

Closure of Consular, Diplomatic Missions
ordered.

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Pretoria, Nov. 5 - South Africa's Consular mission in Mozambique has been closed, according to diplomatic sources here today, which also disclosed that eight Western countries in Mozambique might have been similarly affected. Diplomatic missions affected included that of France, the sources said, but did not reveal which the other countries were. "South Africa and eight other countries have received notice to close their Consulates. No reasons were given", the sources said.

A spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Department in Pretoria today said officials were trying to find out why the Consulate and Diplomatic Missions had been ordered to close. Since independence in Mozambique, on June 25 this year, South Africa has pulled out most of its former diplomatic staff, and has kept low-key relations with Mozambique, leaving only "technical staff" in Lourenço Marques.