

Mozambique expulsion orders rescinded (ME/7260/B/3 - text) Mozambique today rescinded the expulsion orders served on 20 Portuguese nationals living in Beira, the ANOP reported tonight quoting diplomatic sources. The Mozambique Foreign Minister, Joaquim Chissano, conveyed the decision himself this evening to the Portuguese Ambassador in Maputo, Jose Cutileiro. The sources said that the expulsion orders must have been countermanded after it was recognized that the authority which had issued them had no powers to do so. Expulsion orders and similar measures can only be issued by the Ministry for the Interior, which had not been the case in this instance, the sources added. The 22 Beira-based foreigners [including two West Germans] were due to leave for Lisbon on a TAP flight on Friday. (Lisbon RDP - Commercial in Portuguese 2000 gmt 16 Feb 83)