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Text of report:

A Mozambican leader, Marcelino dos Santos, [words indistinct] said the apartheid regime is continuing with logistical support to the MNR terrorists despite the scandal of its violation of the Incomati non-aggression pact. Mr Dos Santos told visiting Western non-governmental organisations at Sofala province's port city of Beira that he has received information from Manica province of constant supplies to the MNR by South African planes and helicopters.

Representatives of the Western non-governmental organisations have been visiting at the weekend the district of Gorongosa, where relief centres have been established in the aftermath of the capture of MNR's Casa Banana at Gorongosa mountain. The visitors were shown the relief centre set up by the Mozambican authorities for the victims of MNR banditry. They saw the miserable conditions to which four years of MNR occupation have reduced the peasant workers of Gorongosa district. Mr Dos Santos said although the MNR terrorists have been driven out of Casa Banana, it was still necessary to carry out operations on the slope of the mountain where MNR groups have taken refuge in caves.

Mr Dos Santos said the bandits, who have now dispersed in small groups, will be chased and eliminated though the political and military organisations of the local people.

Mr Dos Santos told the visitors that apartheid is under pressure from all sides, but still refuses to die. [Words indistinct], certain Western countries which are reluctant to take measures against South Africa because of their economic interests. Mr Dos Santos called for an end to what he called this shortsighted attitude. He said Western countries should switch their investments away from South Africa to the SADCC countries.