

Joint RSA Talks End in 'Climate of Frankness'

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[Text] After nearly 2 hours of talks in the Bank of Mozambique building, the Mozambique-South Africa Joint Security Commission was reactivated. The activity of this commission had been practically paralyzed since July 1985. The Mozambican delegation was headed by Lieutenant General Tobia Dai, and the South African side by Neil van Heerden, South Africa's director general of foreign affairs.

The communique issued at the end of the talks noted that the main issue discussed was the implementation of the Nkomati Accord and that the talks took place in a climate of frankness in regard to the security problems and aspects of the internal (?stability) of both countries.

The two delegations reiterated the willingness of their respective governments not to support violence against the peoples of the two countries. Aspects of relations between Mozambique and South Africa were discussed, and it was concluded that something can be done to overcome existing obstacles, with the aim to establish peace and stability favorable for the region's development.

You will recall that Neil van Heerden was carrying a message from South African President Pieter Botha for President Chissano. The message was delivered to People's Assembly Chairman Marcelino dos Santos during a brief meeting held in the Fourth Congress Hall. Marcelino dos Santos said that Mozambique was interested in discussions that may bring about peace and the elimination of armed banditry in Mozambique.

The South African delegation has already left for South Africa.