

Mozambique rejects Portuguese request for waiver of diplomat's immunity (Text) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has just issued a statement in connection with the murder in Lisbon of armed bandit ringleader Evo Fernandes. [Foreign Ministry official - recording] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique has received from Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Portuguese embassy in Maputo, a verbal note in which the Portuguese government requests the People's Republic of Mozambique to withdraw the diplomatic immunities enjoyed by Mr Rafael Custodio Marques, a Mozambican diplomat attached to the embassy of the People's Republic of Mozambique in Lisbon.

In reply, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique has sent a verbal note to Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in which it reiterated that neither the Mozambican state nor any of its officials are involved in the death of Evo Camoes Fernandes. Through the same note, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique relayed the decision of the Mozambican government to maintain the diplomatic immunities of the aforesaid diplomat, as enshrined in the Vienna convention on diplomatic and consular relations. Maputo, 16th March 1989
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