples of southern Africa continue, both countries will do their best to defend their hard-won freedom and independence.

4. Both delegations condemned vehemently the criminal nature of armed bandit actions against defenseless populations and economic and social objectives, and expressed their intention of continuing with joint operations aimed at the total elimination of armed banditry.

5. The two sides were pleased with the positive results achieved in the implementation of the amnesty laws decreed in each of the countries. They stressed the successes achieved in the process of resettling those who have been granted amnesty and appealed to those who have not yet surrendered to heed the voice of reason and join the just cause of peace, freedom, and national independence.

6. Both sides were pleased with the signing of the recent unification accord between ZANU-PF and ZAPU-PF, the political scope of which represents an example and a common victory in the struggle for peace and social progress in the region.

7. The two sides saluted the military victories by the Angolan Armed Forces against South African occupation, which thwarted the plans of the racist enemy and its puppets.

8. The two countries signed a military cooperation accord, which will further strengthen fraternal relations between the two armies, forged in the common struggle for freedom and national independence.

9. Both delegations evaluated the functioning of the subcommissions of state security and public security (police), and hailed the work that has been done so far.

10. The Zimbabwean delegation expressed its appreciation for Mozambican hospitality, which transcends the long lasting fraternity and friendship between the two sister countries.