

# 'Fearless' FW faces Chissano

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**YOUTH** Africa's initiative rolled into Mozambique on Friday and hours later President FW de Klerk declared: "I'm not afraid of anything."

This was when the question of Renamo emerged at a noisy Press conference at Maputo International Airport after his five-hour one-day summit with Mozambique's President Joaquim Chissano.

De Klerk categorically denied that South Africa effectively supported Renamo, but raised the possibility that the Mozambique right-wing rebel group might be supported by private groups within South Africa.

"But let me say I'm not afraid that they (Renamo) can take over Mozambique. I'm not afraid of anything. I don't lie awake at night worrying about it. South Africa can't counter private things," said De Klerk.

He would not divulge what was said at his meeting this week with ANC leader Nelson Mandela,

only commenting: "We will not make that public. It is not a public issue."

Earlier, De Klerk said he and Chissano had discussed matters of common interest. These talks had been in-depth, positive and frank. South Africa needed a pragmatic approach to build a common interest with countries in southern Africa, he said.

Chissano told the conference he supported the moves to eliminate apartheid.

"We encourage all groups fighting and taking advantage of what is happening to end apartheid," he said.

He added: "I feel there are positive changes in South Africa. We do our best to support them in the true democratisation of South Africa. We also want to see no minorities oppressed by the majority."

After the conference, talking to journalists at the airport, while waiting for De Klerk's plane to take off, Chissano spoke on several subjects.