

FW, Chissano to build on their talks in Maputo

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MAPUTO — State President F W de Klerk said he and Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano would build on the "practical arrangement" they reached at their meeting in Maputo yesterday.

Summing up their talks — which lasted almost five hours — Mr De Klerk said: "I think we have a practical arrangement which will continue."

The two countries would concentrate on improving bilateral co-operation, especially "the situation on the ground" for the im-

proved flow of goods and people.

Mr De Klerk said the talks had been conducted on the basis of non-interference in the two countries' internal affairs.

Mr Chissano said he believed there had been positive political changes in South Africa during Mr De Klerk's term as president.

No minority would be oppressed by a majority in a future political dispensation in South Africa, Mr Chissano said.

Mr De Klerk declined to be drawn on the subject of

the release of Nelson Mandela.

Replying to further questions, Mr De Klerk said his government did not assist Renamo "in any way whatsoever".

But he could not categorically state that this did not happen in the private sector.

But the South African Government however opposed aid to Renamo and would "take steps for it not to happen".

Mr De Klerk said there was "no question" about the South African Defence Force's loyalty to his government.

Mr De Klerk was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, the Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Leon Wessels, and senior officials. — Sapa