

Apartheid 'doomed'

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MOZAMBICAN President Samora Machel has described the system of apartheid in South Africa as "an aberration" that will "one day cease to exist".

Ode Machel was speaking at a reception in Maputo on Monday to mark nine years of independence and 22 years since the founding of Frelimo which fought against Portuguese colonialism.

He presented Ode Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress of South Africa to diplomats attending the reception. Ode Tambo is in Mozambique as a guest of President Machel at the independence celebrations.

The president said the ANC leader had not come to Mozambique "clandestinely", or for any subversive reason. "We invited him to celebrate with us

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the ninth anniversary of independence of freedom."

He told members of the Frelimo party political bureau, of the standing commission of the People's Assembly, of the Council of Ministers and of the diplomatic corps attending the reception that the nine years of independence have seen events "whose historical significance will only be evaluated by future generations".

One of the historic events in the ninth year of independence was the signing on March 16 of a non-aggression agreement with South Africa as a result of military and diplomatic offensives by Mozambique.

"The Accord of Nkomati constituted a victory for the Mozambican people and for their socialist policy of peace," President Machel said, adding that it had opened up prospects for peace and good neighbourliness in Southern Africa. — Ziana-AIM.