

Mozambique and S Africa to set up joint commission for co-operation and development Lisbon radio reported on 21st October that following bilateral negotiations in Maputo, Mozambique and South Africa had decided to set up a joint commission for co-operation and development, and added that South Africa's Deputy Foreign Minister Jacobus Meiring, who was in charge of the negotiations, would lead his country's delegation to the joint commission meetings. The commission would deal principally with matters connected with the functioning of the Cahora Bassa dam, the rehabilitation of ports and railways, support for agricultural projects and training for Mozambican technicians. Before leaving Maputo, Meiring told the radio that he was "convinced that Cahora Bassa would resume production next year and thought that the present agreements were proof of South Africa's seriousness towards Mozambique". He said that all this was possible due to the meeting between Presidents Chissano and Botha at Songo in September (see ME/0256 ii).*** 1988