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## **Bon accord**

The possibility that South Africa will act as peace broker between Frelimo and the Mozambique National Resistance Movement (MNR) is heartening.

For the Department of Foreign Affairs to convene such talks would be a creative exercise in good neighbourliness and would go a long way to underline South Africa's commitment to the letter and spirit of the Nkomati Accord.

It would also demonstrate, in a material way, that Frelimo's suspicions of South African backing for the MNR can be laid to rest.

If Mozambique is to have any hope of reconstructing itself into a viable and stable economic player in the region, the MNR must be curbed.

It is a murky group, whose leadership is uncertain and whose goals — apart from undermining Frelimo and sowing chaos — are indistinct.

Any constructive influence the Union Buildings can wield to stop the senseless destabilisation of Mozambique should be exercised decisively and quickly.