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White SA farmers may aid Moz

SOUTH AFRICA and Mozambique have agreed to investigate plans by white South African farmers to foster agricultural development in war-ravaged Mozambique.

A joint statement of intent was signed yesterday by President Nelson Mandela, Mozambican President Joachim Chissano and the presidents of the Free State and Transvaal agricultural unions, Dr Piet Gouws and Mr Dries Bruwer.

A joint working group would report on

all details of the farmers' intervention and consider its swift implementation.

Earlier, the ANC caucus said Parliamentary Speaker Dr Frene Ginwala, was expressing the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the people when she apologised to Mozambique for the "terrible crimes" committed there.

House leader Mr Trevor Manuel said the NP's call for the resignation of the Speaker was devoid of substance.

"The apology was not done on behalf of the ANC. It was tabled on behalf of the democratically elected representatives of the people of South Africa both inside and outside Parliament," Mr Manuel said.

The NP caucus yesterday decided to seek an interview with Dr Ginwala to discuss her apology. The NP wanted to express its strongest displeasure with her remarks to Mr Chissano. — Political Staff, Sapa